



**Col. Dr. Sonali Sharma**

- **Position:** Secretary, WFLD-NAD Leadership
- **Qualifications:** BDS, MDS, Mastership in Laser, PhD, FADFE, FPFA
  - Graduated from Pune University with 4 distinctions and 13 gold medals
  - Awarded the Padmashri Vikhe Patil Award for academic excellence during all four years of graduation
  - Commissioned into the Army Dental Corps in 1997, served for 25 years, and retired as the first Professor & Head of Conservative Dentistry & Endodontics in the Armed Forces at Army Dental Centre Research & Referral (ADCR&R) on 10 May 2022
  - Currently a Professor of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics and Minimal Invasive Dentistry (Cariology) at Saveetha Dental College, Chennai, and a PhD guide and researcher
  - First permanent commissioned Endodontist of the tri-services of the Armed Forces
  - First officer in the Army Dental Corps to have been conferred with a PhD
  - Selected by the President of India as his treating Endodontist
  - Winner of the 2020 IADR Hatton Competition (first Indian from an Indian university to win this award)
  - Awarded several international awards from ORCA and IADR
  - Received 3 commendations from the Armed Forces, including 2 Chiefs of Army Staff Commendations
  - Winner of national awards from IACDE and ADAI for clinical excellence
  - Research interests include Cariology, Laser Biomodification, Enamel and Dentin Regeneration, and Traumatology
  - Section Editor for Cariology in the *Journal of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics* (JCDE), a Scopus-indexed specialty journal
  - Represented India as an invited speaker at both national and international forums
  - Member of several professional organizations, including:
    - Indian Endodontic Society (IES)
    - Indian Academy of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics (IACDE)
    - International Association of Dental Research (IADR)
    - ORCA (European Organization for Caries Research)
    - International Association of Dental Traumatology (IADT)
    - Society for Oral Laser Applications (SOLA)
    - World Federation for Laser Dentistry (WFLD)
  - Key Opinion Leader for MANI Pvt Ltd
  - Holds multiple patents
  - Turned entrepreneur by launching her own research and development venture to combat dental caries, the first of its kind
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