



Prof. (Dr.) A. K. Bakhshi

Prof. A.K.Bakhshi is Founding Vice-Chancellor of **PDM University, Bahadurgarh**, Haryana. He has been **Executive Director** of **Tertiary Education Commission** (TEC), Mauritius during October 2013 – February 2015. He was selected for this prestigious position through an international selection. Prior to joining TEC, he has been Vice-Chancellor of **U.P. Rajarshi Tandon Open University** (UPRTOU), Allahabad for more than two years (2011–13). Prof. Bakhshi held the prestigious **Sir Shankar Lal Chair of Chemistry** in the University of Delhi for more than two decades and was also Head, Department of Chemistry, University of Delhi during May 2010–August 2011. He has also been a Visiting Professor at **GGSIIP University, Delhi** during 2007. Prof. Bakhshi has also served as Director of the **Institute of Lifelong Learning (ILL)** as well as of **Centre for Professional Development in Higher Education** (CPDHE) of University of Delhi during 2008-2010.

Prof Bakhshi is also presently Chairman of **National Resource Centre of Chemistry** (NRCC) of the MHRD, **Guru Angad Dev Teaching – Learning Centre of the MHRD** and **Centre for e-Learning**, all the three centres located at SGTB Khalsa College, University of Delhi. Prof. Bakhshi has also been Member of the Standing Committee of the **National Mission on Education through ICT** (NMEICT) of the Govt. of India (2009-2011). He was Chairman of the **National Science Digital Library** (NSDL) projects of the CSIR in both Chemistry and Polymer Science (2005-2006). He was also the **Chairman** of the **Content Advisory Committee** for Chemistry for SAKSHAT portal of the MHRD, Govt. of India.

A **double gold medalist** and PhD of Delhi University, Dr. Bakhshi did his post-doctoral training at the University of Erlangen-Nurnberg, Germany with

Prof. J. Ladik and at the Kyoto University and the Institute of Fundamental Chemistry, Kyoto, Japan with **Professor K. Fukui, the Nobel Laureate** and Prof. T.Yamabe. He has also been a Visiting Scientist at the **Tata Institute of Fundamental Research** (TIFR), Mumbai (1989 and 1991) and the **Indian Institute of Science** (IISc), Bangaluru (1987 and 1992).

Prof. Bakhshi's research interests include theoretical polymer chemistry with special reference to electrically conducting polymers and biopolymers.

Prof. Bakhshi is the author/coauthor of more than **180 research and 1 author/co-author, 51 e-Books/Books as editor/chairman/ convener of the working group and 63 e-modules as author/coauthor for PG chemistry courses** and **ARPIT** programmes of the MHRD. Many students have obtained their Ph.D / M.Phil under his guidance. He has had research projects from *CSIR, UGC, DAE and DST*. His other interests include **innovation in science education, ICT in higher education, e-Learning and MOOCs**.

He has also been a Member of National Writing Team for Chemistry Class XI and XII books of NCERT (2001-2003).

Prof. Bakhshi has been recipient of several awards and academic honours. These include amongst others: ***His Excellence-Education (HEE) Award-2021, International Public Figure Award-2020, Acharya Chanakya Shikshavid Samman (2020); World Education Award (2017); Haryana Ratan award (2016); Bharat Jyoti Award (2016); India Didactics Association (IDA) Special Award for excellence in Digital Content in Education (2014); National Education Award by News Channel Headlines Today (2012); Bioved Honorary Fellowship (2012); Prof. Ramdas Tiwari Memorial Lecture (2012); Dr. R. D. Desai Award of the Indian Chemical Society (2009), Prof. P.K.Bose Memorial Award of the Indian Chemical Society (2008); Fellowship of the IUPAC (2006); Member of World Bank Team for Kabul University (2006); Distinguished Teacher Award (2000); Chemical Research Society of India (CRSI) Medal (2000) ; Fellowship of the National Academy of Sciences (FNASc) (1997); JSPS Fellowship of Japan (1995); C.S.I.R Visiting Associateship (1991); INSA Research Fellowship (1990); UGC Career Award (1989); Best Paper Award in the field of Chemical Sciences from DAAD (1986); DAAD Fellowship of Germany (1984); Young Chemist Award (1983); Dr. Krishan Rao Gold Medal (1978), Prof. R.P. Mitra Gold Medal (1973) etc.***

Prof Bakhshi was **felicitated two times** (September 2009 and December 2011) for distinctive and outstanding contributions to Education including e-transformation of the University of Delhi by the former **President of India Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam**.

Prof. Bakhshi was elected as the President of the section of the Chemical Sciences of the **Indian Science Congress Association** (ISCA) for the year 2011-12. Prof. Bakhshi has been a Member of the **editorial boards of the Indian Journal of Chemistry** (Section A) (1999-2001) and **Journal of Scientific and Industrial Research** (1999-2001 and 2007) published by the CSIR and also the **Chief-Editor of the UGC-sponsored journal Chemistry Education Review**.

Prof. Bakhshi has also been a Member of various Professional/Academic Bodies/Committees of **MHRD, UGC, NAAC, DST, CBSE, NCERT**, various universities, colleges etc.

Last but not the least, Prof. Bakhshi has also the distinction of being one of the first persons from the Universities in India to have been selected as the **Member Scientist** of the "**Third Indian Research Expedition to Antarctica**" in 1984.
