## <u>Prof. (Dr.) Durgesh Tripathi</u>



**Prof. (Dr.) Durgesh Tripathi** is a distinguished academician in India, recognized for his significant contributions to the fields of Digital Media, Youth and Online Education. He holds the rare honor of having presented his insights at the esteemed House of Commons in the British Parliament, where he shared the stage with the Editor of the prestigious New York Times. His commitment to the democratization of higher education is evident in his advocacy for Open Educational Resources (OERs) and Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs). Dr. Tripathi firmly believes in harnessing digital mediums to ensure that education reaches every individual eager to learn, upskill, reskill, or explore lifelong learning opportunities.

Dr. Tripathi's commitment to this vision led to his active involvement with the e-PG Pathshala project, a key initiative under the National Mission on Education through ICT (NME-ICT), launched by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, in 2016. As the Co-Principal Investigator for the Media and Communication Studies Subject, he has played a pivotal role in the development of e-PG Pathshala, which has grown to become India's largest academic repository for postgraduate students, operated by INFLIBNET, Ministry of Education, Government of India.

In addition to his contributions to e-PG Pathshala, Dr. Tripathi 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. This pioneering course has received international acclaim, being ranked among the All-Time Best 100 Online Courses by Class Central, a leading global MOOCs aggregator. Since its launch in 2019, "Society and Media" has successfully completed seven cycles, reaching more than 10,000 learners from across the globe.

Beyond his work in digital education, Dr. Tripathi is a prolific author and editor, having contributed six books to the academic community. Two of these books were supported by financial grants from the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Government of India, while the remaining four were published by HP Hamilton, London. His academic rigor and research expertise are further demonstrated by his successful execution of nine major research projects, securing grants from prestigious 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 (ICSSR) for four additional projects.

Dr. Tripathi's academic influence extends beyond national borders. He has been associated with two prestigious international projects. The first, "The Room Where It Happens," was sponsored by the US Department of State and aimed to impart Media Literacy Skills to Generation Z. The second project, under the Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE) initiative, is funded by the European Union. Dr. Tripathi currently serves as the Ethical Expert for this European Union project, which is executed by the University of Bratislava. Additionally, he holds the position of Country Director for the Asian Congress for Media and Communication, further solidifying his global academic presence.

Within India, Dr. Tripathi's expertise is sought after by various academic and governmental bodies. He is an Expert of the Distance Education Board formulated by the University Grants Commission (UGC), where he plays a crucial role in evaluating online infrastructure and courses to be launched by Indian universities. At Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, he serves as the Academic Coordinator for the Centre of Online Distance Education and is also the In-Charge of the upcoming University School of Filmmaking. His academic leadership extends to his role as an External Advisor to the Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT), Odisha.

Dr. Tripathi has also been an integral member of the Swachchata Rankings committee, established by the University Grants Commission under the aegis of the Ministry of Education, Government of India. His dedication to improving the quality of education in India is further evidenced by his involvement as a trainer under the Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching—an umbrella scheme of the Ministry of Education designed to infuse quality and excellence into teaching at all levels. Dr. Tripathi made a significant contribution to the Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology, which was established by the Government of India under Article 344 of the Indian Constitution. This commission holds the responsibility for creating scientific and technical terminology in various Indian languages. As an expert, Dr. Tripathi participated in the Commission's efforts to develop a basic trilingual mass communication vocabulary (English-Hindi-Sanskrit). His expertise was crucial in determining Sanskrit and Hindi synonyms for the selected technical terms in the mass communication domain, advancing the Commission's initiative to enrich the academic resources in Indian languages and thereby contributing towards nation's linguistic diversity.

His academic contributions are extensive and varied. He has presented papers and chaired sessions at over 100 renowned national and international conferences, faculty development programs, and invited lectures. His international presentations and lectures have taken him to prestigious locations including Washington (USA), Toronto (Canada), London, Leeds, and York (UK), Paris (France), Bonn and Munich (Germany), Geneva (Switzerland), Vienna (Austria), New Zealand, Bratislava (Slovakia), Istanbul and Antalya (Turkey), Shanghai (China), Seoul (South Korea), Melbourne and Sydney (Australia), Singapore, Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), and Bangkok (Thailand). Dr. Tripathi has published over 60 scholarly works, including research papers, book chapters, and open educational resources (OERs). Some of his publications are featured in Scopus-indexed journals, Routledge (USA), Intech Open (London), Transnational Press (London), as well as UGC Care journals.

As a global citizen, Dr. Tripathi is deeply committed to promoting equity and accessibility in higher education, aligning his work with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal 4, which advocates for quality education for all. In pursuit of this goal, he has dedicated himself to raising awareness and enhancing the capacity of fellow academicians and research scholars in the realm of Digital Education. His efforts have led to the successful organization and facilitation of more than 65 faculty development programs and workshops, which have collectively empowered over 12,000 faculty members. These initiatives have equipped educators to embrace the revolutionary changes in the educational landscape brought about by digital advancements, as outlined in the National Education Policy, 2020.

Dr. Tripathi's extensive involvement in academia is further demonstrated by his participation as a member of the Board of Studies, PhD Examiner, curriculum designer, and MOOCs consultant in over 60 different central, state, and private universities across India. His academic engagements include collaborations with esteemed institutions such as NAAC, Bangalore; IIT Roorkee; IIM Bangalore; Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU); Delhi University; Visva Bharati University, Shantiniketan; Mumbai University; Bangalore University; NorthCap University; O P Jindal Global University; HRDC- Jodhpur; Baba Saheb Ambedkar Open University, Gandhinagar; Rajasthan University, Dharamshala; Assam Central University, Silchar; Tamil Nadu Central University; Bennett University; Amity University; Sharda University; Manav Rachna University; and Galgotias University, among others.

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