



Brief Bio-data of Professor Aparajita Chowdhury M. Sc, PhD

Dr. (Mrs.) Aparajita Chowdhury, M. Sc., PhD was Professor of Home Science, of Berhampur University, Odisha. During her long 37 years of professional career, she successfully completed all the University level assignments like Member syndicate, Director College Development Council, Dean Faculty of Humanities and Social Science, Professor-in-Charge of University Library, NAAC coordinator, Director Women's Studies Research Centre, Head of the Department, Hostel Superintendent etc. Professor Chowdhury graduated from Sailabala Women's College, Cuttack, Odisha and obtained her Master's Degree in Home Science, (specialized in Human Development and Family Studies) from the University of Madras, Tamil Nadu. She is the first PhD Degree holder in Home Science in the state of Odisha and has been a teacher and researcher in the field of Human Development and Family Studies for more than three decades. She is a recipient of prestigious *Commonwealth Academic Staff Fellow* at the University of London, U.K; *Fulbright Fellow* at the University of Wyoming, USA; *ICSSR - NWO Social Science Scholar* at the University of Maastricht, The Netherlands and *DAAD* (German Academic Exchange Program) visiting Professor at Hamburg University of Applied Sciences, Germany. In addition, Prof. Chowdhury received "The Young Investigators" award from the **Johann Jacobs Foundation, Zurich, Switzerland** for her post doctoral research work and completed two major sponsored research projects of

University Grants Commission and National Women's Commission, New Delhi. Her research interests include - Early Childhood Care and Education, Youth, Family & Gender Studies, Parenting in Cross-Cultural Context and Elderly Issues. To her credit she had supervised twelve PhDs and one D. Lit scholars. Prof. Chowdhury's publications include ten books and more than 85 research articles published in both National and International peer reviewed refereed journals. Her books on - "Family Life Education in India", "Indian Families at Cross roads" and "Family in Transition: Power and Development" have received great acclaimed within and outside the country. She is a trained assessor of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) for UGC and was a member of Juvenile Justice Board, Ganjam district of Odisha. She has visited more than eleven countries in connection with academic matters. She is a member of various national and international academic bodies and acted as resource person, subject experts and engaged in social consultancy activities during her professional career. As a teacher and researcher, she is particularly interested in bridging the gap between the knowledge on Life Span Development and Family Relationships in the present day social context and the practical applications of its empirical research findings to people's everyday lives.