

Prof. NALINI KANT JHA

Vice Chancellor, T M Bhagalpur University, Bhagalpur (Bihar)

Independent Director, National Hydro Power Corporation, New Delhi (appointed by the President of India)
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Ex-Director, UNESCO MISARC at Pondicherry (Central) University,

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Major Publications, Research & Teaching

11 Books including: *Neighbourhood Initiatives of the Modi Government: Challenges and Road Map* (New Delhi: Pentagon, 2018); *India's Foreign Policy: Emerging Challenges* (New Delhi: Pentagon, 2012); *Democracy, Nation Building and Peace in South Asia* (New Delhi: Har Anand, 2009); *Nuclear Synergy: Indo-US Strategic Cooperation and Beyond* (New Delhi, 2009); *Domestic Imperatives in India's Foreign Policy* (New Delhi, 2002); *South Asia in 21st Century: India, Her Neighbours and Great Powers* (New Delhi, 2003); *Peace and Cooperative Security in South Asia* (Pondicherry/ New Delhi: 2001); *India's Foreign Policy in a Changing World* (New Delhi: 2000); *Internal Crisis and Indira Gandhi's Foreign Policy* (New Delhi/ Patna, 1985), etc.

A widely travelled scholar, Prof Jha has published **150 research papers, numerous articles** and **17 book reviews** in journals of national and international repute. He has successfully completed **8 research projects, supervised 11 Ph.D., 9 M. Phil, and 19 M.A dissertations.**

Teaching and Research

Having obtained his M. Phil and Ph.D. degrees from **Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi**, Prof. Jha earlier taught Political Science at **L. N. Mithila University, Darbhanga, Bihar**. He has thus more than **35 years of teaching and research experience in 2 state universities, 3 prestigious Central Universities** (Jawaharlal Nehru University, Pondicherry Central University and Allahabad University) and **1 private university (Manipal), out of which he has served as Professor for more than 16 years.**

He has contributed research papers/chaired sessions and spoken during more than 200 international and national seminars, etc. He has delivered numerous distinguished lectures at different parts of India and abroad. He is member of **12 academic/professional associations** and he has been a member of governing bodies/committees and authorities of universities and institutions. He has been awarded several gold medals, distinctions and acting member of **Ph.D. adjudication boards**; member of **selection committees**, member & chairman of **Boards of Studies** of numerous universities and institutions located in all four corners of India. He has also been associated with confidential assignments of top most Public Service Commissions in the country.

A vast International Exposure

A twice Fulbrighter, Prof Jha has been a Fulbright Professor at the **South Asian Studies Program of the School of Advanced International Studies of Johns Hopkins University, Washington, DC** (2006); Visiting Fellow at Department of International Relations at **University of Dhaka, Bangladesh** (2005); Centre for South Asian Studies of University of the Punjab, **Lahore (Pakistan)** in 2011; Shastri Scholar at the University of Dalhousie, **Halifax, Canada** (1997); Fellow, Institute

of Ethnic Studies, **Colombo, Sri Lanka** (1993); and Senior Fulbright Fellow at the South Asian Studies Centre of **University of California, Berkeley, USA** (1992-93). He visited **France** in April 2012 for the Annual meet of South Asia Foundation and thereafter Perth (**Australia**) in May 2012 as a member Task Force on the Indian Ocean and Kathmandu (Nepal) for an international conference in June 2014. He has thus a very vast international exposure

An Institution Builder and Administrator

Formerly **R. G. Chair Professor** at Allahabad (Central) University. President's nominee for Executive Council Member of **Nagaland (Central) University as well member of numerous other university bodies and institutions**, Prof Jha has held several **administrative positions** that include: **Director**, UNESCO M.S. Institute of SAARC, **Dean**, School of International Studies; **Director**, UGC Centre for Southern Asia Studies; **Founder Head**, Department of Political Science; and **Founder Head**, Department of Politics & International Studies at Pondicherry Central University, Puducherry. He has also acted as member of Executive Council, Academic Council and Court of Pondicherry University. He has **organized 12 international and 23 national conferences, seminars, workshops.**

Specialization: Stressing on Relevance of Bharatiya Values Today

A distinguishing aspect of Prof. Jha's teaching and research has been to focus on relevance of Bharatiya culture, political thought, values and ethos for addressing contemporary issues of peace, national as well as international security, nation building, social and religious harmony, scientific temper, empowerment of women and other weaker sections of society, equality, justice, freedom and environment protection, etc. He has introduced a compulsory course/section on Indian political thought in P G course of Pondicherry University.

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