

BRIEF INTRODUCTION OF DR MURLI DESAI

Dr. Murli Desai obtained her master's degree in Social Work from the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai, India, and doctoral degree in Social Work from Washington University in St. Louis, USA. She was a faculty member at the TISS for the major part of her career, where the varied positions she held were Head of Unit for Family Studies, Head of Social Work Education and Practice Cell and Associate Editor of *The Indian Journal of Social Work*. She subsequently worked at the Department of Social Work at the National University of Singapore and at the Department of Social Welfare of the Seoul National University.

Dr. Desai has made significant contributions to the fields of social work and social development in general, and in the specific areas of family social work, child-centred social work and gerontological social work. In these areas, she contributed to indigenization of knowledge development relevant for policy and practice and useful for social work education. She attempted to bridge the gaps between research, policy, practice and education by undertaking comparative policy studies, knowledge development and dissemination, curriculum planning, teaching and teacher training, consultation, and group empowerment workshops. Besides being the editor of two journals and three newsletters, Dr. Desai has authored nine books, edited eight books, guest edited 11 special issues of national and international journals and published 84 articles in Indian and international journals and edited books.

She coordinated the national celebrations of the International Year of the Family, in 1994, by Ministry of Welfare and TISS, sponsored by UNICEF, which led to preparation of India's approach paper on family policy. Dr. Desai convened the Preparation of the Manual for Self-Study of Social Work Institutions for the National Assessment and Accreditation Council, which comprised preparation of standards for social work education during 2003-5. She has convened committees for preparation of documents on Maharashtra Council for Social Work and Declaration of Ethics for Professional Social Workers. The National Association of Professional Social Workers in India has conferred a Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. Desai in 2018 for her contribution to social work education and knowledge development.

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