

### **Prof.(Dr.) ZAKKARIYA K.A. – A Brief Profile**

Prof.(Dr.) Zakkariya K A is currently a Professor in Management and the Director of DDU KAUSHAL Kendra at the Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT). He is a Transformational Leader, celebrated for his broad vision and remarkable capabilities in building institutions. His journey at CUSAT has been marked by pivotal roles in the establishment of three significant centers of learning and skill development: the Centre for Employee Empowerment and Skill Acquisition (CEESA), the Centre for Teaching Excellence, and DDU KAUSHAL Kendra.

His visionary leadership extends beyond the boundaries of Cochin University, as he played a crucial role in making CUSAT a partner institution in the prestigious European Union Project for Capacity Building in Higher Education. Dr. Zakkariya is not only a leader but also a trained teacher under the Erasmus+ project of the European Union, contributing to the global discourse on education. As a Guest Researcher at Dresden University of Technology in Dresden, Germany, Dr. Zakkariya continues to expand his horizons and bring international perspectives to our academic community.

Dr. Zakkariya's accomplishments are numerous, with recognitions such as the Best Member Award and Fellowship from the Indian Society for Training and Development. He is a prolific researcher and has coauthored over 100 research articles and half a dozen books, contributing significantly to the body of knowledge in his field. He has successfully supervised over one dozen PhD scholars.

Zakkariya had been nominated thrice to the syndicate of Cochin University of Science and Technology by the Government of Kerala. Notably, he was the youngest ever member to be nominated to the syndicate, when his name was put forward for the first time in 2003.. Dr. Zakkariya is the only University teacher in the state of Kerala (perhaps in the country), who has been elected six times consecutively to the Senate of a University.

During his illustrious career, Dr. Zakkariya has occupied several coveted positions such as Director of Aligarh University Centre at Malappuram, Governing Council Member of Kerala State Higher Education Council, Executive Council Member of Aligarh Muslim University- UP, General Council Member of Kerala Agricultural University, Director of Students' Welfare Department in CUSAT, Chairman of Indian Society for Training and Development (ISTD) Kochi Chapter and President of Cochin University Teachers' Organisation. In addition, he was Chairman of three Boards of Studies at a time at the Cochin University of Science and Technology.

As a member of the advisory committee or governing council, Dr. Zakkariya has been contributing to the development of many educational institutions in the state. The College of Engineering, Adoor; MES College Marampally; Bhavans Royal Institute of Management, Kochi; Amal College of Advanced Studies, Nilambur; Vidyodaya Public School, Kochi and Najath Public School, Kalamasserry are a few among them. He had also served in various expert committees of the UGC and AICTE.

His commitment to excellence and dedication to fostering global partnerships exemplify his dynamic approach to education. His expertise, combined with his dedication, has earned him the admiration of the academic community.