

Dr. Rachna Gupta

By profession as journalist, writer and author Dr. Rachna Gupta hails from Shimla (Himachal Pradesh). Her Masters in Journalism and Mass Communication, Masters in Sociology and finally the **Ph.D.**, all accomplished from Himachal Pradesh University.

Known for her writing skills, Dr Rachna, started her career as journalist in New Delhi with Indian Express Newspaper. She also worked in UT of Chandigarh with Indian Express group & Jansatta. Then she served Danik Jagran a leading national Hindi Daily as State Bureau chief. Later she became the first woman to be posted as Editor State in Dainik Jagran.

Her book published by **National Book Trust of India –(Devdhara, Himachal Pradesh)** was a contribution to the state, in completion of 50 years of Statehood in 2021.

Dr. Rachna has done prestigious foreign assignments. She is the first journalist from state who travelled with Indian President Sh. Pranab Mukherjee to Jordan, Israel, and Palestine for International media cone. She covered G 8 Summit at Japan also did various foreign assignments as journalist.

Her 25-yr experience as journalist and a woman of repute brought her scores of Awards, Honours and Recognitions at state and national level. Outstanding journalist award presented by His Excellency Himachal Pradesh Governor Acharya Devrat, Justice (Rtd) V S Kokje, twice state level award on Development journalism presented by Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister, honored at state level functions for contributions to the journalism, women empowerment, election reporting and critical analysis.

She remained on the panel of several state level, national bodies and international agencies including the World Bank. Nominated as a member of State level Press Advisory Council, Accreditation Committee for Journalists and media professionals, Member State Vidhan Sabha Press Gallery committee, State level tripartite committee on Labour and Employment.

She is an expert in Print, Electronic, Broadcast and web-media on national and international issues. Invited as an expert to panel discussions at Doordarshan, AIR and National TV channels on issues ranging from Sustainable Development in Himalayan states, Climate change, Global warming, Environment, Education, Investments, Infrastructure growth, Employment, Media, Election coverage, RTI, Human Rights and Women and Child development, Planning and Governance.

Dr. Rachna Gupta was appointed as a Member, Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission and administered oath by His Excellency Governor of Himachal Pradesh in 2018. During this period she did many reforms in Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission.

She is fond of travelling, writing and reading.