

Vinita Sethi- brief profile

A public policy and development economist, Vinita has worked in multiple roles in policy advocacy for over 25 years.

Vinita is an IICA-certified independent director, and on Boards of several organizations including Academic Board of the NIMS University (National Institute of Medical Sciences), Chairperson of Board of Vidhignya Enterprises- SHG that provides livelihoods to women, and has been a member of the Board of Directors of FIND India and former President of Public Affairs Forum of India (PAFI- 2023-24), Governing Council member of NatHealth (2019-2021, and former president of LSR Alumna association ELSA (2017-19).

Vinita has been passionately working on issues related to gender empowerment and inclusion. Currently she chairs the committee on PAFI SAFE- Securing Access to Fair and equitable resources at PAFI. She has been the Co-Convener of Digital Inclusion initiative under the 'Empowering Greater 50' initiative of FICCI FLO, and member- Empower G20 Forum.

Through policy advocacy across national and multilateral forums, both at FICCI and CII (1992-2014), Vinita has engaged in multi sectoral consultations. Earlier, she was VP (2015-2016) at Bharti Enterprises and worked closely on telecom policy. As Chief Corporate Affairs & strategic partnerships at the Apollo Hospitals group until May 2025, she worked on several healthcare initiatives with diverse stakeholders especially on women's health and patient-centric care for over a decade.

Vinita has authored several white papers and articles on different subjects from economy to gender issues that have been published in national and global fora. She has a master's degree in international relations-IUJ-Japan (1987-89), a master's degree in economics-Delhi School of Economics (1985-87), and bachelor's in economics-Lady Shri Ram College (1982-85).

An avid hiker, yogini, pet parent, and travel enthusiast Vinita is currently working on a book of short stories and is passionate about music and food!