A Brief Profile of Dr (Mrs) Bharti Gandhi

Founder-Director of UNESCO Prize for Peace Education winner and Guinness Record Holder, City Montessori School, Dr Bharti Gandhi, is an educator and administrator par excellence.

After having received her early education from her birthplace Bulandshahar district of Uttar Pradesh in India, Dr. Gandhi pursued her B.A., L.T., M.Ed and Diploma of Guidance Psychologist Examination from Lucknow. Thereafter, she founded City Montessori School with her husband, Dr Jagdish Gandhi with five children at a rented accommodation at 12, Station Road, Lucknow with a borrowed capital of mere Rs. 300/-.

A firm foundation of school had been laid with missionary zeal of the Gandhis. CMS has completed 56 years of success by becoming world’s largest school by pupils recognized by Guinness Book of World Records. Currently over 50,000 students are studying in 20 campuses of the school spread over Lucknow.

During past 50 years, Dr Bharti Gandhi has been very active in different social activities as well. She has convened various events like All India Anti Dowry Conference in 1962, Woman Workers Conference in 1965, Scouts and Girl-guide camps and rallies, Children’s Science Fairs etc., and has visited over 30 countries for gaining educational experience including USA, U.K., Iran, Jordan, Afghanistan, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Germany, Holland, France, Hong Kong, Belgium, Myanmar, USSR, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Pakistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Burundi (Africa), Iceland, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, South Africa, Peru (South America) and Hungary.

Dr. Gandhi is life member of Children’s International Summer Villages Camps, England and has organized many International School to School Exchange Programmes between CMS and Schools in several other countries like Japan, Mexico, Thailand, China and Norway.

Dr. Bharti Gandhi has been awarded several awards for her contribution to the world of academics and social work including Bhartiya Naari Samman by Drishya Bharti, Janapriya Vyaktitva Award by Amar Ujala, HT Woman Judges Choice Award by Hindustan Times, Aadhi Aabadi Women Achievers Award, Kirti Shree Award by Lucknow Women’s Association, U.P. Ratan by State Social Organisation etc.