

Biographical Sketch of a Luminary in an Area of EIS

An Innovator in Blended Learning mode of Education



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Prof. Manoj Kulshrestha, Ph.D from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi, New Delhi is Professor of Civil Engineering in School of Engineering & Technology (SOET) at Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi, where he teaches Construction Project Management. Additionally, he is Director of National Centre for Innovation in Distance Education (NCIDE).

During 2013-2016, he was heading the Campus Placement Cell (CPC) of IGNOU as Director. Campus Placements and Employability Enhancing Training Sessions for the students/alumni of Open & Distance Learning (ODL) System have been made a maiden reality under his stewardship in IGNOU.

His research work at IIT Delhi, as per available records, is first of its kind leading to doctoral research on Value Management applied to construction industry.

He has successfully completed IGNOU-CIDC Construction Education and Training Project (IC-CETP) in which two technical diploma programmes were offered for the tradesmen of Corps of Engineers, Indian Army. Around 1400 tradesmen completed the diploma programmes and got permanent opening of Junior Engineer in Military Engineer Services (MES). He also designed and developed an online Post Graduate Certificate in Project Management (PGCPM) in collaboration with PMA, India and CEPM.

A unique vocational education initiative of the country as IGNOU-HERO Motorcycle Technicians Vocational Qualification Project (IGNOU-HERO Project) is being headed by him. Under

IGNOU-HERO Project, a certificate programme in Motorcycle Service and Repair (CMSR) for skill development of working motorcycle technicians is on offer. Till date, over 11,500 learners have already been trained and certified through over 40 training centre located across the country.

Apart from being the member of Society of American Value Engineers (SAVE) and ASSOCHAM's National Committee on Education, he is also the member of Governing Council of Construction Skill Development Council of India (CSDCI), a Sector Skill Council (SSC) of National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC). He is also life member of Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE).

On academic front, he has published over 30 papers in various International/National journals and conferences. Prof. Kulshrestha, a widely travelled scholar, has delivered keynote addresses in various international and national forums on varied themes including Construction Project Management, Value Engineering, Multiple Criteria Decision Theory (MCDT) applied to Construction and Open & Distance Learning (ODL) System etc.

He is the recipient of all India University Gold Medal in 2008 for the innovation in Distance Education for his vocational educational initiative. He was awarded Scroll of Commendation by Construction Industry Development Council (CIDC) in recognition to his contribution to academic excellence in construction industry. He was also awarded World Education Award 2011 and World Educational Leadership Award 2011 for his innovative vocational education initiative under IGNOU-HERO Project.