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### **A Brief Profile**

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Prof. Pranati Panda is a Professor and Head of the Department of School and Non-Formal Education and also heading a dedicated Unit on School Standards and Evaluation of National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA), New Delhi, India. She has more than three decades of teaching, research, training engagement in a number of premier national organizations in different research and faculty positions of National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCED), National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA).

Prof. Panda has broad range of experiences from field level practices to national level policy formulations and implementations. She specializes in school education, school evaluation and improvement and leadership; teacher education, teacher development and management; peace and human rights education. Prof. Panda contributed and managed significant large-scale projects - Encyclopaedia of Indian Education, Fifty years of Teacher Education in India and Curriculum Planning and Development of School and Teacher Education. She is currently leading a National Programme on School Standards and Evaluation (Shaala Siddhi), a major initiative of Govt. of India, for institutionalisation of school performance evaluation in 1.53 million schools of India.

Prof. Panda is the editorial members of International and National Journals. Her significant publication includes chapter in Encyclopaedia of Teacher Education (Oxford) and many book chapters by international publishers. She is the member of several official committees on school and teacher education constituted by the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, National Council for Teacher Education, Central and State Universities and in different national institutions for strategic policy formulation, planning and development. Prof. Panda severed as lead members of Joint Review Missions of Teacher and School Education, Govt. of India to review the Centrally Sponsored Schemes, plan and strategic implementations.

Prof. Panda served as the Focal point and Editor for the Asian Network of Training and Research Institutions (ANTRIEP) for establishing international collaboration and networking and Course Director for International Diploma in Educational Planning and Administration. She is consulted by the UNESCO, UNICEF, World Bank, British Council, United Nation High Commissioner for Human Rights (Geneva), Asia Pacific Center of Education for International Understanding (UNESCO), GTZ (Germany), HURIGHTS (Japan) etc.