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Prof. (Dr.) Arun Mohan Sherry is a distinguished academician, visionary leader, and institution builder with over 28 years of experience in higher education leadership, academic administration, research, industry collaboration, and education policy formulation. He holds an M.Sc. with a Gold Medal, an M.Tech. in Computer Science from IIT Kharagpur, and a Ph.D. in a related discipline.



Currently serving as the Director of the Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) Lucknow, an Institute of National Importance. Dr. Sherry has been instrumental in transforming IIIT Lucknow into a vibrant center of academic excellence, interdisciplinary innovation, and industry-academia engagement. Under his leadership, the institute has seen significant expansion in academic programs, research output, faculty recruitment, and global collaborations. He has introduced forward-looking postgraduate and doctoral programs in emerging areas such as Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, Management, and Economics, ensuring alignment with national priorities and global technological trends.

Prior to joining IIIT Lucknow, Dr. Sherry held key leadership roles across several prestigious institutions. At NMIMS University, Mumbai, he played a critical role in expanding the university's technological and management education ecosystem. He led the design and launch of technology-driven, industry-relevant academic programs, strengthened the university's focus on blended learning, and enhanced its capabilities in digital pedagogy and emerging skill domains, thereby contributing significantly to its ascent as a premier university in India.

He also served as Director of IMT-CDL, Ghaziabad, and held senior academic positions such as Dean (Academics) and Chairman of the Joint Admission Committee across multiple IMT campuses, including Ghaziabad, Nagpur, Hyderabad, and Dubai. His leadership extended to the corporate-academic interface during his tenure as Chief Academic Officer at the HT Media – Apollo Global joint venture and in leadership roles at HCL TalentCare, where he contributed to workforce-aligned academic frameworks. His deep engagement with corporates such as Infosys, Genpact, Hindalco, ONGC, and Royal Bank of Scotland has shaped future-ready curricula and ensured strong outcomes in employability and skills transformation.

A committed researcher and academic mentor, Dr. Sherry has supervised several Ph.D. scholars and over 100 postgraduate research projects, and has published more than 45 research papers in reputed international and national journals and conferences. His insights on education and leadership have been featured in publications like The Times of India, Economic Times, and Hindustan Times.

His contributions to the field of education have earned him numerous honors, including the Anand Swarup Bhatnagar Gold Medal, the Indian Icon Award (2010), Rabindranath Tagore Samman (2011), and Maulana Azad Puraskar (2012). Beyond institutional leadership, Dr. Sherry actively contributes to national educational policy-making as a member of several key bodies, including the National Board of Accreditation (NBA), the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) Society, and the Governing Council of the Inter-University Accelerator Centre (IUAC). He is a Visiting Chairman for NBA evaluation teams and serves on expert committees of UGC and AICTE, contributing to transformative initiatives under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, including blended learning, digital transformation, and the National Credit Framework (NCrF).

He has also represented India internationally, accompanying the Hon'ble President of India on academic delegations to South Korea, Austria, Switzerland, and Mongolia, and participating in academic collaborations and benchmarking visits to France, Singapore, Malaysia, Dubai, and Taiwan.

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