

Dr. Durgesh Tripathi

Dr. Durgesh Tripathi is among the few distinguished academicians in India who have had the privilege of presenting their insights on Youth and Digital Media at the esteemed House of Commons in the British Parliament, alongside the Editor of the prestigious New York Times. He is a passionate advocate for the democratization of Higher Education through Open Educational Resources (OERs) and Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs). His profound interest in the democratization process has led to his active involvement with e PG Pathshala since its inception in 2016 under the National Mission on Education through ICT (NME-ICT), a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Education, Government of India. In this capacity, Dr. Tripathi serves as the Co-Principal Investigator for the Media and Communication Studies Subject, which is a significant component of e PG Pathshala, India's largest academic repository for postgraduate and higher-level students, operated by INFLIBNET, Ministry of Education, Government of India.

Dr. Tripathi also holds the distinction of launching the first MOOCs Course titled "Society and Media" on behalf of Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, government of National Capital Territory (NCT), on the SWAYAM Platform, Ministry of Education, Government of India. This pioneering MOOCs Course, "Society and Media," has achieved recognition by being ranked among the All-Time Best 100 Online Courses by Class Central, an international MOOCs aggregator. Since its launch in 2019, the course has successfully completed six cycles and has reached out to more than 10,000 learners across the globe.

Additionally, Dr. Tripathi has authored four books, with financial support for two of them coming from the Indian Council of Social Science Research, Government of India, while the other two were published by HP Hamilton, London. He has also successfully executed nine major research projects, securing grants from esteemed institutions such as the University Grants Commission (UGC) for four projects, the Department of Science and Technology for one, and the Indian Council of Social Science Research for four more.

In his international engagements, Dr. Tripathi has been associated with two prestigious projects. The project "The Room Where It Happens" was aimed to impart Media Literacy Skills to Generation Z and was sponsored by the US Department of State. His other project is Erasmus+ CBHE, is funded by European Union.

Dr. Tripathi's academic contributions extend to presenting papers and chairing sessions at over 100 renowned national and international conferences, Faculty Development Programs, and invited lectures. Some of his international presentations and lectures have taken place in Washington (USA), Toronto (Canada), London, Leeds, and York (UK), Paris (France), Bonn and Munich (Germany), Geneva (Switzerland), Vienna (Austria), Bratislava (Slovakia), Istanbul and Antalya (Turkey), Shanghai (China), Seoul (South Korea), Melbourne and Sydney (Australia), Singapore, Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), and Bangkok (Thailand).

Furthermore, he has published more than 50 scholarly works, including research papers, book chapters, and open education resources (OERs). Some of his publications have found their place in Scopus-indexed journals, Routledge (USA), Transnational Press, London, as well as UGC Care journals.

Dr. Tripathi, as a global citizen, is profoundly committed to promoting equity and accessibility in higher education and ensuring educational opportunities for all. This commitment aligns seamlessly with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal 4, which advocates for the provision of quality education to everyone.

In pursuit of this noble objective, Dr. Tripathi has undertaken the crucial task of raising awareness and enhancing the capacity of fellow academicians and research scholars in the realm of Digital Education. Through his dedicated efforts, he has successfully organized and facilitated more than 50 faculty development programs and workshops. These initiatives have collectively empowered over 10,000 faculty members, equipping them to embrace the revolutionary shifts in the educational landscape brought about by digital advancements under the framework of National Education Policy, 2020.

Dr. Tripathi's commitment to academia is evident in his involvement as a member of the Board of Studies, Academic Committees and Expert Panels in over 60 different central, state, and private universities across India. His academic engagements encompass esteemed institutions such as NAAC, Bangalore, IIT- Roorkee, IIM-Bangalore, JNU, Delhi University, Visva Bharati University, Shantiniketan, Mumbai University, Bangalore University, HRDC- Jodhpur, Baba Saheb Ambedkar Open University, Gandhinagar, Rajasthan University, Jaipur, Nagpur University, Central University of Jammu, Himachal Central University, Dharamshala, Assam Central University, Silchar, Tamil Nadu Central University, Bennett University, Amity University, Sharda University, Manav Rachna University and Galgotias University, to name a few.

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