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Bio-Note of Professor Pankaj Arora

Professor Pankaj Arora has been serving as the Chairperson, National Council for Teacher Education [NCTE], Ministry of Education, New Delhi since May 2024. He has also served as Chairperson, National Institute of Open Schooling [NIOS] for around nine months. He is a Professor of Education in the Department of Education [CIE], University of Delhi for around twenty-eight years. Professor Arora has authored numerous articles and presented research papers in various national and international conferences.

He has total nine books to his credit –which include *two edited books on NEP 2020* - one in Hindi Language and another in the English language; another Edited book- *Synergizing Educational Concerns and Social Needs* has been published by ICSSR; *Pedagogy of Political Science* in Hindi and English language; *Sex Education in Schools*, published in English, Hindi & Gujarati language; *Profiling the need of Sex and Safety Education: A Special Case of Working Children*; and *Democratic Classroom: Need, Significance and Implications for Social Science*.

He has delivered numerous Chief guest Addresses/ Keynote Addresses/ Inaugural Addresses/ Eminent Speaker for various Webinars/workshops/ FDPs on different aspects of *National Policy of Education-2020*, *VBSA 2025* Organised by Central Universities, National and International Organisations.

He widely featured through articles, interviews, quotes, and expert bytes in leading national media such as TOI, Hindustan Times, Navbharat Times, Economic Times, and Financial Express etc. His recent Newspaper Editorials are *A new dawn for higher education: VBSA Bill as the catalyst for transformative reform* and *Can AI replace teacher*, etc. His areas of specialization include Pedagogy of Political Science, Adolescence Education, Social Science Education and Democratic Education.

Professor Arora has led various major and minor research projects funded by UGC, ICSSR, and University of Delhi.

Some of his recent achievements are:

- He has been recently honoured with the **Doctor of Letters (D.Litt.) in Education** by **Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth University** in recognition of his distinguished knowledge and contributions to the field of education.
- He has been featured on the **cover page** of *Brainfeed Magazine(Volume XII issue 7)*, in October 2025.
- He had the opportunity to lead the Indian Delegation (Nominated by Ministry of Education, Government of India) at **G20 South Africa 2025 (3rd Education Working Group (EdWG) Meeting)** at Durban, SA.
- **He has been awarded Leading Educationist of India**, by *Friendship Forum*, New Delhi for the year 2023.
- He has been selected as one of the **Top 20 Influential Researchers in Indian Higher Education year 2021** by uLektz Learning Solutions.
- Nominated as **Lifetime Fellow Member** of Eudoxia Research University USA
- Nominated by University of Delhi for Participation in *International Training on Students' Services* organized by Freie University Berlin, Germany, June 2023
- Presented a paper *India: Lifelong learning as envisioned in NEP 2020* at the International conference **Applying Education in a Complex world** organised by Architecture Media Politics Society in collaboration with Sheridan College, Toronto Canada, April 26-28, 2023
- He has successfully supervised Nine PhD scholars and another Seven are working under his supervision.
- He has successfully supervised Nine M.Phil. Scholars.

Administrative/Academic responsibilities include:

- a) Member, Academic Council of the Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi [Since Oct 2025]
- b) Member, National Level Committee to formulate a Uniform Mental Health Policy and Guidelines for all Schools across the Country [Oct 2025]
- c) Jury Member, National Teachers' Awards 2025 at National Level
- d) Chairperson, National Institute of Open Schooling [NIOS] [Oct 2024 to July 2025]
- e) Chairperson, UGC Standing Committee to recognise and grant equivalence to foreign school qualifications [Since May 2025]
- f) Head & Dean, Faculty of Education [CIE], University of Delhi [Sept 2022 to May 2024]
- g) Dean Students' Welfare, University of Delhi [December 2021- May 2024]
- h) Director, Institute of Life long Learning, University of Delhi (Sept 2020 to Jan 2023).
- i) Chairperson, Governing Body of Maharaja Agarsen College, University of Delhi (2024)
- j) Chairperson, Student's Grievance Redressal Committees (SGRCs) University of Delhi, in terms of the provisions of UGC (Redressal of Grievances of Students) Regulations, 2023
- k) Member, the committee constituted by Ministry of Education, GOI for Synergy of ITEP Curriculum, NPST & NMM with NCrF, NHEQF & NCFSE, New Delhi, December 2023.
- l) Member, Core Committee on ITEP for supervision, better coordination & seamless integration of syllabi or course content for the education component, NCTE, March 2023
- m) Chairperson, Grievance Redressal Cell as per Lyngdoh committee, for DUSU Elections 2023
- n) Chairperson, Admission Committee, University of Delhi, 2022 & 2023
- o) Member, Committee to prescribe syllabus of ITEP, Ministry of Education, Government of India
- p) Chairperson, ITEP Curriculum Development Committee, Faculty of Education, University of Delhi, 2024
- q) Chairperson, B.Ed & M.Ed Semester based Curriculum Development Committee, Faculty of Education University of Delhi 2024
- r) Member, UGC Expert Committee to formulate the National Higher Education Qualification Framework (NHEQF).
- s) Member, UGC Expert Committee to formulate guidelines for Multiple Entry and Exit option in the light of NEP-2020 Professor Arora has been appointed Visitor Nominee to the Executive Council of Central University of Gujrat, Gandhi Nagar since 2016-2020.

Professor Arora has published more than 25 research articles in indexed/ peer reviewed Journals at national and international level. He has made more then 150 presentations at various Conferences/ Seminars across the world.

He is serving various committees at Ministry of Education, GoI, UGC, NCTE, NCERT, NIOS, ICSSR, SCERT and different Central and State Universities. Under his leadership, NCTE has revived its two journals: **Indian Journal of Teacher Education** and **Anweshika**.

Professor Arora is associated with various publication houses as part of their academic team member such as:

- a. The *Journal of International Teacher Education and Teaching*, Chicago, Illinois USA;
- b. Member, Editorial Board *International Journal of Education and Allied Sciences (IJEAS)* published by Vidya Bharati Uccha Shiksha Santhan, INDIA
- c. Member, Editorial Board, *Edwin Group of Journals*, published by India, Thailand and USA
- d. Member, Editorial Board, **The Indian Journal of Educational Theory & Practice**, The Indian Society for the Advancement of Higher Education (INSOHED), Kerela, India
- e. Member, Editorial Board International Journal *Educational Quest: An International Journal of Education and applied sciences, INDIA*
- f. Part of reviewer committee *Routledge Taylor & Francis Group*;
- g. *European Journal of Social Sciences (EJSS)*, United Kingdom.
- h. *Journal of Education and Human Development*, American Research Institute for policy Development USA;.....and many more.

