

Brief Bio-Sketch:

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Presently, she has joined as first lady Vice-Chancellor at Utkal University and is fully involved in academic administration as Vice-Chancellor. Prof. Sabita Acharya is an Indian Anthropologist and expert in Social and Cultural Anthropology, who holds the Commonwealth Post-Doctoral Fellowship Award, granting her the experience of working at the prestigious University of Oxford U.K in the year 2002. Prof. Acharya has served as the Chairperson of Post Graduate Council, and Director of College Development Council, in Utkal University in the term 2019-2020. She has been teaching and gaining research experience for over the last three decades. She has done her doctoral work on “Anthropology of Pilgrimage at Puri and Simhachalam” in the year 1991 from Utkal University. Besides that, she has been working and exploring on different areas of social and cultural anthropology in different avenues. She has undertaken fieldwork in different tribal and rural villages to study different aspects of rural and tribal communities including PVTGs (Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups) of Odisha. She has presented research-based papers which are very well appreciated in various academic forums like world congresses organised by International Union of Anthropological and Ethnographical Sciences (IUAES) at China, Manchester, Brazil, Poland and institutions like University of Tuebingen and Goethe University, Germany. As a prolific writer, she has penned over 60 research articles and edited three books maintaining academics at the peak of her priorities. Her book “Pilgrimage of Indian Civilization” is highly acclaimed by researchers and students alike. She has been trusted and credited with completing many research projects including being awarded a Major Research Project by University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi. As the Director, School of Women Studies, she has worked tirelessly towards bringing gender neutrality and Gender Equality in the campus of educational institutions thereby focussing on conducting various gender sensitization programmes and outreach activities for constant awareness in the state. After a successful stint in educational and administrative roles, she has superannuated from service on 30th April 2020.