<u>About K.N. Singh,</u> Vice-chancellor, U.P.R.T.O.U, Allahabad



Prof. Kameshwar Nath Singh is the 13th Vice Chancellor of Uttar Pradesh Rajarshi Tandon Open University, Allahabad. Prior to joining Rajarshi Tandon Open University, Prof. K.N. Singh was Head of the department of Geography, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur. Prof. Singh has been the founder Director of Deen Dayal Upadhyay Research Chair at Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur.

Prof. Singh has about 32 years of rich professional experience in different aspects of teaching, research, administration, training, Research and Development as well as major research projects formulations, both national and international. He has supervised 16 Ph.D. students and is presently supervising one post-doctoral fellow.

Prof. Singh has worked as a research associate at the Institute of Geography and Institute for Development Research and Development Policy in Ruhr University, Bochum, Germany for one year in a joint research project titled 'Urban fringe study of Indian and German cities'. He has conducted intensive field survey in different parts of Germany as well as the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxemburg under the guidance of Late Prof. K.H. Hottes.

Prof. Singh has contributed mainly in the field of environment, regional development and value education. He has more than seventy publications to this credit in the form of research papers and policy papers etc. He is the author of 14 books and is currently working on his upcoming book titled 'Geography of India-Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow'. He has served as Vice President of the National Association of Geographers of India (NAGI) and at present he is the President of the Association of North Indian Geographers of which he was previously General Secretary for almost 20 years.

Prof. Singh is founder General Secretary of the Institute for Rural Eco-development which has been established with viewpoint of action oriented research for eco-development of rural areas. He is the executive editor of the 'Journal of Eco development' as well as 'Uttar Bharat Bhugol Patrika', published from the Dept. of Geography, Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur.

Prof. Singh has notable experience of international programmes as well as of carrying out international research projects. He has widely travelled across Western Europe particularly Germany, Netherland, Poland, France, Italy etc and participated in seminars and conferences under the guidance of Late Prof. K.H. Hottes, ex Director Institute of Geography and Institute of Development Research and Development Policy, Ruhr University, Bochum, Germany.

Prof. Singh has been organizing Prithavi Parva National Seminar every year on the eve of Vasant Panchami for the last 25 years and has enjoyed an engaging social and public life. He has been organizer of Purvanchal Swadeshi Mela, Gorakhpur with help of Swadeshi Jagarana Manch and Bhartiya Vipdan Vikas Kendra.

Prof. K.N. Singh is contributing to a great extent in other higher education assignments. He is Visitor's /President of India's nominee executive councilor of Jharkhand Central University Ranchi. He is serving as expert member of Research Degree Committee and board of Studies in several Universities.

Prof. K.N. Singh has been honored by several awards such as distinguished **citizen award** of Geographer by Yuva Chetna Samiti, Gorakhpur and **State award** for excellent working as coordinator of National Service Scheme by Dept. of Higher Education, U.P. Government. He has been awarded **best Geographer award** by Deccan Geographical Society of India, Pune in 2014 for unique contribution in domain of Geography and for able administration in the University system.

As the Vice Chancellor of Uttar Pradesh Rajarshi Tandon Open University, Allahabad, Prof K.N. Singh has mainly focused on developing congenial learning environment, efficient and transparent administration and strengthening student support system. He has laid more emphasis on professional courses in light of era of globalization, liberalization and privatization. Moreover, he is in the process of planning the 'open distance learning system' based on the principle of Integral Humanism propounded by Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay. Keeping the ideals of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, Prof. Singh firmly believes in the principle of think globally but act locally.

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