## **Biography**



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Dr. Alka Singh is currently the Principal and Professor of English at Vasanta College for Women, Rajghat, Varanasi. She has been teaching for more than three decades and has humbly accepted the position of the Principal in 2015. She is holding the Ph.D, MA, B.Ed, PGDTE, and PGCTE (CIEFL) Degree and has forte in Gender and Subaltern Studies, British Literature, Indian Writing in English and Contemporary Literature in English.

Her major publications include *Margaret Drabble: Narrative of Identity* and *Contemporary Issues of Identity, Marginality and Space.* She has published several research papers including "Valorisation of Gender Conservatism of Colonial Life in India in 1857 and After in Literary Representation", Pencraft International, 2009 and "A Tempting Trap: Manju Kapur's A Married Woman in Contemporary Indian Writing in English, Sarup & Sons, New Delhi, 2005. She has been the Member of Editorial Board, Vasantika, Annual Magazine, Vasanta College for Women and *Global Education Society and Development: An International Journal* published by Academic Excellence, New Delhi (2008). She is also the Chief Editor of the research journal *Vasant Sahastradhara*, and *Journal of Darshan* published by Vasanta College for Women.

She has been a resource person in various seminars, conferences and training programmes including her visit to Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal. She served as a Session Chair and received the best paper award at the International Conference on "Future of Women 2018" in Kuala lumpur, Malaysia, organized by International Institute of Knowledge Management, Sri Lanka. She was the Chairperson of the NAAC sponsored National Seminar "Enhancing the Quality of Teaching, Learning and Evaluation in Higher Education" (2018) organized by Vasanta College for Women, Rajghat Fort, Varanasi.

She has been nominated as the member of Education Committee & Education Forum, Krishnamurti Foundation India, Chennai. She is a member of the Managing Committee of Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Kamachha, Varanasi, Rajghat Education Committee, Rajghat Besant School and Krishnamurti Study Centre, Rajghat Fort, Varanasi. She is the External Member, Internal Complaints Committee, Tata Consultancy Services, Varanasi and Chairperson, Internal Complaints Committee, Rajarshi School of Management and Technology, Varanasi.

She is the Trustee and Secretary of Lok Hit Kiran Study Centre, Varanasi. She received Creative Giant Award and W.H. Smith Memorial Award for her Academic excellence and contributions in 2018. She has received the Young Excellence Achievers Award in 2016. She has been engaged in creative dialogue with eminent scholars, including Prof. Geraldine Forbes, Professor of History, State University of New York Oswego, New York, USA, Sidney Leopard Greenblatt, Retired Associate Professor of Sociology, Drew University, and International Student Advisor, Syracuse University, New York, Dr. Sukrita Paul Kumar, eminent poet and critic, Delhi University. She had been a National Player in Basket Ball. Her remarkable literary acumen and humanitarian outlook are ennobling.