

Prof.(Dr.) Zakkariya K.A. – Profile

Dr. Zakkariya K.A is a Professor in Management and Director of DDU KAUSHAL Kendra at Cochin University of Science and Technology with more than 22 years of experience, which includes teaching, research, training, administration and institution building. He has taken his masters degrees in Psychology and Business Administration from University of Calicut and another Master degree in Human Resource Management from University of Kerala. He has taken his Doctorate from Cochin University of Science and Technology.

Dr. Zakkariya had been nominated thrice to the syndicate of Cochin University of Science and Technology by the Government of Kerala and he was the youngest ever member nominated to the syndicate, when he was nominated first time in 2003. He has also been elected to the senate of the University five times consecutively from the constituency of University teachers.

He has occupied several positions such as Director, Aligarh University Centre at Malappuram, Governing Council Member of Kerala State Higher Education Council, General Council Member of Kerala Agricultural University, Executive Council Member of Aligarh Muslim University UP, Director, Students' Welfare Department CUSAT, Chairman and Secretary of Indian Society for Training and Development (ISTD) Kochi Chapter, President and General Secretary of Cochin University Teachers' Organisation. He has been a member in the academic bodies of various universities inside and outside the state of Kerala.

Dr. Zakkariya has been instrumental in starting the vocational courses at masters level for the first time in the state of Kerala by establishing DDU KAUSHAL KENDRA in CUSAT as its founder Director, bringing UGC grant to the tune of 40 million rupees. By designing and executing two M.Voc programmes during the academic year 2015-16, he made CUSAT a leading university in vocational education at masters level nation wide and popularised the vocational education in the state of Kerala. Dr. Zakkariya was instrumental in establishing a specialised centre for training and development of university staff as the founder director of Centre for Employee Empowerment and Skill Acquisition in CUSAT. He was Chairman of three Boards of Studies at a time in Cochin University.

It is because of his initiatives and efforts CUSAT became part of a one million Euro European Union Project for Capacity Building in Higher Education in the year 2019. It is a huge project with 12 partner institutions from six countries and his efforts to establish a Centre for Teaching Excellence in CUSAT as part of the project is in progress.

Prof. Zakkariya has published over 80 research articles in journals and edited books of national and international repute and has won best paper awards in different national and international conferences. He has produced nine PhDs in the areas of Marketing, Human Resource Management and Organisational behaviour. He is a reviewer of half a dozen leading international research journals. He has organised a large number of national and international conferences, workshops and Faculty development Programmes.

Dr. Zakkariya is a gifted orator, outstanding leader and an inspiring teacher well known for his leadership and institution building skills. He had served in various expert committees of UGC and AICTE.