

## *Growth of Tribal Women Intellectuals in India*

### *Lighting of Lamp by dignitaries*

Globally, this day i.e. 8<sup>th</sup> March every year is celebrated as International Women's Day in honour of women's remarkable contribution to our society. The day also commemorates the inspiring role of women around the world to secure women's rights and build more equitable societies. Women's day also remembers the voices of many women that go unheard and who continue to be dominated from securing their rights and realizing their full potential.

As CoE is dedicated in tribal development and welfare, the role played by several tribal women is highly appreciable. Therefore, at CoE we plan to felicitate every such woman who have paved the path towards our progress and struggled to take 'womanhood' to a level where it is now.

tribal women remain traditional in their dress, language, tools and resources, because they grow food crops rather than cash crops. Modernisation is bringing changes, which affect men and women differently.

*Many Tribal women are, now, becoming harbingers of change, activists and rising in their fields, working for the rights, welfare of tribal women and for the betterment of the tribal societies in general. While some of the well-known tribal women leaders of the freedom struggle Rani Gaidinliu, Helen Lepcha, Putalimaya Tamang, Dashriben Chaudhari.*

### **B. K. Chaturvedi**

Shri B.K. Chaturvedi is the former cabinet secretary, appointed by the Union Government as Member, Planning Commission in June, 2007. He was also designated as Member, Thirteenth Finance Commission (November, 2007). He was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 2010 after starting his career in the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) in the 1996 batch.

His role involved advising appointments committee of the cabinet and Prime Minister on major policy issues, and steering the National Crisis Management Committee. He has also been Secretary to the Government of India in several Ministries, including Finance, Human Resource Development (which includes Higher Education, Technical Education and Elementary Education) and Petroleum & Natural Gas for more than six years.

His multifaceted expertise can be understood by the fact that Chaturvedi has worked across corporate, private, and government sector. He is a name associated with boards of several Public Sector Undertakings, including MMTC Limited, Life Insurance Corporation of India, General Insurance Corporation of India and State Electricity Board of Uttar Pradesh.

## **Anusuiya Uikey**

Anusuiya Uikey (10 April 1957) is a politician from Bharatiya Janata Party and was a member of the Parliament of India representing Madhya Pradesh in the Rajya Sabha, the upper house of the Indian Parliament. She is currently the Vice Chairperson of National Commission for Scheduled Tribes.

### **Positions Held:**

1985-90-Member, Madhya Pradesh Vidhan Sabha

1988-89-Minister for Women and Child Development, Government of Madhya Pradesh

Feb. 2000-2003 and Feb.2004-05-Member, National Commission for Women

Jan. - March 2006-Chairperson, Madhya Pradesh State Commission for Tribals

April 2006-Elected to Rajya Sabha

April 2006 onwards Member, Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment

June-July 2006 Member, Committee on Health and Family Welfare

June 2006 onwards Member, Hindi Salahkar Samiti, Ministry of Food Processing Industry

Member, Hindi Salahkar Samiti, Ministry of Women and Child Development Member,

Informal Consultative Committee for South East Central Railway Zone

### **Social and Cultural Activities, Literary, Artistic and Scientific Accomplishments and other Special Interests:**

Has taken special interest in the delivery of justice to women, specially tribal women and solution of their problems; worked for awareness of rights of tribal women leading to their empowerment; Vice-President, 'Abhinav Sanstha', Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh

### **Received**

(i) Best Member of the Legislative Assembly Award from Speaker, Lok Sabha in 1989

(ii) Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Fellowship from Dr. Suman, a famous litterateur, 1991;

(iii) Lecturer, Economics, Government Degree College, Tamiya, Distt. Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh, 1982-85;

(iv) was a Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidate from Damua and Lakhnadaun legislative assembly constituencies in the 1993 and 1998 elections;

(v) held various positions in the B.J.P. during 1993 - 1997: was State Secretary, (i) BJP, Madhya Pradesh and

(vi) BJP Yuva Morcha; was National Vice-President, BJP Adivasi Morcha; was Executive Member, BJP Rashtriya Mahila Morcha; was Member, Rashtriya Parishad, BJP, 1993;

(vii) discharged several responsibilities as a member of the National Commission for Women, i.e. (i) a study conducted on the economic and social empowerment of tribal

women of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh and presented a report thereon to the Government of India, (ii) six regional workshops conducted on the subject of empowerment, problems and possibilities of tribal women and presented reports thereon to the Government of India, (iii) undertook visits to different States and districts across the country with the aim of solving the problems of women and creating awareness among them and presented a report thereon to the Government of India, and (iv) worked to train tribal women elected to the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and create awareness among them.

## **Shekhar Dutt**

Shekhar Dutt was the governor of the Indian state of Chhattisgarh. Earlier he had served on various bureaucratic posts including, as an IAS officer, as Secretary in the Ministry of Defence of the Government of India. Presently he is the Vice President of IIPA.

Dutt belongs to the 1969 batch of IAS from Madhya Pradesh cadre. Dutt became a short service commission officer in the Indian Army and was awarded the Sena Medal for gallantry during the Indo-Pakistani War of 1971. He held various posts in the Madhya Pradesh government, including Principal Secretary in the Department of Tribal and Scheduled Caste Welfare and Principal Secretary, Departments of School Education, Sports & Youth Welfare.

Dutt was appointed of Secretary of the Department of Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha & Homeopathy in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of India. As Director General of the Sports Authority of India, Dutt played a role in the hosting of the Afro-Asian Games in Hyderabad, India in November 2003. He eventually became the Joint Secretary in the Department of Defence Production and later took over as the Defence Secretary of India in 2005. In July 2007, Dutt retired as Defence Secretary and was appointed Deputy National Security Advisor for a two-year term. In September 2009, Dutt was named to the board of trustees of DeSales University. On 23 January 2010, he assumed the office of the Governor of Chhattisgarh, the post to which he served till his resignation on 18 June 2014.

## **Shri Bala Prasad**

Former Special Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj

Former Managing Director Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs,

Former Head of Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India

Former Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Manipur

Doctor of Philosophy - PhD, Forestry

Mr. Balaprasad is a dedicated specialist in medicinal plants. A thorough gentleman with vast experience in Forestry which can benefit deprived sections of our society who mostly inhabit remote habitations without any support. Expect him to contribute significantly as MD, TRIFED as he has on all his earlier postings including as PCCF, Manipur.