



## Asha Rao



**STEM field(s):** Mathematics

**Born:**

**Lives:** Melbourne, Vic (Woiworung country)

**Intersectionality:** culturally/linguistically diverse (Indian)



'Being a mathematician, I am not afraid of failure. It has always been a part of my life – it just gives me a chance to do things again – get a better solution, solve a bigger problem.'

- Awarded a PhD in Mathematics from Pune University, India.
- Started as a casual tutor at RMIT, eventually becoming a full Professor.
- Former Program Director for Information Security, RMIT.
- Former Interim Director of the Australian Mathematical Sciences Institute.
- Currently Associate Dean, Mathematical Sciences, at RMIT.
- A cybersecurity expert, has researched issues such as fraud and money laundering.
- Has authored more than 60 refereed scientific publications and contributed chapters to scholarly books.
- Founding chair of the Women in Maths, has put in place initiatives to improve gender equity within the mathematical sciences.
- Victorian Honour Roll of Women; Australian Superstars of STEM; Australia India Science and Development Award.
- Hobbies include reading non-fiction, designing and making her own clothes.

