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WHAT IS EXCELLENCE CHRONICLES

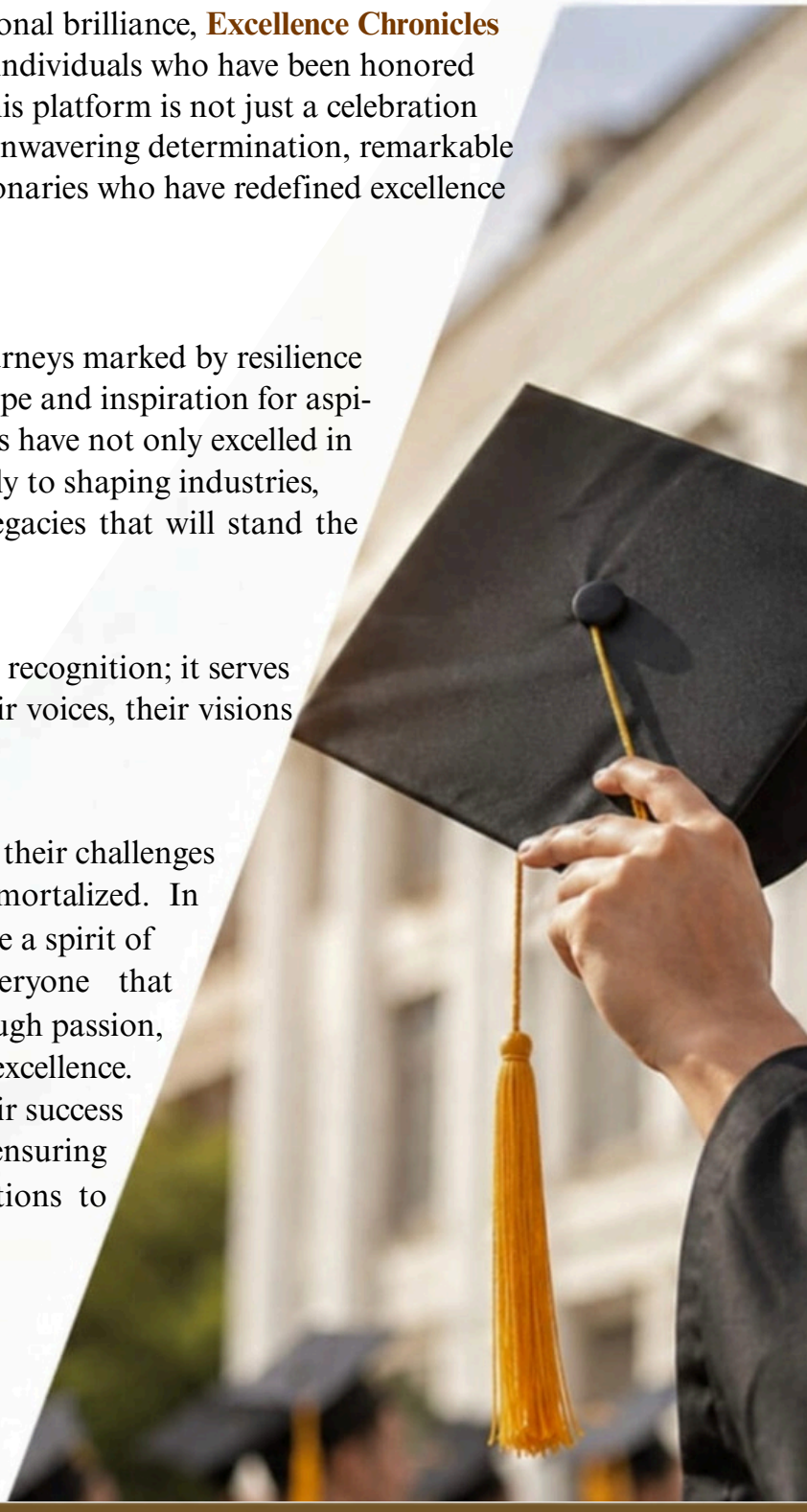
"NARATIVES OF HONORARY DISTINCTION"

In the grand tapestry of intellectual and professional brilliance, **Excellence Chronicles** stands as a timeless tribute to the extraordinary individuals who have been honored **(Honoris Causa)** by **Chicago Open University**. This platform is not just a celebration of titles but a heartfelt acknowledgment of the unwavering determination, remarkable achievements and profound impact of these visionaries who have redefined excellence in their respective fields.

Through their inspiring stories, we delve into journeys marked by resilience leadership each narrative a shining beacon of hope and inspiration for aspiring leaders and changemakers. These individuals have not only excelled in professions but have also contributed significantly to shaping industries, empowering communities and leaving behind legacies that will stand the test of time.

Excellence Chronicles offers them more than just recognition; it serves as a powerful platform where they can share their voices, their visions and their invaluable wisdom with the world.

It is a space where their triumphs are celebrated, their challenges are acknowledged and their journeys are immortalized. In honoring their accomplishments, we aim to ignite a spirit of aspiration in future leaders, reminding everyone that greatness is not merely achieved but earned through passion, perseverance and an unyielding commitment to excellence. Through this initiative, we not only celebrate their success but also offer them a lasting gift of prestige, ensuring their contributions continue to inspire generations to come.



"CELEBRATING IMPACT • INSPIRING EXCELLENCE • SHAPING THE FUTURE"



HONORIS CAUSA

At **Chicago Open University (COU), Delaware, USA**, we believe that excellence is expressed not only through academic achievement, but through leadership, service, enterprise, innovation and meaningful contribution to society.

Through its Department of Honorary Awards, COU recognises distinguished individuals whose sustained work has created a positive and lasting impact in areas such as education, entrepreneurship, public service, community development, culture, industry and social leadership.

The **Honorary Distinction (Honoris Causa)** is a non-academic recognition. It celebrates contribution, character and impact—not academic qualifications.

Recognising Those Who Make a Difference

Our honourees represent individuals who have demonstrated:

- Sustained contribution to their profession or community
- Leadership through action and example
- Meaningful social, economic or community impact
- Commitment to inspiring and empowering others
- Excellence demonstrated through real-world achievement
- Beyond Recognition

The distinction is not simply an honour—it is an invitation to continue the journey of knowledge sharing and positive impact.

COU encourages its honourees to contribute through mentorship, talks, masterclasses, case studies and collaborative initiatives, helping transfer their practical experience to the next generation.

The Excellence Chronicles documents the journeys, achievements and wisdom of distinguished honourees, creating a lasting record of leadership, service and human accomplishment.

COU honours not merely positions or titles, but lives of meaningful contribution.

Celebrating Excellence. Recognising Contribution. Inspiring the Future.

Add a clear nomination pathway

Clarify the non-degree status

Reduce repeated excellence language



CHICAGO OPEN UNIVERSITY

Chicago Open University (COU), based in Delaware, USA, is a prestigious online institution dedicated to delivering accessible, affordable and globally recognized online education. We empower students, especially from developing countries, to achieve academic and professional excellence through flexible online programs aligned with evolving industry demands. Join us in unlocking transformative opportunities and shaping a brighter, knowledgedriven future.

VISION

At Chicago Open University, our vision is to be a leading educational institution that transforms lives through accessible and comprehensive on-line learning opportunities. We aspire to create a dynamic open learning environment that fosters creativity, critical thinking and personal growth.

MISSION

Our mission is to empower individuals from diverse backgrounds to acquire knowledge, skills and values necessary for success in a rapid-ly evolving world. Through our studentcentric approach, we strive to cultivate intellectual curiosity and a commitment to excellence in every aspect of life.

OUR COMMITMENT

At Chicago Open University, we are dedicated to delivering excellence in education and empowering students to achieve their fullest potential. We strive to:

- Provide an inclusive and accessible online learning environment that celebrates diversity.
- Foster collaboration between students, faculty and staff to achieve shared goals.
- Offer flexible programs tailored to meet diverse student needs.
- Continuously innovate our curriculum to stay ahead in a rapidly evolving world.
- Instill a strong sense of social responsibility and community engagement.

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN'S DESK



"At Chicago Open University, we are committed to fostering excellence in education and forging meaningful partnerships with industry leaders. Our goal is to provide students with a transformative learning experience that prepares them for success in today's dynamic global landscape. I am passionate about driving innovation and making a positive impact in academia and industry alike. Together, we will strive to create a culture of excellence, collaboration and innovation that empowers students to reach their full potential and prepares them to tackle the challenges of tomorrow. I look forward to working with you as we embark on this journey of discovery and growth."

Dr. Beril Oner

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR

"Chicago Open University is dedicated to revolutionizing online learning, celebrating excellence in education, arts, culture, innovation, and entrepreneurship. Through our Academic Industry Awards, we honor outstanding contributions that drive creativity and progress across industries. We are committed to fostering global partnerships and affiliations, empowering individuals and communities to thrive through accessible online world-class education. Together, let's shape a future of innovation and success."



Dr. RK Gupta

MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR



At Chicago Open University, we believe education is not merely about acquiring knowledge—it is about discovering potential, creating opportunities and making a meaningful difference.

Our vision is to make learning more accessible, relevant and global, connecting education with entrepreneurship, innovation, leadership and lifelong growth.

In a rapidly changing world, the ability to learn, adapt and contribute is the true measure of excellence. We encourage every learner to think beyond boundaries, embrace new possibilities and use knowledge to create positive impact.

Mrs. Bhavna Gupta

OATH OF HONOR

Oath of Honor and Integrity: A Commitment to Service

I solemnly swear, with honor and grace,
To uphold the title that I embrace.
Bestowed upon me by Chicago Open's hand,
I pledge to serve and take a stand.
I commit to honesty, clear and true,
To represent my title as it is due.
An honorary gift, not earned by grade,
I'll never misuse or let truth fade.
Ethical conduct, I will uphold,
Using my title, I won't be bold,
For personal gain or deceitful ways,
I'll keep my honor through all my days.
With every step, I will contribute,
To society's well-being, I will salute.
Sharing knowledge, wisdom in hand,
Serving causes that help life expand.
In mentorship, I'll light the way,
Guiding others, day by day.
Supporting growth, with heart and care,
A beacon of kindness, always fair.
This title calls for service, deep and true,
A lifelong journey to pursue.
I'll give back, inspire and uplift,
With every action, a meaningful gift.
By these principles, I stand tall,
Ensuring my honor reflects it all.
With integrity and service as my guide,
This honorary title, I wear with pride.



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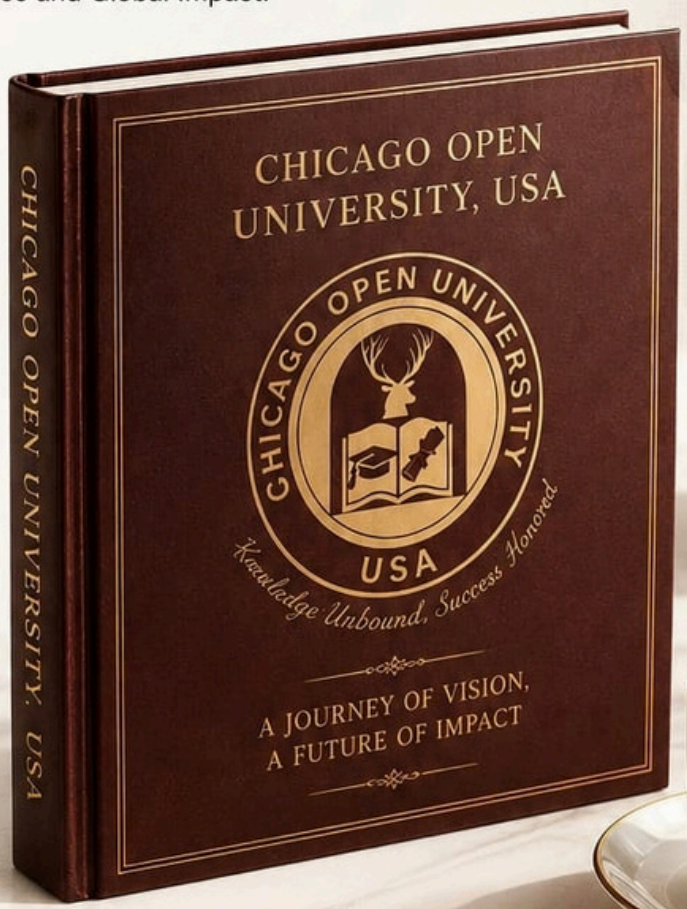
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COU Institutional Collaborations & Honorary Distinction Framework

Recognising Contribution • Inspiring Excellence • Advancing Continuous Learning

Institutional Collaborations

Chicago Open University (COU) collaborates with Chambers of Commerce, Industry Councils and professional organisations to create a meaningful institutional platform for recognising individuals who have made distinguished and sustained contributions to society, business, education, entrepreneurship, innovation, community development and other fields of public and professional endeavour.

COU's institutional collaborations include The World Sikh Chamber of Commerce and MSME Chamber of Commerce & Industry, and currently include **BRISEC Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BRISEC CCI)** and **Global Trade & Technology Council International (GTTCI)**. These collaborations bring together COU's educational and recognition platform with the professional, business, industry and community networks of its institutional partners, supporting the identification and recognition of deserving individuals for their contribution and impact.

Honoris Causa — Recognition of Distinguished Contribution

The concept of Honoris Causa is traditionally associated with honorary recognition conferred in acknowledgement of eminence, distinguished service or significant contribution in a particular field or to society.

Accordingly, COU's Honoris Causa is an honorary and ceremonial distinction, and is not an earned academic degree, diploma or professional qualification. It does not confer academic, legal, licensing or professional rights associated with an earned qualification.

Department of Honorary Awards

Through its Department of Honorary Awards, COU seeks to recognise individuals on the basis of their documented contributions, achievements, leadership, service, professional excellence and broader impact. The objective is not merely to celebrate past accomplishments, but to create an ongoing relationship with distinguished honourees and encourage them to remain engaged in learning, knowledge-sharing and mentorship.

Where appropriate, honourees may be invited to participate in webinars, seminars, leadership dialogues, mentoring initiatives and knowledge-sharing programmes, providing opportunities to share their experience with entrepreneurs, students, professionals and emerging leaders.

COU may also provide eligible honourees with access to selected learning opportunities, professional courses and continuing-learning initiatives, subject to the applicable programme terms.

From Recognition to Continuing Impact

The COU Honorary Distinction therefore seeks to go beyond a ceremonial acknowledgement. It celebrates contribution, excellence and leadership, while encouraging a continuing journey of learning, mentoring and knowledge exchange.

Through this approach, distinguished individuals are given an opportunity not only to be recognised for what they have achieved, but also to inspire others, share their experience, mentor emerging talent and contribute to a culture of lifelong learning and social impact.

Chairman of BRISEC Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Building Bridges. Connecting Markets. Creating Opportunities.



Dr. Harvansh Chawla

In an increasingly interconnected global economy, the BRISEC Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BRISEC CCI) is emerging as an international platform dedicated to fostering cross-border trade, investment, innovation and strategic industry partnerships.

DR. Harvansh Chawla, Chairman, BRISEC Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BRISEC CCI)

Dr. Harvansh Chawla leads BRISEC CCI, an international platform focused on trade, investment, innovation, entrepreneurship and strategic industry partnerships, with expanding engagement across G20 economies.

Headquartered in Safdarjung Development Area, New Delhi, BRISEC CCI connects businesses, investors, policymakers, institutions and industry leaders to facilitate cross-border collaboration, market opportunities and sustainable partnerships.

BRISEC CCI Leadership

- Dr. Vijay Kumar Saraswat — Padma Shri & Padma Bhushan, Honorary Chairman; Former Member, NITI Aayog; Former Director General, DRDO.
- Prof. (Dr.) B. R. Mani Padma Shri, Honorary Chairman
- Ashok Kumar Singh — Co-Chairman
- Dr. Anand Anu — Vice Chairman
- Rajiv Sawhney — Vice Chairman & CEO
- Vikram Kharbanda — Vice Chairman
- Ajeet Kumar Mishra — Vice Chairman
- Dr. Tishyarakshita Singh Nagarkar — Vice Chairperson

Together, the leadership represents diverse expertise across business, science & technology, public policy, entrepreneurship, education, trade and international collaboration.

BRISEC CCI

Connecting Business • Creating Partnerships

President – Continuing Education | BRISEC Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Advancing Lifelong Learning •
Building Future-Ready Professionals



Dr. R.K. Gupta

Chicago Open University (COU), Delaware, USA, is committed to promoting lifelong learning, continuing education, entrepreneurship, professional development and future-ready skills in a rapidly changing global environment. Under the visionary leadership of Dr. R.K. Gupta, Vice Chancellor, Chicago Open University and President – Continuing Learning Vertical, BRISEC Chamber of Commerce & Industry, COU continues to advance the philosophy that learning should never stop.

With more than 35 years of global experience as an entrepreneur, educationist and strategic professional across education, aviation, business and international consultancy, Dr. Gupta has travelled extensively across the world and developed a deep understanding of global education, industry and entrepreneurial ecosystems. His journey has been driven by a commitment to connecting knowledge with opportunity and education with enterprise.

COU focuses on creating flexible and practical learning opportunities that enable individuals, professionals and entrepreneurs to learn, unlearn and continuously upgrade their knowledge and capabilities.

GETCRR LLP serves as the Primary Affiliate Partner of Chicago Open University for the Asia Pacific, Middle East, Africa and Oceania, supporting COU's learning, training, research and professional-development initiatives across these regions.

Together, Chicago Open University, BRISEC CCI and GETCRR LLP are working to strengthen the bridge between education, industry and lifelong learning, creating opportunities for individuals and organisations to remain relevant, skilled and future-ready.

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"We Make You World Ready."

President, BRISEC CCI | Leader in Healthcare Innovation & AI in Medicine

A Journey of Medicine, Innovation and Leadership



Dr. Amarinder Singh Malhi

Dr. Amarinder Singh Malhi is a distinguished physician, academician, healthcare innovator and emerging voice in the field of technology-driven medicine. He currently serves as Assistant Professor in the Department of Radiodiagnosis and Interventional Radiology at AIIMS, New Delhi, where he combines advanced medical expertise with a strong commitment to patient care, medical education and institutional development.

A pioneering specialist in Cardiovascular Radiology and Endovascular Interventions, Dr. Malhi has established a notable position in this highly specialised field. He became only the second Asian to earn a DM in Cardiovascular Radiology & Endovascular Interventions from AIIMS, marking an important milestone in his academic and professional journey. His specialised expertise reflects years of rigorous medical training, clinical practice and continued engagement with advancements in interventional radiology.

An alumnus of Dayanand Medical College & Hospital, Dr. Malhi has held key leadership roles in the medical fraternity, including President of the Resident Doctors' Association (RDA), AIIMS New Delhi, and currently President of the Faculty Association of AIIMS (FAIMS), contributing to healthcare professionals, medical education and institutional development.

Dr. Malhi combines clinical expertise with leadership in healthcare innovation, AI and emerging technologies, focusing on advancing patient care, medical education and healthcare delivery. A recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from Chicago Open University, he serves as President of BRISEC CCI, promoting collaboration across healthcare, technology, entrepreneurship and professional development.

President – Real Estate Investment & Property Management, BRISEC CCI

Celebrating a Legacy of Leadership, Real Estate Excellence & Vision



Dr. Parmeet Singh Chadha

Parmeet Singh Chaddha
Lifetime Achievement Honouree | Real Estate Investment & Property Management Leader
Global Chairman - World Sikh Chamber of Commerce (WSCC)
Recognised by Chicago Open University for Lifetime Achievement

Parmeet Singh Chadha is a distinguished real estate professional recognised by Chicago Open University with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his leadership, strategic vision, and contribution to the real estate investment and property management sector.

He has now assumed the prestigious role of President – Real Estate Investment & Property Management at BRISEC Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BRISEC CCI), under the leadership of Dr. Harvansh Chawla, Chairman, BRISEC CCI.

In this role, Mr. Chadha aims to promote responsible investment, professional property management, sustainable development, transparency, innovation, and long-term asset value creation. His vision is to build stronger collaboration among investors, developers, professionals, and institutional stakeholders while contributing to sustainable growth across the real estate ecosystem.

His professional philosophy recognises real estate as more than property—it is a driver of investment, infrastructure, employment, economic development, and community growth.

He believes that responsible decision-making, technology, sustainability, and professional excellence will be essential in shaping a resilient and future-ready real estate sector.

His Lifetime Achievement recognition celebrates his professional journey and continuing commitment to transforming experience into meaningful leadership and creating lasting value for the industry and society.

President – Living & Habitat Development, BRISEC Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Celebrating Visionary Leadership & the Future of Sustainable Living



Dr. Divam Kapoor

Chicago Open University proudly acknowledges Dr. Divam Kapoor for his distinguished leadership and forward-looking vision for the future of communities.

His leadership reflects a powerful philosophy: development is not merely about building infrastructure, but about creating environments where people can live, work, grow, and thrive.

With a focus on holistic living, wellness-oriented habitats, sustainability, environmental responsibility, innovation, and human well-being, Dr. Kapoor is contributing to a new paradigm where prosperity meets responsibility and development remains connected to human values.

His vision beautifully connects the Art of Living with the Art of Development—where sustainable habitats become spaces for people to live meaningfully, work productively, grow collectively, and thrive with dignity. His approach reflects a thoughtful understanding of how development can balance innovation, sustainability, and human well-being. It highlights the importance of creating environments that foster opportunity, inclusivity, and long-term value.

Through this vision, he continues to inspire meaningful ideas that place people and communities at the heart of development.

Chicago Open University congratulates Dr. Divam Kapoor on this significant leadership responsibility and celebrates his commitment to shaping ideas and initiatives that can contribute to a more sustainable, responsible, and human-centred future.

A vision where innovation meets sustainability, prosperity meets responsibility, and development remains rooted in human values.

President for Indigenous Cultural Preservation and Development

Advancing Governance, Indigenous Identity and Inclusive Development Through Public Service



Dr. Alo Libang

Public Leader | Tribal Welfare Advocate | Healthcare and Rural Development Champion

Dr. Alo Libang is a distinguished public leader whose career reflects a strong commitment to public administration, healthcare, tribal welfare, rural development, and indigenous cultural preservation in Arunachal Pradesh.

He currently serves as MLA for the 34-Tuting-Yingkiong Assembly Constituency and Advisor to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh. He has previously served as Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Women and Child Development, and Tribal Affairs, Government of Arunachal Pradesh.

Throughout his public service, Dr. Libang has contributed to improving healthcare accessibility, strengthening public welfare programmes, supporting tribal and rural communities, and promoting inclusive development. His leadership reflects a commitment to the needs of remote and underserved communities.

As President – Indigenous Cultural Preservation and Development, he works to preserve indigenous traditions, heritage, languages, traditional knowledge, arts, and community practices while promoting inclusive social and economic development.

Chicago Open University proudly acknowledges Dr. Alo Libang, a distinguished public leader, MLA of the 34-Tuting-Yingkiong Assembly Constituency, and Advisor to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh. His contributions to healthcare, tribal welfare, rural development, public administration, and indigenous cultural preservation reflect his commitment to inclusive development and community welfare.

"Development becomes meaningful when governance protects dignity, culture, health and opportunity for every community."

Vice President – Indigenous Cultural Preservation & Development | BRISEC Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Honouring Heritage. Empowering Communities. Inspiring the Future



Dr. Nyamo Doje

Preserving Heritage, Empowering Communities, Inspiring the Future

Chicago Open University proudly recognizes Nyamo Doje, Patron – North East and Vice President – Indigenous Cultural Preservation & Development, BRISEC Chamber of Commerce & Industry, for his distinguished commitment to preserving indigenous heritage and empowering communities.

His vision celebrates the North East's rich cultural identity while creating pathways for traditional knowledge, art, crafts, and heritage to contribute to sustainable livelihoods, inclusive development, and global cultural exchange.

As a champion of indigenous identity and regional progress, Dr. Doje represents a leadership approach that brings together culture, community, entrepreneurship, and opportunity.

His efforts reflect the belief that the North East's heritage is not only something to preserve, but also a powerful foundation for a more inclusive and sustainable future.

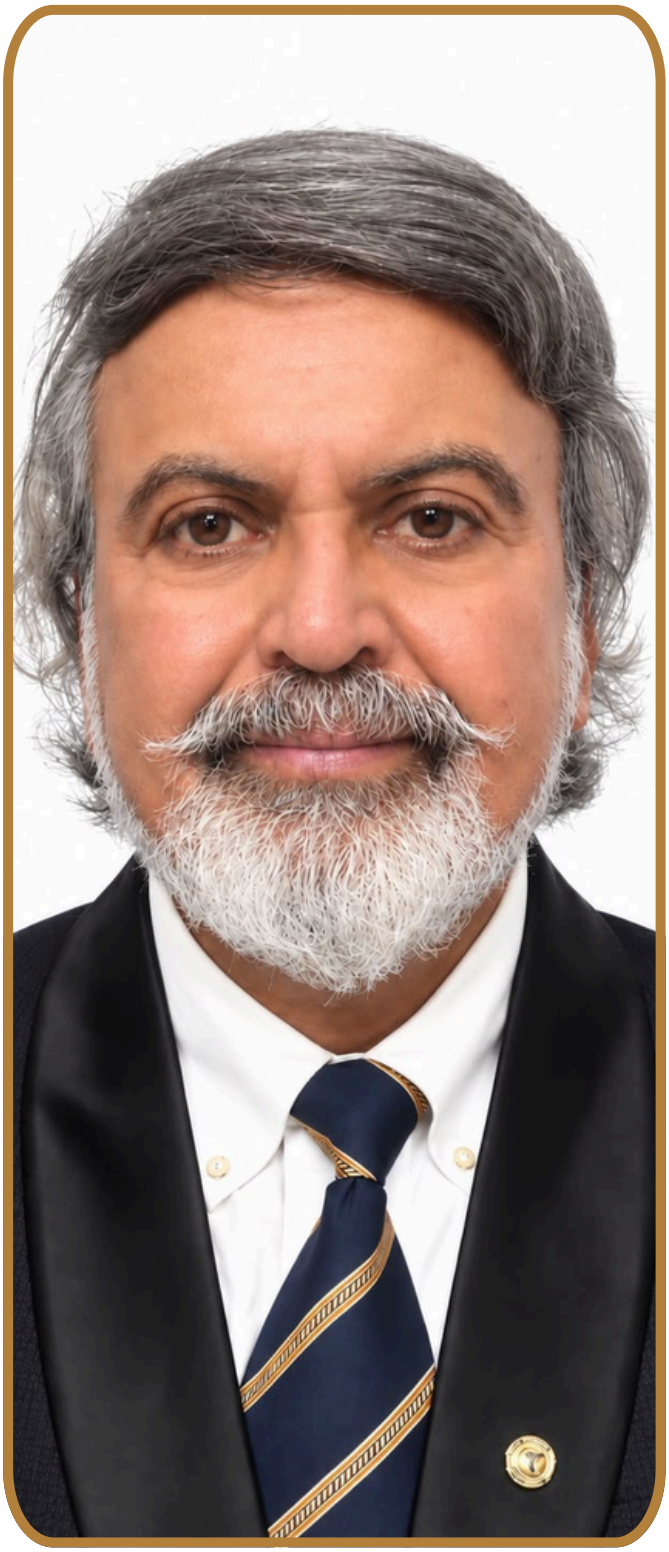
Through meaningful collaborations and forward-looking initiatives, his vision seeks to ensure that indigenous communities have greater recognition, participation, and opportunities to showcase their cultural strengths on national and international platforms.

A leader who believes that true development grows stronger when it honours the roots of its people.

Preserving heritage. Empowering communities. Connecting culture with opportunity.Preserving heritage. Empowering communities. Connecting culture with opportunity.

President – Media & Public Engagement Vertical, BRISEC Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Celebrating Leadership, Communication & Public Engagement



Dr. Vijay Manikoth

Honorary Doctorate (Honoris Causa) Recipient – Chicago Open University

Chicago Open University is pleased to recognise and celebrate Dr. Vijay Manikoth, an accomplished professional, entrepreneur, and institutional leader whose extensive experience in sales, marketing, advertising, communication, media, insurance, and motivational training has shaped a distinguished professional journey.

Dr. Manikoth is the Founder & Chairman of Winning Edge Group of Companies, driven by a vision to deliver innovative solutions, quality services, advanced technology, and ethical business practices.

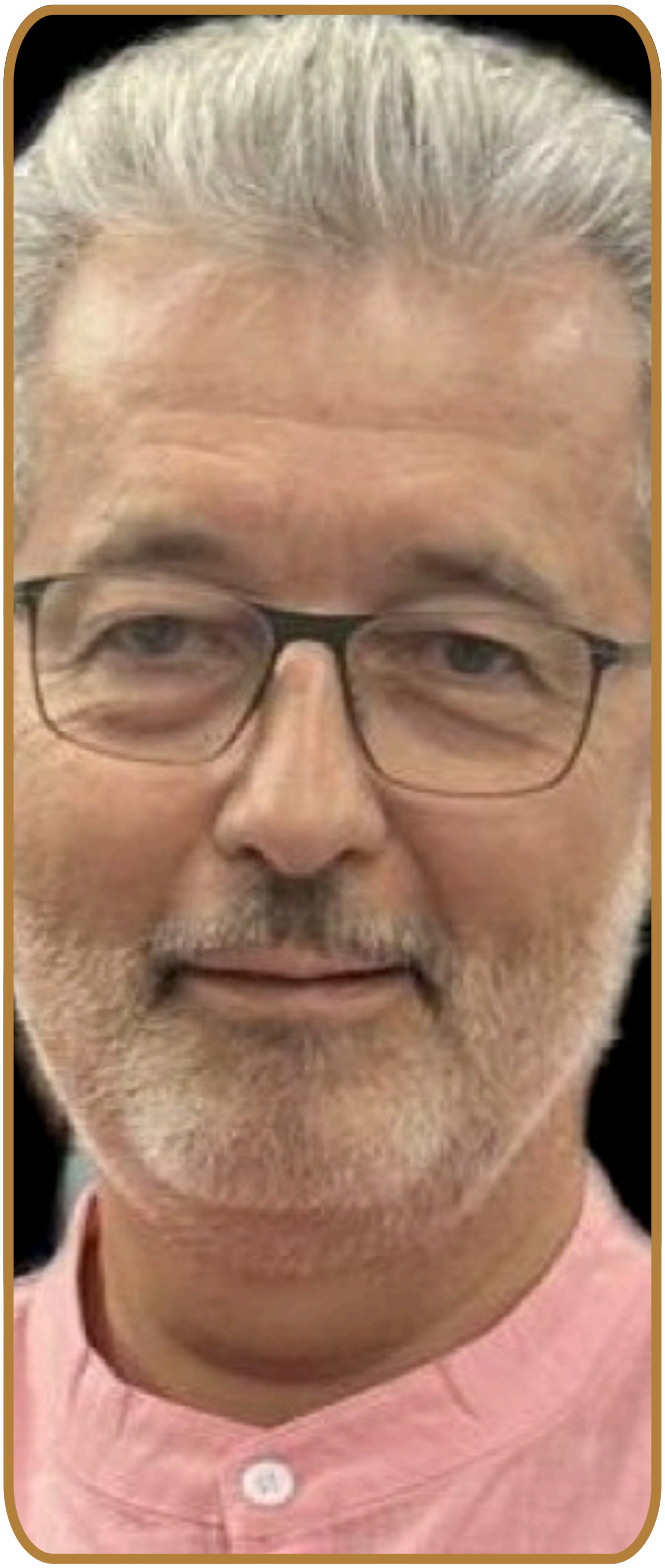
He also serves as President – Media & Public Engagement Vertical at BRISEC Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BRISEC CCI), where he contributes towards strengthening public communication, stakeholder engagement, institutional outreach, and constructive dialogue across business and society.

His leadership reflects the growing importance of effective communication in connecting institutions, industries, communities, and international partners. Through strategic media engagement, collaborative initiatives, and innovative outreach, Dr. Manikoth continues to contribute to a stronger and more connected institutional ecosystem.

Chicago Open University honours Dr. Vijay Manikoth with the Honorary Doctorate (Honoris Causa) in recognition of his professional achievements, leadership, entrepreneurial vision, and contributions to media and communication. His association with Winning Edge Group and BRISEC CCI reflects his commitment to innovation, collaboration, and meaningful public engagement.

President – BRISEC Strategy, Governance & Transformation, BRISEC Chamber of Commerce & Industry

From Recognition to Responsibility. From Leadership to Legacy



Dr. Alexander G. Matthey

Chicago Open University proudly celebrates Dr. Alexander Mathey, a distinguished Honoris Causa alumnus, on his appointment as President – BRISEC Strategy, Governance & Transformation, BRISEC Chamber of Commerce & Industry. His journey reflects the true meaning of recognition—transforming achievement into greater responsibility, strategic vision, and meaningful contribution.

With a strong focus on governance, innovation, institutional transformation, and sustainable growth, Dr. Mathey brings a forward-looking approach to strengthening organizations and creating long-term value. His leadership vision embraces collaboration with industry, institutions, policymakers, and stakeholders to build resilient, future-ready, and globally connected ecosystems.

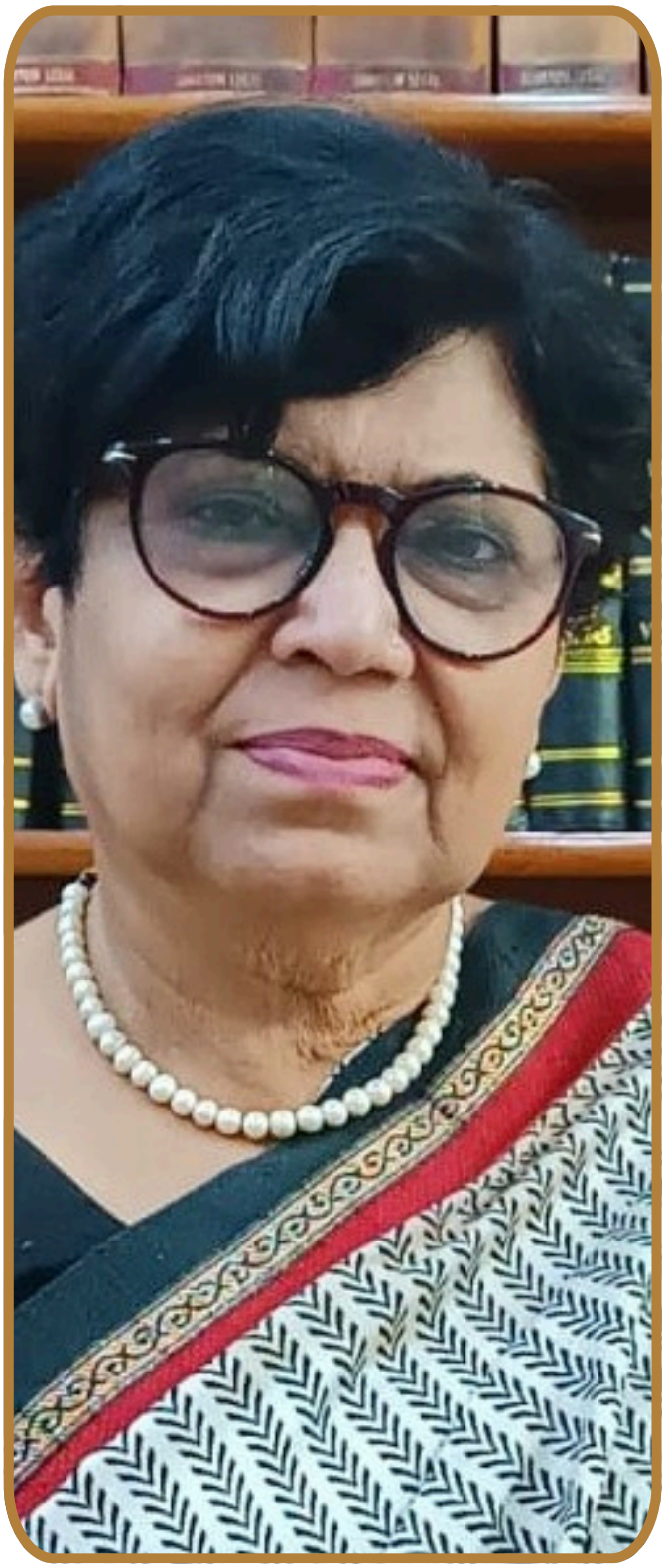
Through his new responsibility, Dr. Mathey aims to foster a culture of strategic thinking, accountability, innovation, and continuous improvement. His approach recognizes that effective governance and thoughtful transformation are essential to enabling institutions to navigate change, embrace emerging opportunities, and achieve sustainable excellence.

His journey also reflects the enduring value of the COU Honoris Causa Alumni community—where recognition is not an end, but a platform for continued growth, leadership, and service. His transition from distinguished recognition to strategic responsibility stands as an inspiring example of turning professional accomplishments into meaningful institutional impact.

For Chicago Open University, his journey represents the spirit of excellence, lifelong learning, responsible leadership, and impact demonstrating how professional achievement can evolve into a lasting legacy.

Journalist | Lawyer | Human Rights Activist | Social Justice Advocate

Advancing Justice, Human Rights and Dignity Through Law and Public Service



Smt. Sangeeta Sharma

Sangeeta Sharma is a distinguished multidisciplinary professional with expertise in Law, Journalism, Human Rights, Social Justice, and Community Development. Her career reflects a strong commitment to empowering underprivileged and marginalized communities and promoting accessible justice and human dignity.With experience in social justice lawyering, she advocates dialogue, mediation, and amicable dispute resolution. She is also associated with Sports Indians, promoting sports, health, discipline, confidence, and inclusion among children and other communities.

As National Secretary of the International Human Rights Organization (IHRO), Ms. Sharma has contributed to human rights awareness and advocacy. She has served as a Visiting Faculty member at the University of Delhi and other institutions, delivering lectures on Human Rights and Refugee Rights. Her professional interests include international arbitration, intellectual property, sports law, refugee rights, and international law.Sangeeta Sharma heads Grameen World and Law and Business News, contributing to informed public discourse through journalism. She is the author of 100 Legal Luminaries of India and holds qualifications in International Relations, Law, Intellectual Property Rights, Journalism, and Home Science.

Through her work across law, media, human rights, education, and social initiatives, she continues to promote justice, inclusion, empowerment, and community development. Chicago Open University proudly acknowledges her contributions to Law, Human Rights, Journalism, and Social Justice.

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Chicago Open University proudly celebrates Shri Vijay Ram Rattan , President – Farm Communities Vertical, BRISEC Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Officially Chairman of Ram Rattan Group and Patron of the COU Convocation Magazine.

His distinguished leadership and vision and purpose for sustainable farm communities, responsible development, strategic collaboration, and community empowerment reflect a commitment to creating meaningful opportunities for the future.

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Shri Umashankar Pandey, Padma Shri



Shri Umashankar Pandey, D.Litt., Padma Shri Awardee and renowned water conservationist, has dedicated his life to social service and community-led water conservation. Founder of the Jalgram and Medbandi Yagya Campaign, he has revived traditional practices such as "Med on the Farm, Trees on the Bund" to promote rainwater conservation, sustainable agriculture and rural development. Through thousands of Paani Ki Pathshalas and nationwide awareness initiatives, his work has engaged communities, students and institutions across drought-affected regions. His contributions have received recognition from the Government of India and various national and international institutions, including the Padma Shri (2023) and National Water Warrior Award. In recognition of his sustained contribution to water conservation, social service and rural development, he is proposed for the Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Water Conservation, Social Service & Community Development.

Smt. Meena Bhatia

Vice President & General Manager Le Méridien New Delhi



Ms. Meena Bhatia, Vice President & General Manager of Le Méridien New Delhi, is a senior hospitality professional with extensive experience in hotel operations, sales and marketing, revenue management, brand development and strategic leadership. Her active engagement with industry bodies including CII Tourism Committee, CII Delhi State Council, Indian Women's Network and WICCI reflects her contribution to tourism, hospitality and women's leadership. With a distinguished professional journey and continued executive development through programmes associated with Stanford Graduate School of Business and Cornell University, she is proposed for the Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Hospitality, Tourism & Leadership, recognising her cumulative professional contribution and leadership in the hospitality sector.

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Dr. hc Anjuli Libang

Social Work & Community Development



Chicago Open University, Delaware, USA, is pleased to confer upon Anjuli Libang the Honorary Distinction (Honoris Causa) in Social Work, Women's Empowerment, Child Welfare & Community Development, in recognition of her longstanding commitment to grassroots social service, particularly in North East India. Since 1992, she has contributed to initiatives supporting rural women, children, Self-Help Groups, women's cooperatives, education, livelihoods, and local entrepreneurship. Her association with community institutions, including the Women Welfare Society and Child Welfare Committee, reflects her dedication to empowering women, supporting vulnerable communities, and promoting inclusive development. Chicago Open University honours Smt. Anjuli Libang for her meaningful contribution to social welfare, community leadership, and the advancement of women and children.

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Dr. hc Pravinkumar Tukaram Lade

Education, Educational Leadership & Social Development



Chicago Open University, Delaware, Department of Honorary Awards, congratulates Pravinkumar Tukaram Lade, Principal, Chhatrapati Shivaji High School & Junior College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Dhule, Maharashtra, and hereby recognises him with the Honorary Doctorate (Honoris Causa) in Education, Educational Leadership & Social Development in recognition of his distinguished contribution to education, academic administration, institutional leadership, student development and social advancement. His sustained commitment to quality education, teacher coordination, student welfare, discipline, sports, cultural activities, NCC and community awareness reflects exemplary leadership and service. His intellectual contribution, "Transforming School Education: The Role of Educational Leadership in Developing Responsible, Skilled and Nation-Building Citizens," further reflects his vision for progressive education and responsible citizenship. Chicago Open University honours his valuable service and wishes him continued success in advancing education and society.

Humanitarian Leadership & Inclusive Community Development

Dr. hc Paul Sushruta Gomes

Chicago Open University congratulates Paul Sushruta Gomes, Mr. Asia World 26, Thailand on his conferment of the Honorary Doctorate (Honoris Causa) in Humanitarian Leadership & Inclusive Community Development, in recognition of his multidisciplinary contributions as an Engineer, Entrepreneur, Project Manager and Community Leader, and his dedicated commitment to professional excellence, humanitarian service, community development and inclusive support for children with disabilities and their families. His international professional experience and leadership demonstrate the purposeful application of knowledge and expertise for broader social impact. His commitment to inclusive development, innovation and community empowerment reflects the values of responsible and compassionate leadership. Chicago Open University honours his valuable contributions and wishes him continued success in his professional and humanitarian endeavors.



Dr. hc Tejaskumar Bipinchandra Patel

Cooperative Leadership, Sustainable Agriculture & Rural Development



Chicago Open University congratulates Tejaskumar Bipinchandra Patel on being recognised with the Honorary Doctorate (Honoris Causa) in Cooperative Leadership, Sustainable Agriculture & Rural Development, in recognition of his distinguished leadership and sustained contributions to the cooperative sector, sustainable agriculture, farmer empowerment and rural development. His association with leading cooperative institutions reflects his commitment to strengthening the cooperative movement and advancing the socio-economic well-being of farming communities. His contributions to cooperative banking, organic and natural farming, renewable energy and inclusive agricultural growth demonstrate a strong commitment to sustainable development. His service and leadership have contributed meaningfully to rural transformation and community advancement. Chicago Open University honours his valuable contributions and wishes him continued success in serving farmers, rural communities and society.

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Dr. hc C. M. Garg

Social Leadership, Community Service & Financial Entrepreneurship



The Department of Honorary Awards, Chicago Open University, warmly congratulates C. M. Garg on being honoured with the Honorary Doctorate (Honoris Causa) in Social Leadership, Community Service & Financial Entrepreneurship, in recognition of his more than five decades of professional and social engagement across financial services, insurance, entrepreneurship, organisational leadership, charitable activities, education and community welfare. His lifelong commitment to social responsibility, community development and inclusive leadership reflects a meaningful dedication to serving society. His article, "Community Welfare through Faith-Based and Charitable Organizations," further reflects his commitment to social and community advancement. Chicago Open University honours his valuable contributions and wishes him continued success in his professional and social endeavours.

Community Development

Dr. hc Pelsem Tayeng

Chicago Open University congratulates Palsem Tayeng on being conferred the Honorary Doctorate (Honoris Causa) in Community Development, in recognition of his long-standing contributions to local self-governance, traditional village administration, grassroots leadership and socio-cultural development in Arunachal Pradesh. His service as an Anchal Samiti Member, Anchal Chairperson, Gaon Bura and office bearer of the Gaon Bura Association reflects his commitment to community welfare, traditional governance, cultural preservation and rural development. His biographical contribution, "The Role of Gaon Buras in Preserving Traditional Governance among the Adi Community," further highlights his dedication to preserving traditional institutions and community values. Chicago Open University honours his valuable grassroots leadership and wishes him continued success in community development and social service.



Dr. hc Habung Tamang

Anthropology, Cultural Heritage & Community Development



Chicago Open University, Delaware, through its Department of Honorary Awards, warmly congratulates Habung Tamang on receiving an Honorary Doctorate (Honoris Causa) in Anthropology—with special recognition in Indigenous Anthropology, Cultural Heritage & Community Development—for his outstanding interdisciplinary contributions to Northeast India's indigenous communities, law, and social development, as well as his article contribution, "Indigenous Knowledge, Cultural Identity and Community Development: An Anthropological Perspective on Indigenous Communities of Northeast India."
This honorary recognition celebrates his professional legal expertise, educational leadership, and dedicated advocacy for regional cultural heritage.

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Dr. hc Vijayalakshmy Selvarajan

Cosmetology and Aesthetic Science



Chicago Open University, Delaware, through its Department of Honorary Awards, warmly congratulates Vijayalakshmi on receiving an Honorary Doctorate (Honoris Causa) for her distinguished contributions to holistic healthcare leadership, social service, community empowerment, and sustainable rural development, as well as her publication, "Integrating Spiritual Wisdom with Modern Healthcare Administration." This ceremonial recognition celebrates her dedication to ethical administration, mental wellness, cultural initiatives, and humanitarian service that uplholds human dignity and drives meaningful progress across local communities. While this non-academic distinction is conferred for outstanding societal service rather than as an earned degree, it underscores a philosophy of integrity and compassion, accompanied by her solemn affirmation to use her experience and influence to serve humanity with dedicated leadership.

Agricultural Entrepreneurship & Rural Development

Dr. hc Nanavath Bhupal Naik

Chicago Open University, Delaware, through its Department of Honorary Awards, warmly congratulates Nanavath Bhupal Naik (NBN) on receiving an Honorary Doctorate (Honoris Causa) in Agricultural Entrepreneurship & Rural Development for his visionary leadership in empowering farming communities, strengthening market linkages, and promoting sustainable rural enterprise. As the Founder & Director of Kisaan Parivar Limited, his impactful work has integrated over 60,000 farmers into organized markets and scalable supply chains, demonstrating significant economic growth and rural transformation. While this non-academic distinction is conferred as a mark of respect for distinguished service rather than an earned academic degree, it underscores a profound commitment to inclusive development, accompanied by his solemn pledge to uphold this honour through integrity, responsible leadership, and continued service to agricultural communities.



Dr. hc Chhowang Lamu Rongradu

Community Leadership, Cultural Preservation, Social Development



The Department of Honoris Causa, Chicago Open University, Delaware, USA, congratulates Smt. Chowhang Lamu Rongradu on her distinguished nomination for the Honorary Doctorate (Honoris Causa) in Community Leadership, Social Development & Cultural Preservation, in recognition of her sustained public service, grassroots leadership and commitment to community welfare, social unity, inclusive development and indigenous cultural preservation. Her tenure as Zila Parishad Chairperson of West Kameng District (2013–2020) and three consecutive terms as Zila Parishad Member from 9-Ligergaon reflect her longstanding community leadership. The nomination is subject to verification of supporting documents and contribution evidence. The recommended article is “Grassroots Leadership for Inclusive Community Development: Preserving Cultural Identity While Building a Progressive Future.” This Honorary Doctorate is an honorary, non-degree distinction and does not constitute an earned academic or professional qualification.

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Dr. hc Arvind Kumar Singh

Community Development, Social Welfare & Humanitarian Leadership



Chicago Open University, Department of Honoris Causa, is pleased to congratulate Arvind Kumar Singh on the conferment of the Honorary Doctorate (Honoris Causa) in Community Development, Social Welfare & Humanitarian Leadership, in recognition of his meaningful contributions to community welfare, humanitarian assistance, social support, healthcare facilitation, voluntary blood donation, environmental awareness and community mobilisation. Through his dedicated efforts to support economically disadvantaged families, needy patients and vulnerable communities, while promoting blood donation, community welfare and environmental responsibility, he has demonstrated commendable commitment to public service and inclusive community development. The Department acknowledges his leadership, compassion and dedication and wishes him continued success in his humanitarian and community-service initiatives.

Social Service, Community Development & Humanitarian Leadership

Dr. hc Amit Kumar

Chicago Open University, USA, proudly confers upon Amit Kumar the Honorary Distinction (Honoris Causa) in Social Service, Community Development & Humanitarian Leadership, in recognition of his commitment to community welfare and humanitarian service, particularly through his association with Helping Hand Trust in supporting economically disadvantaged girls, facilitating marriages and providing assistance according to individual needs. His leadership as State President, Bihar, of the Akhil Bharatiya Kshatriya Mahasabha (Shri Ram Vanshaj), along with his continued community engagement, reflects his dedication to social responsibility and humanitarian welfare. Chicago Open University congratulates Shri Amit Kumar alias Mintu Singh and acknowledges his valuable contribution to society. This Honorary Distinction is ceremonial in nature and does not constitute an earned academic degree, diploma or professional qualification, nor confer academic, legal, professional or licensing rights.



Dr. hc Nyaluk Doni

Entrepreneur, Businessman & Community Development Professional



The Department of Honorary Awards, Chicago Open University (COU), Delaware, USA, congratulates Nyaluk Doni on the conferment of the Honorary Distinction of Honoris Causa in Entrepreneurship & Community Development, in recognition of his approximately 26-year entrepreneurial journey marked by initiative, perseverance, enterprise development and business diversification. His professional journey spans hospitality, food and retail, bakery and food production, franchise operations, fitness, indoor sports and recreational services, reflecting his ability to identify opportunities and develop enterprises serving the local community. His involvement in community activities and organisational responsibilities further reflects his commitment to leadership, community participation and social service. Through his entrepreneurial initiatives and community-oriented contributions, Shri Nyaluk Doni has demonstrated a sustained spirit of enterprise, leadership and service. The Honoris Causa distinction is an honorary and ceremonial recognition and does not constitute an earned academic degree, diploma, academic credit. professional qualification.

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Congratulates

Dr. hc Kapil Khandelwal

Entrepreneurship, Branding & Strategic Communication



Kapil Khandelwal is recognised for his over four decades of entrepreneurial leadership and distinguished contributions to print media, branding, business development, trade promotion and strategic communication. As a first-generation entrepreneur and through his leadership at Topline Print Media Pvt. Ltd., his contribution to GTTCI, and his service through Lions Club Delhi Veg, he has demonstrated a sustained commitment to entrepreneurship, professional excellence, business networking and community leadership. His journey reflects valuable experience in building enterprises, fostering business connectivity, strengthening professional networks and promoting a globally oriented vision. Chicago Open University acknowledges and honours his contribution to advancing enterprise, strategic communication and professional and social leadership. This Honorary Distinction is conferred in recognition of distinguished entrepreneurial leadership, professional contribution and service. It is a ceremonial honorary distinction and does not constitute an earned academic degree, diploma or professional qualification, nor confer academic, legal, professional or licensing rights.

Strategic Management & Corporate Communication

Dr. hc Akshay Goyal



Chicago Open University, Department of Honorary Awards, confers the Honorary Distinction (Honoris Causa) in Strategic Management & Corporate Communication upon Akshay Goyal in recognition of his professional contributions across business consultancy, strategic business development, corporate communication, networking, legal services and relationship management. With over 18 years of experience across media, education, tourism, pharmaceuticals, real estate, events and finance, he has demonstrated sustained engagement in business development, strategic communication, corporate networking and professional leadership. His multidisciplinary experience and involvement in business advisory, entrepreneurship, public relations and institutional initiatives reflect a meaningful contribution to strategic enterprise development and professional networking. Chicago Open University acknowledges his professional journey, leadership and commitment to building meaningful business and professional networks, and extends its best wishes for his continued success.

Dr. hc Duma Yekar

Leadership, Community Development & Social Service



Chicago Open University, Department of Honorary Awards, congratulates Duma Yekar on the conferment of the Honorary Distinction (Honoris Causa) in Women's Leadership, Community Development & Social Service, in recognition of her more than three decades of dedicated grassroots service, women's empowerment, community leadership and public engagement in Arunachal Pradesh. Her contributions to local governance, education, youth development, social welfare and the preservation of indigenous community values reflect a sustained commitment to empowering women, strengthening communities and advancing inclusive social development. Chicago Open University acknowledges her distinguished journey from grassroots community service to leadership in public, social and women-focused institutions and extends its warm congratulations and best wishes for her continued contribution to society and community development.

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Dr. hc Neelesh Banthia

Law, Justice & Legal Advocacy



Chicago Open University, USA, proudly confers upon Neelesh Banthia the Honorary Distinction (Honoris Causa) in Law, Justice & Legal Advocacy, in recognition of his longstanding contribution to the legal profession and extensive experience across civil, criminal, revenue, labour, industrial, consumer and human-rights matters. His practice before various judicial and statutory forums, along with his legal advisory and community service, reflects a sustained commitment to advocacy, access to justice and legal awareness. His professional exposure across diverse areas of law reflects a multidisciplinary approach to legal practice and public service. His engagement with charitable and community institutions further demonstrates his commitment to applying legal knowledge for social benefit. Chicago Open University acknowledges his professional journey, legal advocacy and valuable contribution to law and society, and extends its warm congratulations and best wishes for his continued success.

Engineering, automotive manufacturing & leadership

Dr. hc Girish Chandra Gupta



The Department of Honorary Awards, Chicago Open University, extends its sincere congratulations to Girish Gupta and confers upon him the Honorary Distinction — Honoris Causa, in recognition of his distinguished contribution to entrepreneurship, engineering and manufacturing leadership. With over three decades of experience and a strong foundation in Mechanical Engineering, he has demonstrated entrepreneurial leadership in technology-driven manufacturing, precision machining, tooling, automotive components and production management, reflecting innovation, technical excellence, quality consciousness and industrial leadership. This recognition honours his professional accomplishments and contribution to engineering-led entrepreneurship. Honoris Causa is an honorary and ceremonial distinction and is not an earned academic degree, diploma or professional qualification; it confers no academic, legal, professional, licensing or statutory rights. The designation "Dr. hc", where used, is strictly ceremonial and must not be represented as an earned doctoral qualification.

Dr. hc M. Devendra

Hospitality, Tourism & Professional Education Leadership



I, M. Devendra, gratefully accept this distinguished honour conferred upon me by Chicago Open University and solemnly pledge to uphold its dignity and purpose through integrity, humility, responsible leadership, dedicated service, innovation, and a lifelong commitment to excellence. I pledge to continue contributing to the advancement of hospitality, tourism, professional education, academic leadership, curriculum development, quality enhancement, and meaningful industry–academia collaboration. I shall strive to share my knowledge and experience for the development of students, educators, professionals, and institutions, and to encourage learning, employability, ethical practice, innovation, and continuous professional growth. I further pledge to uphold the values of education and service, to support initiatives that contribute positively to society, and to carry this honour with sincerity, dignity, and responsibility. I acknowledge that this is an honorary recognition and not an earned academic degree or educational qualification, and I shall honour its purpose through continued professional contribution and responsible conduct. With gratitude and commitment, I affirm this pledge and accept this honour with utmost respect. So I affirm and pledge.

CHICAGO OPEN UNIVERSITY, DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF HONORARY AWARDS

Congratulates

Dr. hc Dilip Kumar

Entrepreneurship, Real Estate & Business Development



Chicago Open University is pleased to confer upon Dilip Kumar the Honorary Distinction / Honoris Causa in Entrepreneurship, Real Estate & Business Development, in recognition of his entrepreneurial leadership and professional contribution to the real-estate sector, particularly in property development, real-estate investment, business development, and client-focused advisory services. With over 15 years of industry experience as Founder & CEO of BestoCity Realtors, he has demonstrated an entrepreneurial approach to residential, commercial, and industrial real estate, contributing to professional property services and investment-oriented solutions. His journey reflects enterprise, perseverance, leadership, customer service, sustainable development, and community-oriented growth. This Honorary Distinction is ceremonial in nature and does not constitute an earned academic degree, diploma, or professional qualification, nor does it confer academic, legal, professional, or licensing rights. Any ceremonial use of "Dr. hc" must not be represented as an earned or recognised academic credential.

Education Leadership, School Development & Community Service

Dr. hc Albert Mra



Albert Mra, a distinguished educationist and retired Headmaster, is recognised for his dedicated contribution to education leadership, school development and community welfare. During his tenure as Headmaster of Government Secondary School, Taliha, he demonstrated committed leadership in improving classroom infrastructure, sanitation, drinking-water facilities, playgrounds, plantation, safety measures and the overall learning environment. His efforts helped create a more hygienic, safe and supportive space for students and the wider school community. In recognition of his distinguished service and commitment to educational and community development, Chicago Open University, Delaware, USA, is pleased to confer upon Shri Albert Mra the Honorary Distinction (Honoris Causa) in Education Leadership & School Development. This Honorary Distinction is ceremonial in nature and does not constitute an earned academic degree, diploma, professional qualification, licence or academic credit.

Dr. hc Omem Tasung Boko



Omem Boko is recognised for her longstanding contribution to traditional village governance, customary practices and grassroots community leadership in Arunachal Pradesh. As a Head Gaon Buri, associated with the Bosing Banggo Circle, and Chief Advisor of the All Arunachal Pradesh Gaon Bura-Buri Association, she has contributed to preserving indigenous traditions, customary institutions, community harmony and traditional systems of governance. Her service reflects valuable knowledge of customary practices, community leadership and the important role of women in traditional institutions. Chicago Open University honours her dedication to preserving indigenous governance traditions and strengthening community values. This is a ceremonial honorary distinction and does not constitute an earned academic degree, professional qualification, or confer academic, legal, professional or licensing rights.

CHICAGO OPEN UNIVERSITY, DELAWARE, USA HONORARY FELLOWSHIP – PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY

Mr. Puneet Kataria

Industrial Sales, Marketing, Business Development & Category Management



In recognition of his demonstrated professional contribution and over 15 years of experience in industrial sales, technical marketing, business development, category management and commercial leadership.

Shri Puneet Kataria has distinguished himself through his professional engagement in B2B sales, key-account and OEM management, product development, category strategy, vendor and sourcing management, industrial e-commerce, revenue growth and team leadership. His experience reflects a strong ability to bridge technical expertise with commercial strategy and customer-centric business development.

His contribution to product and category growth, sales expansion, new product development, market development and professional team management reflects sustained application of knowledge and leadership within the industrial sector.

This Honorary Fellowship is conferred in recognition of his professional experience, industry contribution, leadership, practical knowledge and commitment to continuous learning, mentoring and knowledge sharing.

This Honorary Fellowship is not an academic degree, academic credit, accredited qualification, professional licence, or evidence of completion of a degree-level programme.

Chicago Open University acknowledges his contribution to the advancement of professional practice in the field of Industrial Sales, Marketing, Business Development & Category Management, and encourages his continued engagement in professional thought leadership, mentoring and industry knowledge development.

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Shri Umashankar Pandey, D.Litt — Lifetime Achievement Award

Introduction



Hon'ble Shri Umashankar Pandey, D.Litt., is a distinguished social worker and water conservationist who was honoured with the Padma Shri by the Hon'ble President of India in 2023 in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the field of social service, particularly in water conservation. He has also been honoured with the National Water Warrior Award by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India.

Born in Jakhni village of Banda, Uttar Pradesh, Shri Pandey has dedicated his life to reviving traditional and community-based water conservation practices. He is the founder of the Jalgram Medbandi Yagya Campaign in Bundelkhand and has revived the traditional principle "Med on the Farm, Trees on the Bund" as a practical model for rainwater conservation, sustainable agriculture and rural development.

His approach has helped transform hundreds of villages in Bundelkhand and other drought-affected regions into Jalgrams (water-resilient villages). The model has become an example of community-based water management, with farmers across the country adopting traditional methods of conserving rainwater and improving agricultural productivity.



Through more than 3,000 Paani Ki Pathshalas (Water Schools) across ten drought-affected states, Shri Pandey has helped create awareness among more than one million students, including those from primary schools, junior high schools, high schools and intermediate colleges. Thousands of teachers, ministers, Members of Legislative Assemblies, Members of Parliament, government officials, district collectors and representatives of state and central governments have also participated in these initiatives.

His traditional water conservation principle of "Med on the Farm, Trees on the Bund" has received recognition and support from both state and central governments and has been incorporated into wider water conservation initiatives across the country. His efforts have also contributed to the development and implementation of the Atal Bhujal Yojana, which has been implemented across more than 10,000 Gram Panchayats, with over 1,050 Jalgrams developed under related water conservation efforts.

Overcoming Physical and Social Challenges

Despite living with physical disability and facing social and resource-related challenges, Shri Pandey remained committed to his mission. Working without relying on government assistance in the initial stages, he mobilised communities and revived traditional practices passed down through generations to undertake water conservation through collective community participation.

With the spirit of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas," his work has contributed to rural development, improved agricultural productivity, employment generation and efforts to reduce migration from rural areas of Bundelkhand.

Institutional and National Contributions

Shri Pandey has been nominated as a member of several important committees of the Government of Uttar Pradesh and the Government of India. He has served as a member of the Managing Committee of the Deendayal Research Institute (DRI), founded by Bharat Ratna Nanaji Deshmukh.

He has also been associated as a special member with the Natural Farming Mission of the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, and as a Jury Member of the National Water Awards Committee constituted by the Ministry of Jal Shakti.

In addition, he has contributed to various committees and initiatives relating to the Ganga, river conservation, drinking water and sanitation. His work has received recognition from institutions including NITI Aayog and the Ministry of Jal Shakti as a model of community-led water conservation.

National and International Honours

For his exceptional contribution to water conservation and social service, Shri Pandey has received several prestigious honours, including:

- Padma Shri – 2023, conferred by the Hon'ble President of India for Social Work.
- National Award – 2020, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India.
- State Award – 1999, Government of Uttar Pradesh.
- World Book of Records Honour
- Sant Vinoba Award
- Jal Prahari Award
- The Water Digest Award
- Several other national and international recognitions for his contribution to water conservation and community development.



TheHitavada

'Public movement needed to save Naag river'

By Kaushik Bhattacharya

"NAAG river is the identity of Nagpur city, and it is dying. There is no water left except sewage. There is a need of public movement for conservation of Naag river. For this, every citizen should understand his/her responsibility towards water conservation," said *Padma Shri* Umashankar Pandey, a prominent water conservation advocate, while talking to 'The Hitavada' on Tuesday.

"We cannot blame only the Government for poor condition of our water bodies. We should accept our mistakes and understand our responsibility of saving water for future generations," said Pandey.

Suggesting ways to conserve water bodies, Pandey proposed to establish Water University, Water Museum and Water Library in every city to sensitise people about water conservation. "Due to the absence of a dedicated institution globally, we are illiterate in water education in which our ancestors had expertise thousands of years ago."

Pics by Amit Pulate

Padma Shri Umashankar Pandey, a prominent water conservationist, proposes Water University, Water Museum and Water Library in every city to sensitise people about water conservation

Pandey's innovative water conservation model has been successfully implemented in over 470 gram panchayats across Bundelkhand and continues to expand. He remains actively involved in the Bundelkhand region, working to transform water-scarce villages into water-abundant ones. Pandey's efforts have earned national recognition, including praise from Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Prime Minister, in his Mann Ki Baat campaign, highlighted Pandey's water model and even wrote a letter to the heads of states, encouraging the adoption of his model for water conservation.

While talking about water business, Padma Shri Pandey claimed, "In ancient time, water was worshipped in India and it is an important source of life.

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Vision for the Future

Inspired by the vision of a water-secure and self-reliant India, Shri Pandey has transformed traditional community awareness and Medbandi practices into a wider movement for modern water management.

Through the "Med on the Farm, Trees on the Bund" campaign, rainwater is conserved within agricultural fields, helping improve soil moisture, agricultural productivity and rural livelihoods.

He has conducted water-awareness dialogues with students and young people at more than 150 central and state universities, IITs, IIMs and training institutions, inspiring future generations to participate in water conservation.

His nationwide initiatives include Atal Bhujal Yatra, "Jal Ke Liye Chal," "Jal Kosh Yatra," and "Paani Ki Pathshala," through which millions of students, farmers and citizens have been encouraged to understand and participate in water conservation.

Shri Umashankar Pandey envisions establishing India's first Water University, featuring a Water Museum and Water Library, while promoting community-supported Paani Ki Pathshalas in every Gram Panchayat to educate and inspire future generations.

His larger vision is to transform the water movement into a people's movement — a nationwide Jal Kranti (Water Revolution) — where communities, governments and future generations work together to ensure the conservation and sustainable management of India's most precious natural resource.

Industry-Integrated Hospitality Education Framework for Employability Enhancement in Higher Education Institutions

Dr. hc M. Devendra

Hospitality, Tourism & Professional Education Leadership

Introduction

I believe that hospitality education is increasingly shifting from conventional classroom-based learning toward industry-responsive education. In my view, employers today expect graduates to possess not only theoretical knowledge but also practical skills, communication abilities, digital literacy, adaptability, professional etiquette, and customer-handling capabilities. Therefore, I believe that higher education institutions must bridge the gap between academic learning and real-world hospitality requirements.

I consider an industry-integrated hospitality education framework to be an effective approach that combines academic curriculum with practical exposure through internships, industry visits, live projects, simulations, expert interactions, and workplace training. I also believe that industry participation in curriculum development, assessment, skill training, and continuous feedback is essential for creating meaningful learning outcomes. My objective is to support an educational approach that makes graduates job-ready, work-ready, and future-ready.

Objectives of the Study

The major objectives of my study are:

- To align the curriculum with industry requirements by incorporating current practices in service quality, technology, sustainability, hygiene, and customer management.
- To improve practical exposure and work readiness through internships, operational training, simulations, live projects, and industry visits.
- To develop soft skills and professional behaviour, including communication, teamwork, emotional intelligence, grooming, leadership, and conflict management.
- To strengthen industry-academia collaboration through industry mentors, advisory boards, guest experts, faculty interaction, and joint training initiatives.
- To improve placement and career outcomes by developing the technical and behavioural competencies required by employers.
- To promote innovation and lifelong learning so that graduates can adapt effectively to technological advancements and changing workplace requirements.

Analysis and Interpretation

Through my analysis, I find that employability in the hospitality sector depends not only on academic knowledge but also on practical competence, communication, adaptability, professional behaviour, and workplace exposure.

Curriculum Relevance

I believe a curriculum aligned with current industry practices—such as digital reservations, revenue management, sustainability, food safety, and customer service—can better prepare students for employment. Regular curriculum updates are essential to keep education relevant to industry needs.



Research Methodology

For my study, I follow a descriptive, exploratory, and analytical approach using both qualitative and quantitative methods. I propose to collect primary data through student questionnaires, faculty interviews, discussions with recruiters and industry professionals, internship-supervisor feedback, and graduate focus groups.

For secondary data, I consider institutional placement records, curriculum documents, academic literature, industry skill reports, policy documents, and accreditation guidelines.

I analyse the collected information using frequency, percentage, mean, ranking, comparative analysis, thematic analysis, and SWOT analysis. I acknowledge that my study may face certain limitations, including restricted sample size, differences among institutions, and regional variations in the hospitality industry.

Practical Training

I find that internships, operational laboratories, live projects, and simulations can help students develop confidence and workplace competence. Therefore, I believe that practical learning should be treated as a core component of hospitality education rather than merely as an additional academic activity.

Soft Skills

I consider communication, teamwork, courtesy, emotional intelligence, grooming, conflict management, and customer-centric behaviour to be essential competencies in hospitality. I believe that role plays, presentations, service simulations, and continuous feedback can significantly strengthen these skills.

IIndustry Interaction

I recognise the importance of guest lecturers, industry mentors, practitioner-led workshops, and workplace exposure in providing students with realistic knowledge of service standards, career opportunities, technology, and workplace challenges. I believe that regular interaction with industry professionals can help students understand the practical expectations of their future careers.

Placement and institutional reputation:

I believe that strong industry partnerships can contribute to better internship opportunities, placements, alumni networks, and institutional credibility. From my perspective, employers are more likely to engage with institutions that consistently develop skilled, disciplined, and professionally prepared graduates.

Digital transformation:

I recognise that modern hospitality increasingly depends on property-management systems, online booking platforms, digital payments, social media, customer reviews, and data-driven service management. Therefore, I consider digital literacy to be an important component of hospitality employability and believe that students should receive practical exposure to relevant digital technologies.

Recommendations

Based on my study and analysis, I recommend that higher education institutions should:

- Establish industry advisory boards to regularly review and update curricula.
- Integrate experiential learning throughout all semesters rather than restricting it to final-semester internships.
- Strengthen internship programmes through clearly defined learning outcomes, supervision, assessment, and employer feedback.
- Provide industry immersion and professional-development programmes for faculty members.
- Introduce structured modules on communication, customer handling, grooming, interview skills, emotional intelligence, and workplace etiquette.
- Integrate digital hospitality technologies, including reservation systems, property-management software, billing tools, digital portfolios, and online reputation management.
- Encourage industry-academia research and innovation focused on practical hospitality challenges.
- Develop strong alumni networks for mentoring, internships, recruitment, and professional networking.
- Adopt outcome-based assessment through practical demonstrations, projects, portfolios, case studies, viva voce, and employer feedback.
- Build long-term partnerships and MoUs with hotels, resorts, airlines, travel agencies, catering companies, and event organisations.

Conclusion

Through my study, I conclude that industry-integrated hospitality education can significantly improve graduate employability. Combining classroom learning with practical exposure, industry interaction, soft-skills development, technology, and effective assessment can better prepare students for the hospitality sector.

Strong collaboration between academia and industry can help develop competent, confident, and adaptable graduates. Therefore, industry integration should be viewed not only as training but as a strategic approach to connecting academic learning with professional practice.



The Inspiring Journey of a Woman Who Turned Pain into Power

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Cosmetology and Aesthetic Science

Introduction



In every generation, there are individuals whose lives become an inspiration to others. My journey is one of resilience, sacrifice, courage, and determination. Lovingly known as Viji Selvaraj Acharya, I am today recognized as an internationally respected beauty expert, trainer, cosmetologist, hair extension artist, wellness educator, and entrepreneur.

My journey, however, was not built on privilege or ease. It was shaped by challenges, responsibilities, sacrifices, and the unwavering determination to rise again whenever life tested me.

A Beautiful Beginning

I was born in 1967 in Krishnapuram, near Kayamkulam, Alappuzha district, to Lakshmanan Achary and Seethalakshmi. As the eldest of five siblings, I grew up in a traditional family where I learned the importance of responsibility, compassion, discipline, and strong cultural values.

From childhood, I had a natural passion for dance, performance, decoration, and creativity. I actively participated in school and village cultural programmes and was appreciated for my talent and confidence. Looking back, I believe those early experiences helped shape the artistic and determined woman I would eventually become.



Marriage and Family

While studying Pre-Degree, I met Selvaraj, and in 1985, we got married. I embraced family life wholeheartedly and devoted myself to being a wife and mother. The birth of our daughter, Lakshmy Priya, and later our son, Sharan Raj, brought immense happiness into my life.

Like many women, I temporarily placed my personal ambitions aside to dedicate myself to my family. However, the creative spirit within me never disappeared. It continued to grow quietly, waiting for the right opportunity.

Discovering My Calling

My journey into the beauty profession began naturally. During weddings and family celebrations, I would help women with makeup and grooming. People began appreciating my ability to enhance beauty with elegance and creativity.

I gradually realized that my passion could become a profession. While managing my family responsibilities, I pursued formal training in beauty and cosmetology. Through discipline, dedication, and continuous learning, I established myself as a respected beautician.

The Storm That Changed My Life

In 2010, my daughter Lakshmi Priya's marriage brought great happiness to our family. Soon afterwards, however, our family faced severe financial difficulties when my husband's business suffered significant losses. His health also began to deteriorate, placing enormous emotional and financial pressure on me.

There were sleepless nights, uncertainty, fear, and immense responsibility. Yet, I refused to surrender to my circumstances.

Instead, I made a courageous decision that would completely transform my life.

My Bold Journey to Dubai

In 2012, determined to rebuild my family's future, I took a bank loan and travelled to Dubai. With the support of a close friend, I established my own beauty parlour.

Starting a new life in a foreign country was not easy. I faced loneliness, cultural differences, financial pressure, and the responsibility of supporting my family. But I chose to keep moving forward.

Through relentless hard work, professionalism, and dedication, I gradually built a strong reputation. I worked hard to repay debts, support my son's education, and bring stability back to my family.

At the same time, I continued upgrading my skills through advanced training in beauty, cosmetology, skincare, makeup, and hair techniques.

Dubai became more than just a workplace for me. It became a turning point in my life and taught me the true meaning of independence, perseverance, and self-belief.

Becoming an International Beauty Expert

With years of experience and continuous education, I developed expertise in advanced makeup artistry, bridal styling, skincare, hair techniques, and hair extension artistry.

I began conducting beauty classes and workshops in Dubai and gradually earned recognition as a skilled makeup artist, trainer, and educator.

My journey from a small village in Kerala to the international beauty industry was not easy. It was built through determination, hard work, continuous learning, and my belief that there is always something new to learn.

Choosing Family Over Success

Just as my professional life abroad was gaining momentum, my husband's illness became more serious.

I faced another difficult decision. I chose to sell my beauty establishment in Dubai and return to India to stand beside my family.

For me, professional success could never be more important than the people I loved. Returning home was not a step backward. It was a decision guided by love, responsibility, and my commitment to my family.

Delhi, Advanced Learning and Global Exposure

When my son moved to Delhi for higher studies, I continued to develop myself professionally. I pursued advanced certifications and specialized training, particularly in hair extensions and modern beauty techniques.

My passion for learning also took me to countries including Malaysia, Sri Lanka, and Thailand, where I explored international beauty and wellness practices, including Thai massage and holistic wellness techniques.

Every experience expanded my knowledge, strengthened my confidence, and enriched my professional journey. I have always believed that learning should never stop, regardless of age or circumstances.

Recognition and Professional Excellence

Over more than three decades in the beauty and cosmetology industry, I have earned numerous certifications, diplomas, trainer qualifications, and professional honors.

Today, my professional identity includes:

- Certified Beauty Trainer
- Professional Teacher and Mentor
- Hair Extension Specialist
- International Beauty Educator
- Wellness Promoter
- Experienced Beauty and Cosmetology Professional



My Life Today

Today, I am the proud proprietor of Oasis Brides and Beauty & Tattoo Studio in Kollam city. I am also an active beauty trainer and instructor across Kerala, mentoring young professionals and helping women develop skills and build careers in the beauty industry.

For my students, I strive to be more than a teacher. I aim to be a mentor, guide, and source of motivation.

For my clients, I believe my role goes beyond beauty. I want every person who comes to me to leave with greater confidence and self-esteem.

My life has taught me that beauty is not only about appearance. True beauty is also about confidence, courage, character, and the ability to overcome challenges.

"No struggle is permanent when courage becomes stronger than fear."

My journey is about much more than beauty—it is a story of motherhood, sacrifice, resilience, determination, and the courage to rebuild. From a small village in Alappuzha to becoming an internationally respected beauty and wellness professional, I have built my path through hard work, continuous learning, and faith. Today, I take pride in being a beauty expert, mentor, and inspiration to women and aspiring professionals. My life has taught me that circumstances cannot define our destiny, and it is never too late to pursue our dreams. **Challenges may change our path, but courage gives us the strength to keep moving forward.**

Development of writing system for Kaman Mishmi; a language of Arunachal Pradesh

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Doctorate of Literature

Introduction



Arunachal Pradesh is a home for about 25 major tribes and more than 100 sub tribes. The Kaman Mishmi (historically called as Miju Mishmi) is one of the major tribes is found in Lohit and Anjaw Districts of Arunachal Pradesh. The linguistic stock of the Kaman Mishmi language is traditionally classified under the Tibeto-Burman branch of the Sino-Tibetan language family. The tribe professes nature worship with 9mik Matai (the Goddess of prosperity) being the Supreme Deity. Tamla-Dii is the major festival of the Tribe which is celebrated on 15" February every year. In this paper, an attempt has been made to highlight the genesis of the hard work put in by the like-minded intellectuals of the community in achieving an important milestone in developing writing system for Kaman Mishmi language. The paper also gives the readers a vivid idea as to how the Kaman Mishmi language can be written.

Background: Excepting the Monpas and the Tai Khamtis, all the indigenous communities of Arunachal Pradesh didn't have their own writing system. However, due to active intervention of the Community Based Organizations (CBOs), most of the tribes have now developed their own writing system in the past two decades and have developed lots of indigenous literature. The Government of Arunachal Pradesh has also introduced the teaching of indigenous language as Third Language in schools from Class-V1 to VIII It should be noted that the Government of Aruachal Pradesh is contemplating to introduce the teaching of indigenous language from the primary school level on wards conforming to the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. As for the Kaman Mishmi, the work for development of writing system started with the appointment of 3 Member Kaman Mishmi Language Development Committee (KMLDC) by Cultural and Literary Society of Mishmi (CALSOM) vide No. CALSOM/CORSD/02/15-16 dt 27/09/2015.

"Composition of Kaman Mishmi Language Development Committee (KMLDC)":
Shri Sokhep Kri : Chairman Shri Barum Massong : Member Shri Kruleso Ngadong : Member

The Committee was further enlarged by appointing 3 more members, namely
Shri Shivumso Chikro : Member
Dr. Sodyong Kri : Member
Shri Asamso Chaitom : Member

The team worked under the mentorship of Dr. Roger Blench, a British linguist, ethnomusicologist and development anthropologist. Initially the project work started with a collection of as many as words as possible to help in identifying vowels, consonants, nasals, glottals and tones etc of the language.

The Roman script has been adopted for writing Kaman Mishmi Language. The Language Development Committee finally submitted its report along with recommendations on 27/01/2027 to the Chairman, CALSOM and same has been accepted and approved.

Major principles of writing system

The objective was to write down Kaman Mishmi language; an unwritten language in a way that can easily type and read and is also easily taught to learners.

There are certain procedure that has been followed before introducing the writing system of Kaman Mishmi language;
• The language was analysed according to scientific linguistic principles,
• The principles were set out in an orthography document that makes suggestions for ways of writing the sounds of the language

The community participation was ensured in;

- Forming a Language Development Committee which is representative of speakers of the language.
- Creating a 'paper trail', that is a document recording the decisions of the Committee and the reasons for those decisions,
- Discussing the options for a writing system and making choices, giving reasons for those choices.

Then;

- The Language Development Committee then forwarded its decisions back to the author of the orthography document and the document was updated
- The Language Development Committee received the revised document, read and approved it

Next steps

- Atrial primer was created, a booklet which teaches new readers how to write their language.
- The trial primer was printed only after it was tested.

Reports and Recommendations

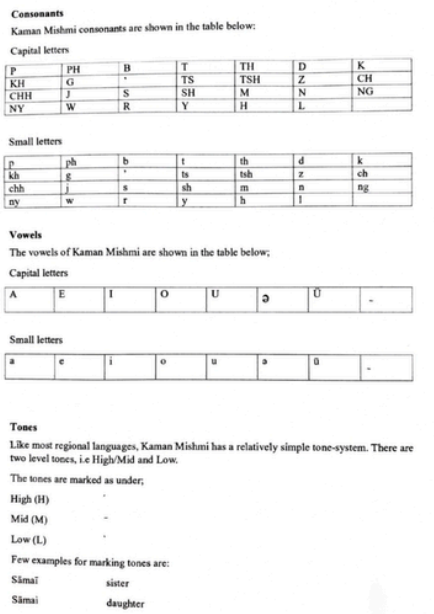
- Feedbacks received from community people were recorded and incorporated in the orthography documents and trial primer.
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Could Kaman Mishmi language be written in Devanagri?

It has been widely discussed as to how Kaman Mishmi language can be written and as to which script has to be adopted. There were also suggestions that the Kaman Mishmi language could be written in Devanagri. However, after doing detailed study, is has been found that Devanagri is poorly adapted to Kaman Mishmi as it has no tone-marks, no marks for retracted vowels and no long vowels. The Roman script powered by International Phonetic Albhabets (IPA) fulfils all that is required has been adopted for writing Kaman Mishmi language.

Conclusion:

Like many other languages in the world, now the Kaman Mishmi language can also be written. The community now has quite good numbers of literature published and translations done. Now that the language can be written and also being taught in the schools, the language will survive and shall be spoken widely. It is needless to say that there is huge scope for young researchers, who are interested in cultural & linguistic documentation.



Consonants

Kaman Mishmi consonants are shown in the table below:

Capital letters

P	PH	B	T	TH	D	K
KH	G	'	TS	TSH	Z	CH
CHH	J	S	SH	M	N	NG
NY	W	R	Y	H	L	

Small letters

p	ph	b	t	th	d	k
kh	g	'	ts	tsh	z	ch
chh	j	s	sh	m	n	ng
ny	w	r	y	h	l	

Vowels

The vowels of Kaman Mishmi are shown in the table below;

Capital letters

A	E	I	O	U	Ə	Ü	-

Small letters

a	e	i	o	u	ə	ü	-

Tones

Like most regional languages, Kaman Mishmi has a relatively simple tone-system. There are two level tones, i.e High/Mid and Low.

The tones are marked as under;

High (H) ´

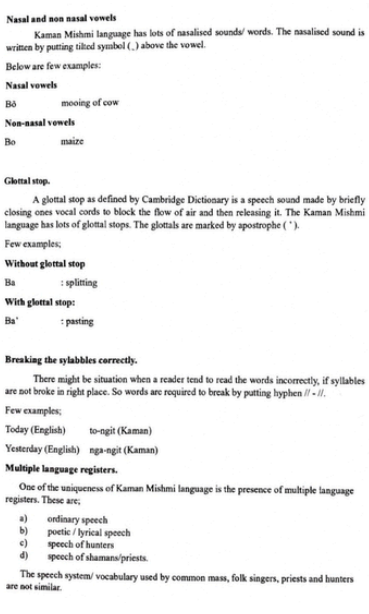
Mid (M) -

Low (L) `

Few examples for marking tones are:

Sāmaī sister

Sāmai daughter



Nasal and non nasal vowels

Kaman Mishmi language has lots of nasalised sounds/ words. The nasalised sound is written by putting tilted symbol (̰) above the vowel.

Below are few examples:

Nasal vowels

Bõ̰ mooing of cow

Non-nasal vowels

Bo maize

Glottal stop.

A glottal stop as defined by Cambridge Dictionary is a speech sound made by briefly closing ones vocal cords to block the flow of air and then releasing it. The Kaman Mishmi language has lots of glottal stops. The glottals are marked by apostrophe (').

Few examples;

Without glottal stop

Ba : splitting

With glottal stop:

Ba' : pasting

Breaking the sylabbles correctly.

There might be situation when a reader tend to read the words incorrectly, if syllables are not broke in right place. So words are required to break by putting hyphen // - //.

Few examples;

Today (English) to-ngit (Kaman)

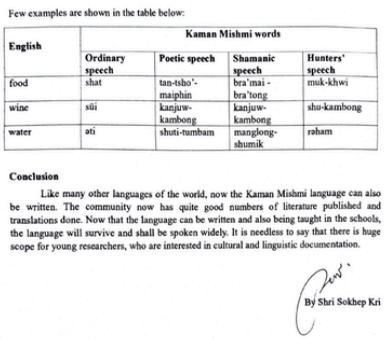
Yesterday (English) nga-ngit (Kaman)

Multiple language registers.

One of the uniqueness of Kaman Mishmi language is the presence of multiple language registers. These are;

a) ordinary speech
b) poetic / lyrical speech
c) speech of hunters
d) speech of shamans/priests.

The speech system/ vocabulary used by common mass, folk singers, priests and hunters are not similar.



Few examples are shown in the table below:

English	Kaman Mishmi words			
	Ordinary speech	Poetic speech	Shamanic speech	Hunters' speech
food	shat	tan-tsho'-maiphin	bra'mai - bra'tong	muk-khwi
wine	sūi	kanjuw-kambong	kanjuw-kambong	shu-kambong
water	ati	shuti-tumbam	manglong-shumik	raham

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MY JOURNEY OF FAITH, SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP
A Life Shaped by Purpose, Integrity and Service

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Social Leadership, Community Service &
Financial Entrepreneurship

Introduction



Every life is shaped by the values we inherit, the choices we make, and the people we serve. As I reflect upon my life's journey, I realize that my greatest achievements have never been measured by professional titles or financial success alone, but by the opportunities I have had to contribute to society and make a positive difference in the lives of others.

I was born in January 1956 in Kaithal, Haryana, into a family where honesty, discipline, humility, and respect for others formed the foundation of everyday life.

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As I continue this journey, I remain deeply grateful to my family, colleagues, friends, mentors, and countless volunteers who have walked alongside me. Every accomplishment I cherish has been possible because of their encouragement, trust, and unwavering support.

Education opened new doors for me. With determination and the encouragement of my family, I pursued my studies in Commerce at the University of Delhi, graduating in 1976. My years at the university broadened my understanding of commerce, economics, finance, and business administration. More importantly, they helped me appreciate the value of discipline, continuous learning, and ethical leadership.



After completing my graduation, I began my professional career with DCM Chemical Works, a unit of the renowned DCM Group. It was my first opportunity to experience the professional world, and I approached it with enthusiasm and sincerity.

Working in a respected corporate organization taught me the importance of teamwork, accountability, and commitment to excellence. Those early years helped me understand that every responsibility, regardless of its size, deserves complete dedication.

Later, I joined NBCC (India) Limited, where I gained further exposure to public sector administration and organizational management. Although my association there was relatively brief, it added valuable experience to my professional journey and strengthened my confidence to take on greater responsibilities.

A turning point in my career came in November 1978, when I joined the Central Warehousing Corporation, a Government of India undertaking. I regarded this opportunity as both an honour and a responsibility. I entered the organization with a determination to serve with integrity and professionalism.

The years I spent with the Central Warehousing Corporation were among the most formative of my professional life. Through dedication, hard work, and a sincere commitment to my duties, I steadily progressed through different positions before eventually becoming a Class-I Officer. Every promotion reminded me that success is earned through consistency, honesty, and perseverance rather than shortcuts.

Throughout my government service, I tried to uphold the highest standards of integrity. I believed that public institutions function effectively only when those entrusted with responsibility perform their duties with transparency, fairness, and accountability.

I was fortunate to work with dedicated colleagues and senior officers who encouraged me to continue learning and improving.

As India entered a period of economic transformation, year _____4 I became increasingly interested in entrepreneurship and the growing financial markets. I felt that the changing economic environment offered new opportunities to help individuals understand investments and financial planning. Motivated by this vision, I decided to embark on a new chapter of my professional life.

In June 1993, I entered the equity market as a financial intermediary. It was a significant decision that required courage and adaptability. Leaving the security of a government career to embrace entrepreneurship was not easy, but I believed that growth often begins where comfort ends.

The financial services sector taught me that trust is the most valuable asset anyone can possess. People entrusted me with their financial aspirations, their savings, and often their dreams for their families. I always considered it my moral responsibility to guide them honestly and ethically.

My objective was never limited to providing financial services; I wanted to build lasting relationships founded on transparency and mutual respect.

In May 1995, I had the privilege of becoming a Director of Sumit Biztech Pvt. Ltd., formerly known as Sumit Financial Services Pvt. Ltd. This responsibility allowed me to contribute to building an organization committed to ethical financial advisory services and customer-centric values. As the financial sector evolved with changing regulations and technology, I continued to adapt while ensuring that integrity remained at the heart of every decision.

Learning has always been a continuous process for me. I firmly believe that one should never stop growing, regardless of age or experience. This belief inspired me to enter another important field in June 2013 when I joined the insurance sector.

Insurance, in my view, is much more than a financial product. It is a promise of security, stability, and hope during life's uncertainties. Through my work, I sought to educate families about the importance of protecting their future and planning responsibly. Every family that gained financial security through proper guidance strengthened my conviction that meaningful work is ultimately about improving lives.

Another milestone came in April 2022, when I joined Ideal Insurance Brokers Pvt. Ltd. as a Director. This role enabled me to contribute my experience of several decades while mentoring younger professionals entering the industry. I have always believed that knowledge acquires greater value when it is shared generously with others.

Looking back on my professional journey, I recognize that every phase of my career taught me valuable lessons. The corporate sector taught me discipline, government service taught me responsibility, entrepreneurship taught me courage, and financial services taught me the importance of trust. Together, these experiences shaped not only my career but also my character.

Yet, even as my professional responsibilities increased, I always felt that my life's purpose extended beyond business and professional achievements. Success, to me, has never been measured solely by financial accomplishments or positions held. I have always believed that whatever knowledge, experience, or resources we receive from society must eventually be returned to society in the form of service.

This conviction gradually inspired me to devote increasing time and energy to charitable, educational, religious, and humanitarian causes. I realized that professional success becomes truly meaningful only when it creates opportunities to serve those who are less fortunate.

My journey has been shaped by a lifelong commitment to faith, service, and leadership. Over the years, I have had the privilege of associating with numerous faith-based, charitable, educational, healthcare, cultural, and community organizations, serving in various capacities including Director, Trustee, Patron, President, Coordinator, and Executive Committee Member. These experiences have strengthened my belief that true leadership is not about position or authority, but about responsibility, compassion, teamwork, and making a meaningful difference in the lives of others. My family, especially my wife Mrs. Kamlesh Garg, along with my children, grandchildren, colleagues, friends, mentors, and countless volunteers, has been a constant source of strength and support throughout this journey.

I believe true success is measured not by achievements or material gains, but by the lives we touch and the values we leave behind. Through education, healthcare, blood donation, cultural and community initiatives, I have sought to give back to society. Guided by integrity, compassion, and service, I remain committed to inspiring future generations and leaving a meaningful legacy for humanity.

A Journey of Education, Leadership and Service

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Education, Educational Leadership & Social Development



Introduction

Every journey is shaped by the values we inherit, the responsibilities we accept, and the people we have the opportunity to serve. For me, education has never been limited to classrooms, textbooks or examinations. I have always believed that a school plays a much larger role—it shapes character, builds confidence and prepares young people to become responsible members of society.

My professional journey has been guided by this belief. As Principal and an institutional administrator at Chhatrapati Shivaji High School and Junior College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Dhule, I have tried to contribute not only to academic development but also to the overall growth and well-being of students.



Education as a Responsibility

I believe that quality education must go hand in hand with character, discipline and holistic development. Academic excellence is important, but true education also encourages students to develop confidence, leadership, teamwork and social awareness.

Throughout my journey in education, I have remained committed to creating a positive learning environment where students can grow academically as well as personally. My approach to institutional leadership has been rooted in planning, discipline and responsibility, while keeping the needs of students and the wider educational community at the centre.

Leadership Through Trust and Participation

I have learned that meaningful institutional progress cannot be achieved by one individual alone. A strong institution is built through cooperation among teachers, students, parents, administrators and society.

For me, leadership is therefore about participation and trust. I value teamwork and believe that every member of an institution has an important role to play in its development. By encouraging collaboration and shared responsibility, we can transform individual efforts into collective progress.

My association with teachers' organisations, academic associations and educational networks has also provided opportunities for learning, interaction and community development. These professional relationships have strengthened my understanding that stronger educational networks can contribute to stronger communities.

Supporting Students Beyond Academics

Students are at the heart of every educational institution. Their development extends beyond marks and academic achievements. Physical well-being, discipline, courage, confidence and preparedness for life are equally important.

I have therefore encouraged activities that provide students with opportunities to participate, express themselves and discover their strengths. Cultural programmes, celebrations, NCC activities, health awareness initiatives and other co-curricular engagements help students develop teamwork, confidence and a sense of belonging.

I believe that a vibrant school should give every learner the opportunity to discover their potential and become a responsible individual.

Service Beyond the Campus

My understanding of educational leadership also extends beyond the school campus. I believe that education carries with it a responsibility towards society.

Participation in humanitarian, community and welfare initiatives has been an important part of my journey. These experiences have reinforced my belief that social responsibility begins when we look beyond our own interests and recognise our responsibility towards others.

For me, service is not separate from education. Rather, it is one of the values that gives education its deeper meaning.



Collaboration and Institutional Development

Institution building is always a collective effort. Over the years, I have had the opportunity to work and coordinate with teachers, administrators, employees, social organisations and members of the wider community.

I believe in cooperative values, transparent functioning and shared progress. Collaboration allows us to combine different experiences and perspectives, ultimately strengthening administration, employee welfare and educational outcomes.

My involvement as Chairman of the employees' co-operative credit society has further strengthened my understanding of collective responsibility and the importance of working together for shared welfare.

Public Engagement and Civic Responsibility

An educational institution is also connected with the larger social and civic environment in which it functions. I have therefore participated in various educational, cultural, public and social programmes.

I consider responsible representation an important part of leadership. Public trust is built over time through consistency, transparency and service. Every opportunity to represent an institution or participate in a public initiative carries with it a responsibility to act with sincerity and accountability.

National celebrations, rallies and commemorative educational programmes have also given me opportunities to encourage students to understand the importance of national unity, responsible citizenship and social contribution.

I believe that patriotism grows through responsible action and respect for shared values.

Recognition with Humility

Over the course of my journey, I have been fortunate to receive recognition for my contribution to education, society and institutional life. These include the Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Fellowship Award (2005), the Swami Vivekanand Yuva Gaurav Award (2012), the Divya Marathi – Divya Gaurav Award (2026) and the Divya Ratna Honour (15 August 2026).

I consider every honour a reminder rather than an endpoint. Recognition brings happiness, but it also creates a greater sense of responsibility. I receive every honour with gratitude and humility, while remaining committed to continuing the work that has given meaning to my professional journey.

A Continuing Journey

Looking back, I see my journey not simply as a collection of positions, programmes or recognitions, but as a continuing effort to contribute to education, leadership and society.

My experiences as an educator, institutional administrator, leader in teachers' and Mathematics-Science associations, and participant in educational and social initiatives have taught me that meaningful leadership is ultimately about service.

I remain committed to supporting students, strengthening institutions, encouraging collaboration and contributing wherever my experience and abilities can be of value.

I believe that a meaningful legacy is not built through titles alone. It is built through the lives we inspire, the institutions we strengthen and the values we leave behind.

For me, the journey continues—with the same commitment to Education, Leadership, Service and Humanity.

Access to Justice in India: My Perspective on the Journey Towards Equal Justice

Dr. hc Neelesh Banthia

A Comprehensive Socio-Legal Analysis of Constitutional Imperatives, Judicial Activism, Alternative Dispute Resolution, and Digital Legal Empowerment in the Indian Jurisprudence



Introduction

When I think about access to justice, I do not see it merely as the ability to enter a courtroom or file a case. For me, access to justice means that every person, irrespective of wealth, social background, gender, geographical location, or personal circumstances, should have a genuine opportunity to understand the law, seek legal assistance, and obtain an effective remedy. A justice system can truly serve society only when its doors remain open not merely in theory, but in practice, to every citizen.

India's constitutional framework reflects this understanding. Article 39A of the Constitution places an important responsibility on the State to ensure that the operation of the legal system promotes justice on the basis of equal opportunity and that free legal aid is provided so that economic or other disabilities do not prevent a person from securing justice. I consider this provision particularly significant because the existence of rights means little if a person does not have the means or knowledge to enforce them. Article 14, which guarantees equality before law, and Article 21, which protects life and personal liberty, further strengthen this constitutional commitment. In my view, these provisions together establish that justice cannot depend upon a person's ability to pay for it.

The development of legal aid in India has been a gradual journey. In the early decades after independence, legal aid lacked a strong institutional structure and was affected by inadequate funding and limited coordination. The situation began to change significantly through judicial intervention. The contribution of Justice P.N. Bhagwati and Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer was particularly important in transforming the understanding of access to justice. Decisions such as Hussainara Khatoon v. Home Secretary, State of Bihar highlighted the plight of poor undertrial prisoners and recognized free legal services as an important component of the right to life and personal liberty. The decision demonstrated to me that constitutional rights must have practical meaning for those who are least capable of protecting themselves.

The growth of Public Interest Litigation also changed the landscape of Indian justice. By relaxing traditional rules relating to who could approach the courts, the judiciary made it possible for public-spirited individuals, lawyers, and organizations to raise issues affecting vulnerable sections of society. Cases such as Vishaka v. State of Rajasthan and Olga Tellis v. Bombay Municipal Corporation illustrate how litigation could move beyond individual disputes and address wider questions of social justice and institutional accountability. I see PIL as an important example of how the legal system can respond when affected communities themselves face serious barriers to approaching courts.

Another major development was the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987. With its implementation, India established a structured network of legal services through the National Legal Services Authority, State Legal Services Authorities, District Legal Services Authorities, and Taluk Legal Services Committees. This framework is important because access to justice cannot remain concentrated in metropolitan courts. It has to reach villages, districts, and communities that are geographically and economically distant from formal institutions. The system also provides for legal awareness, free legal representation, and alternative methods of dispute resolution.

I particularly recognize the importance of Lok Adalats and other Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanisms. Traditional litigation can involve considerable expense, procedural complexity, and delay. Lok Adalats provide an alternative based on compromise and settlement. Their procedural flexibility, absence of court fees in appropriate circumstances, and emphasis on amicable resolution can make justice more accessible to ordinary citizens. Mediation and conciliation similarly provide opportunities for parties to resolve disputes without going through the entire process of conventional litigation. For me, these mechanisms demonstrate that access to justice does not always require a prolonged courtroom battle; sometimes, a fair and mutually acceptable settlement can provide a more practical remedy.

At the same time, I believe that the greatest challenge lies in the gap between legal provisions and their implementation. A significant number of people, particularly in rural and economically disadvantaged communities, remain unaware of their rights and of the availability of free legal services. Even when people know that legal aid exists, concerns about the quality of representation can discourage them from relying upon it. The PDF also highlights the problems of delayed honorariums for panel advocates, shortage of experienced lawyers, inadequate infrastructure, and the heavy backlog of cases. These difficulties show that creating legal institutions is only the first step; those institutions must also function effectively.



The problem becomes even more serious when I consider the particular difficulties faced by vulnerable communities. Women may encounter economic dependence, social stigma, and patriarchal barriers. Children require legal processes that recognize their age and vulnerability. Persons with disabilities may face physical and communication barriers, while tribal and indigenous communities may have to deal with geographical isolation and language difficulties. The legal framework provides several protections for these groups, but effective access requires these protections to reach people at the grassroots level.

I also see technology as an increasingly important instrument for reducing some of these barriers. Initiatives such as Tele-Law can connect people in remote areas with lawyers through Common Service Centres, while the e-Courts project has introduced digital filing, online case-status facilities, and virtual hearings. Such measures can reduce the need for repeated travel and bring legal assistance closer to people who otherwise find the justice system physically inaccessible. However, digital transformation must itself remain inclusive, because technology can only improve access when people have the necessary infrastructure, connectivity, and ability to use it.

In my view, strengthening access to justice therefore requires a combination of legal awareness, competent legal representation, better infrastructure, effective ADR mechanisms, professional responsibility, and appropriate use of technology.

Legal aid should not be perceived as a second-class form of representation. Experienced advocates must be encouraged to participate, and legal education should become a continuous process rather than an occasional activity. Legal aid clinics, pro bono initiatives, and community-based awareness programmes can also play an important role in creating a culture in which people understand that the law is available to protect them.

Ultimately, I believe that access to justice is one of the clearest tests of the strength of a constitutional democracy. India's journey from a limited and fragmented approach to legal assistance towards a structured system based on constitutional rights, statutory legal aid, PILs, Lok Adalats, and digital initiatives represents substantial institutional development.

Yet the work remains unfinished. The promise of equal justice will become meaningful only when an ordinary citizen, regardless of income or social position, can approach the legal system without fear, confusion, or prohibitive cost.

For me, the true measure of justice is therefore not simply how advanced our laws are, but how effectively those laws reach the person who needs them most. Article 39A embodies that aspiration, and the continuing responsibility of the judiciary, legislature, legal profession, civil society, and citizens is to ensure that this constitutional promise becomes a practical reality.

I believe that achieving true access to justice requires not only strong laws and institutions but also greater awareness and participation from society. Lawyers, legal aid organizations, educational institutions and citizens all have an important role to play in ensuring that legal rights reach those who need them most. If legal awareness, affordable assistance and accessible dispute-resolution mechanisms are strengthened together, the gap between the constitutional promise of justice and its practical reality can be reduced.

In my view, access to justice will become meaningful only when every individual feels that the law is not distant or intimidating, but a real means of protecting their dignity and rights.

Building Sustainable Real Estate: Entrepreneurship, Investment & the Future of Indian Cities

Dr. hc Dilip Kumar

Entrepreneurship, Real Estate & Business Development

Introduction



India's real-estate sector is undergoing a significant transformation. Rapid urbanisation, expanding infrastructure, changing consumer aspirations and emerging business corridors are creating new opportunities across residential, commercial and industrial real estate. I believe that real estate is not simply about buying and selling property; it is about understanding markets, creating long-term value and helping people make informed decisions.

With more than 25 years of professional experience across technology, strategic relationship management, channel development, product management and business development, my entrepreneurial journey has been shaped by one fundamental principle: understand the opportunity, understand the requirement and create lasting value.

From Technology to Real Estate

My professional career began in the technology sector, where I gained valuable experience in working with businesses, partners and customers. This taught me the importance of understanding market dynamics, building strong relationships and identifying opportunities that create mutual value.

When I transitioned into real estate, I carried these experiences with me. I approached the industry not merely as a property business, but as a relationship-driven profession where understanding the client's objective is the starting point of every successful engagement.

Building Bestocity Realtor LLP

I founded Bestocity Realtor LLP in 2020 with a vision of creating a professional, transparent and client-focused approach to real estate. Today, we work across residential, commercial and industrial property segments, connecting clients with developers, property owners, investors and channel partners.

Our focus includes premium residential properties, commercial investments, pre-leased assets, industrial opportunities and strategic land prospects. My approach has always been simple: understand the client's objective first and then identify property opportunities that are relevant to that objective.

I believe that the right real-estate decision begins with the right information. Market knowledge, professional guidance and strong relationships are therefore central to the way I work.

Real Estate as Long-Term Value

A real-estate decision can influence an individual, family or business for many years. A home represents security and lifestyle; a commercial property can support business growth; an industrial property can become part of a larger economic ecosystem; and an investment property can contribute to a long-term financial strategy.

For this reason, I look beyond the immediate transaction. My objective is to create relationships and value that extend beyond a single deal.

Understanding India's Emerging Markets

India's urban landscape is expanding beyond traditional city boundaries. Expressways, metro networks, airports, industrial corridors, business districts and planned developments are creating new growth centres.

I believe that understanding these emerging micro-markets is becoming increasingly important. Infrastructure and economic activity can significantly influence how locations develop over time, and real-estate entrepreneurs must continuously study these changes to identify meaningful opportunities.

Building Sustainable Real Estate

The future of Indian real estate is closely connected with the future of Indian cities. Sustainable urban development is not only about constructing buildings; it is about creating environments where people can live, work, invest and conduct business effectively.

As a real-estate entrepreneur, I see opportunities in understanding changing residential needs, commercial and industrial growth, infrastructure and connectivity, technology-enabled property services, sustainable development practices and evolving investor expectations.

I believe that responsible real estate should contribute to stronger and more connected urban ecosystems while creating sustainable value for all stakeholders.

Relationships Over Transactions

One of the strongest principles I have carried throughout my career is that relationships are more valuable than transactions.

Real estate brings together developers, investors, entrepreneurs, property owners, buyers, tenants and channel partners. Every successful transaction depends on communication, credibility and trust between these stakeholders.

I therefore focus on building long-term professional relationships rather than pursuing one-time opportunities. In a sector where decisions can have significant long-term consequences, trust and transparency remain essential.

Technology and the Future of Real Estate

My technology background continues to influence my vision for the future. Digital platforms, data, virtual communication, online property discovery and technology-enabled customer engagement are changing how people interact with the real-estate market.

However, I believe technology should complement, rather than replace, professional relationships. The future of real estate lies in bringing together technology, market intelligence and human trust. This combination can help clients navigate an increasingly complex market and make more informed decisions.

Creating Value Through Entrepreneurship

For me, entrepreneurship in real estate means identifying opportunities while understanding market conditions, risks and the objectives of different stakeholders.

My approach can be summarised in three principles:

Understand the market.
Understand the client.
Create long-term value.

These principles form the foundation of my vision for Bestocity Realtor LLP. My objective is to develop the company as a trusted real-estate platform that connects property opportunities with buyers, investors, businesses and leading real-estate brands.

Looking Ahead

India's cities and economic corridors will continue to evolve, creating new possibilities across the real-estate sector. I see my role not simply as participating in this growth, but as contributing to a more informed, professional and relationship-driven real-estate ecosystem.

My journey from technology and business development to real estate has reinforced one belief that continues to guide me:

“Identify the right opportunity. Understand the value. Make the decision with confidence.”

As India's urban landscape continues to transform, I remain committed to building relationships, identifying meaningful opportunities and creating long-term value through professional and responsible real-estate entrepreneurship.

From Technical Expertise to Business Leadership

Mr. Puneet Kataria

Driving Growth Through Strategy, Innovation & Customer-Centric Leadership



With more than 15 years of professional experience, my career has been a journey from technical and application-oriented sales to broader responsibilities in Product Management, Category Management, Sales & Marketing, and business leadership. This evolution has shaped my understanding of how customer needs, products, markets, people and profitability must come together to create sustainable business value.

A key learning throughout this journey has been the shift from product selling to solution thinking. Customers do not simply purchase products; they seek solutions that address their requirements, improve efficiency, reduce risk and create value. This customer-centric approach has strengthened my ability to understand market needs, develop value propositions and build long-term business relationships.

My experience across Sales, Product and Category Management has broadened my perspective from individual products and transactions to portfolios, market opportunities, competitive positioning, pricing and sustainable growth. I believe that effective strategy must always be connected with execution through a simple framework:

Vision → Strategy → Action → Measurement → Correction → Result



Customer-centricity, innovation and cross-functional collaboration remain central to my leadership philosophy. Innovation is not limited to new products or technology; it also includes improving processes, customer experience, supply chains and business models. Sustainable growth requires Sales, Marketing, Product, Operations, Supply Chain, Finance and Technology to work together toward common business outcomes.

As I progress toward larger responsibilities, I aim to deepen my expertise in P&L management, profitability, pricing, cost optimization, working capital, corporate strategy, governance, risk management and digital transformation. I also aspire to gain broader international exposure, particularly across diverse and dynamic markets in the Asia-Pacific region.

My long-term ambition is to evolve from functional leadership toward enterprise-level and Board-level leadership, contributing to organizations through strategic thinking, sound governance, innovation and long-term value creation.

My guiding principles are simple:

Customer First. Strategy with Execution. Accountability. Continuous Innovation. Cross-Functional Collaboration. Long-Term Thinking.

Ultimately, professional growth is not measured only by designation, but by the responsibility one can carry, the complexity one can manage, the people one can develop and the value one can create. My journey continues with a commitment to learn, adapt, lead and create sustainable impact in an increasingly interconnected business world.

Going forward, my focus is to build businesses that combine growth, innovation and long-term value creation. I aim to bring together strategic thinking, customer insight and strong execution while developing capable teams and fostering a culture of accountability and continuous improvement. By connecting business objectives with changing market opportunities, I seek to contribute to sustainable organizational growth and create meaningful value for customers, employees and stakeholders.

I believe sustainable success comes from clear vision, customer focus, strong execution and continuous learning. My goal is to transform experience into meaningful business impact while creating lasting value for customers, teams and the organization.

Vision for Sustainable Business Leadership

The future of business leadership lies in the ability to connect strategy, innovation, technology and people to create sustainable growth. As markets continue to evolve, organizations must remain customer-focused, agile and prepared to respond to new opportunities and challenges.

Strong leadership requires more than achieving short-term targets. It involves building capable teams, strengthening operational excellence, improving profitability, embracing digital transformation and developing long-term competitive advantage. I believe that organizations grow sustainably when their people, processes and business objectives move together with clarity and accountability.



My vision is to contribute to organizations that value innovation, customer relationships, responsible growth and continuous improvement. By combining strategic thinking with practical execution and a strong understanding of market dynamics, I aim to create lasting value for customers, employees, partners and stakeholders.

The journey ahead is about expanding perspectives, taking greater responsibility and developing the ability to lead across functions, markets and cultures.

Ultimately, successful leadership is about turning opportunities into meaningful results while building an organization that is stronger, more adaptable and better prepared for the future.

Building High-Performance Teams

Sustainable growth begins with people. I believe in creating collaborative teams where individuals are encouraged to take ownership, develop their capabilities and contribute ideas. Empowered people build stronger organizations and create a culture of accountability and continuous improvement.

Embracing Innovation & Change

Business environments are constantly changing through technology, evolving customer expectations and new market opportunities. Successful organizations must remain adaptable and open to innovation. My approach is to embrace change, learn continuously and convert emerging opportunities into practical business solutions.

Creating Long-Term Value

Beyond revenue and short-term performance, meaningful leadership is about creating lasting value. This requires balancing growth with profitability, customer satisfaction, operational excellence and organizational development. The ultimate objective is to build businesses that remain resilient, responsible and capable of sustainable success.

Strategic Thinking

Effective leadership begins with understanding the bigger picture. I aim to connect market trends, customer expectations and organizational capabilities to develop strategies that support sustainable and measurable growth.

Digital Transformation

Technology is reshaping the way businesses operate, compete and serve customers. Embracing digital tools, data-driven decision-making and emerging technologies can improve efficiency, strengthen customer experiences and create new opportunities.

Responsible Leadership

Leadership also carries a responsibility toward employees, customers, partners and the wider community. I believe in building trust through transparency, ethical decision-making and a long-term approach that balances business performance with responsible growth.

The journey from technical expertise to business leadership is therefore not a destination. It is an ongoing commitment to learn, adapt, lead and create meaningful value in an increasingly complex and interconnected business world.

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Under the Guidance & Patronage of
Dr. Shri Mahant Ashish Das Ji Maharaj
National President — Shri Ram Janki Jan Kalyan Samiti
Shri Ram Janki Jan Kalyan Samiti is dedicated to Sanatan culture, Gau Seva, social harmony and service to humanity. Inspired by the saintly traditions of Ayodhya, the organisation works to promote social, religious, educational and welfare initiatives.
Its guiding philosophy is:

"Service to humanity is service to the Divine, and Gau Seva, Dharma Seva and social service are integral to Indian culture."
The organisation seeks to develop long-term initiatives in cow protection, education, healthcare, environment, Ayurveda, employment, social harmony and rural development.

LEADERSHIP & DIRECTION

Expanding the Spirit of Service
With the blessings and guidance of **Shri Shri 1008 Shri Mahant Nritya Gopal Das Ji Maharaj**, the organisation is dedicated to carrying forward a growing mission of **Dharma, Gau Seva, social welfare, cultural preservation and service to humanity** across India. Under the leadership of **Dr. Shri Mahant Ashish Das Ji Maharaj**, associated with the saintly tradition of Baba Mani Ram Das Ji Ki Chhawani, Ayodhya, the organisation seeks to expand its activities through the development of **Maths, temples, Gaushalas, Vedic and cultural centres, educational institutions, healthcare initiatives, environmental programmes and community welfare projects.**

Its broader vision is to create a strong network of service-oriented initiatives that preserve India's spiritual and cultural heritage while addressing the changing social needs of communities.

Key Leadership

- Dr. Durgesh Kumar Sahu Ji — National organisational expansion and social service initiatives.
- Dr. Dattatreya Baburao Patil Ji — Maharashtra leadership, Gau Seva and welfare activities.
- Sarvesh Takale Ji — Social outreach and project expansion in Maharashtra and Mumbai.
- Dr. Vijay Ujagare Ji — Organisational and public welfare initiatives.
- Anand Sharma Ji & Neeraj Soni Ji — Service activities, outreach and organisational support.

Core Commitment
Ram Karya • Dharma Karya • Gau Seva • Social Service • Sanatan Culture

MAJOR SERVICE INITIATIVES

One Vision of Service — Reaching Every Section of Society

Shri Ram Janki Jan Kalyan Samiti seeks to develop a wide-ranging network of service initiatives addressing spiritual, social, educational, healthcare, environmental and community needs.

1. **Gau Seva & Cow Protection** — Development of Gaushalas, care of cattle, fodder, veterinary support and sustainable cattle-based activities.
2. **Vedic & Values-Based Education** — Promotion of Vedic learning, Sanskrit, Indian culture, ethics and Sanatan values.
3. **Maths & Temple Development** — Preservation, development and promotion of traditional Maths, temples and spiritual-cultural centres.
4. **Environment & Green Energy** — Tree plantation, water conservation, environmental awareness and clean-energy initiatives.
5. **Ayurveda, Yoga & AYUSH** — Promotion of Ayurveda, Yoga, natural wellness and traditional healthcare practices.
6. **Medical & Healthcare Services** — Health camps, preventive screenings, medicines and healthcare assistance for communities in need.
7. **Blood Donation & Disaster Relief** — Blood donation programmes and support during natural disasters and emergencies.
8. **Women & Family Welfare** — Support for economically weaker families, girls' education, marriages and women's dignity and self-reliance.
9. **Food Distribution & Bhandara** — Food and community meal services during religious occasions and for people in need.
10. **Schools, Colleges & Skill Development** — Promotion of education, vocational learning and skill-oriented opportunities for youth.
11. **Social Harmony** — Encouraging unity, brotherhood, mutual respect and peaceful coexistence across society.
12. **Rural Development & Natural Farming** — Supporting rural self-reliance through natural farming, organic practices, water conservation and local employment.
13. **Sanatan Culture & Spiritual Heritage** — Promotion of Vedic knowledge, religious traditions, spiritual discourses, cultural programmes and India's spiritual heritage.

VISION FOR THE FUTURE

From Service Initiatives to a Movement of Values

The organisation envisions building a comprehensive and sustainable public welfare movement that brings together Dharma, Gau Seva, education, healthcare, environmental protection, rural development, social harmony and cultural preservation.

Under the guidance of Dr. Shri Mahant Ashish Das Ji Maharaj, the organisation aims to gradually strengthen its network of Gaushalas, Vedic schools, educational institutions, healthcare camps, spiritual-cultural centres and environmental initiatives across different parts of India.

The long-term vision is to create an ecosystem where service becomes a continuous social responsibility, while India's spiritual traditions, cultural values and spirit of compassion are carried forward to future generations.

- Expansion of Gaushalas and Gau Seva centres
- Vedic schools and values-based learning centres
- Development of Maths, temples and cultural centres
- Ayurveda, Yoga and AYUSH-based healthcare initiatives
- Green energy, environmental conservation and water management
- Support for economically weaker families and communities
- Schools, colleges and skill-development programmes
- Greater participation of youth and women in social service
- Initiatives promoting social harmony, unity and community welfare
- Preservation and promotion of India's Sanatan knowledge and cultural traditions

Message from Dr. Shri Mahant Ashish Das Ji Maharaj

"Our vision is to carry forward Ram Karya, Dharma Karya and the spirit of service to every section of society. Through Gau Seva, education, healthcare, environmental conservation, cultural preservation and social welfare, we seek to build a society rooted in compassion, values and संस्कार. Service, for us, is not merely an activity but a continuing responsibility towards humanity and the preservation of our spiritual and cultural heritage."


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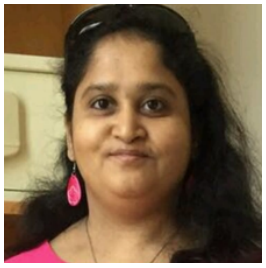
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She is Artist and doing paitings and teaching kids in her play school..last 10bl years



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She is actoress & dancer by profession & working in some coming web series

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In Education and schooling business last 10 years



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