

Dr Nalini Kant Jha, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, T.M. Bhagalpur University, Bhagalpur – 812007

Dr Nalini Kant Jha, (born in July 1959), **Professor & Dean**, School of Social Sciences & International Studies as well as **Director, UNESCO Institute for South Asia Regional Cooperation (UMISARC)** at Pondicherry (Central) University, is also an **Adjunct Professor** at the Department of Geopolitics and International Relations at Manipal University (Karnatak) since 2008 till date. His major works include: *India's Foreign Policy: Emerging Challenges* (New Delhi: Pentagon, 2012); *Democracy, Nation Building and Peace in South Asia* (New Delhi: Har Anand, 2009); *Nuclear Synergy: Indo-US Strategic Cooperation and Beyond* (New Delhi, 2009); *Domestic Imperatives in India's Foreign Policy* (New Delhi, 2002); *South Asia in 21st Century: India, Her Neighbours and Great Powers* (New Delhi, 2003); *Peace and Cooperative Security in South Asia* (Pondicherry / New Delhi: 2001); *India's Foreign Policy in a Changing World* (New Delhi: 2000); *Internal Crisis and Indira Gandhi's Foreign Policy* (New Delhi / Patna, 1985), etc. A widely travelled scholar, Prof Jha has published more than **95** research papers in journals of national and international repute.

Before joining back Pondicherry University as Director, UMISARC, Prof Jha held **the prestigious Rajiv Gandhi Chair at Allahabad (Central) University (January 2007-August 2009)**. He brought the RG chair to the world map through his dedicated work. He has more than 30 years of teaching and research experience out of which he has served as **Professor for more than 10 years** (since December 2001)

A twice Fulbrighter, Prof Jha has been a Fulbright Professor at the **South Asian Studies Program of the School of Advanced International Studies of Johns Hopkins University, Washington, DC** (2006); Visiting Fellow at Department of International Relations at **University of Dhaka**, Bangladesh (2005); Center for South Asian Studies of University of the Punjab, Lahore (**Pakistan**) in 2011; Shastri Scholar at the University of Dalhousie, **Halifax, Canada** (1997); Fellow, **Institute of Ethnic Studies, Colombo, Sri Lanka** (1993); and Senior Fulbright Fellow at the South Asian Studies Centre of University of California, **Berkeley**,

USA (1992-93). Now he will visit **France** in April 2012 for the Annual meet of South Asia Foundation and thereafter Perth (**Australia**) in May 2012 as a member Task Force of Indian Ocean

Having obtained his M Phil and PhD degrees from the **South Asian Studies Centre, School of International Studies of Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi**, Prof Jha earlier taught Political Science at L N Mithila University, Darbhanga (**Bihar**) during 1982-93).

He has successfully **supervised** 8 PhD, 9 M. Phil and numerous MA dissertations. He has been a member of PhD adjudication boards; member of selection committees, member & chairman of Boards of Studies of numerous universities located in all four corners of India. He has also been associated with confidential assignments of top most public service commissions in the country.

Currently, an Executive Council Member of Nagaland (Central) University, Prof Jha has held several **administrative positions** such as **Dean**, School of International Studies; **Head**, Department of Political Science; and **Coordinator**, Centre for Nehru Studies at Pondicherry Central University, Puducherry.