

## Profile of Prof. Satish Kumar Sharma, Vice Chancellor, Surajmal University, Uttarakhand

Prof. Satish Kumar Sharma is a distinguished academician, visionary leader, and accomplished researcher with over 40 years of exemplary service in higher education, pharmaceutical sciences, and institutional development. Prof. Sharma is an alumnus of the University of Delhi and National President, Pharmaceutical Educational Society of India. His illustrious career includes leadership roles such as Vice Chancellor and Pro Vice Chancellor of Glocal University (GU), where he also served as Dean, School of Pharmacy and Chairman of the Institutional Development Plan, overseeing 12 schools and over 55 programs. He has also been Professor, Director, and Chairman of the Academic Council at Sunder Deep Group of Institutions, Ghaziabad, and has contributed as a visiting faculty at DIPSAR (University of Delhi). Prof. Sharma has been a key figure in implementing the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in various institutions, serving as Nodal Officer for UGC and the Higher Education Council, Government of Uttar Pradesh. He has championed academic innovation through the introduction of over 40 value-based and skill-based courses in various institutes, the development of specialized B. Pharm modules, and a holistic as well as the interdisciplinary approach to pharmaceutical education.

Prof. Satish Sharma completed his B. Pharm from DIPSAR (University of Delhi) with distinction and earned an M. Pharm (Pharmacology) from DIPSAR/COP (University of Delhi) with a Gold Medal, in 1984. He subsequently obtained his Ph.D. from MJRP University, Rajasthan. He has authored over 100 research papers in SCI, SCOPUS, WOS, and UGC Care-indexed journals and >50 abstracts/papers in conference proceedings, along with 22 patents, four books, and 14 book chapters. He has supervised numerous M. Pharm and Ph.D. scholars and collaborated on research projects with premier institutions such as AIIMS New Delhi, DRDO, Biotech Park Lucknow, Institute of Toxicology and Artemis Heart Institute. Prof. Sharma has done an extensive work on therapeutic management of metabolic and GI disorders; and phyto-pharmacology.

As a seasoned academic administrator and strategic planner, Prof. Sharma has played an instrumental role in securing NIRF rankings for Glocal University and its pharmacy college. His commitment to sustainable development and SDGs led to global recognition in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2024, placing his university in the 401–600 bracket for Zero Hunger and 601–800 for Good Health & Well-Being. He has held multiple leadership positions in professional bodies including: Mentor, Pharma Lok; Executive Council Member, APTI (UP Branch); Co-Chairman (Academic Division), IPGA; Co-chairman (Medical Services) at 60<sup>th</sup>, 65<sup>th</sup> and 70<sup>th</sup> Indian Pharmaceutical Congress; Organizing Chairman, India Pharma Convention held at DIPSAR and others. He is also a life member of APTI, IPA, IPGA, IHPA, SPER and PESOTS. Prof. Sharma has been recognized with numerous prestigious awards, including: Prof. M.L. Schroff Memorial Pharma Ratna Award; Pro Vice Chancellor of the Year Award 2022; Global Teaching Excellence Award IAECT; Distinguished Educator Award; Innovative Academic Leader Award, Research Excellence Award and Shiksha Gaurav Puraskar among many others, acknowledging his contributions to education, research, and societal development. He has delivered over 200 invited talks, FDPs, and PDPs at national and international forums, and remains deeply committed to academic excellence, policy advocacy, and advancing pharmaceutical education in India.

Through his visionary leadership, compassionate outlook, and unwavering commitment to societal welfare, Prof. Satish Sharma, during his distinguished tenure as Vice Chancellor of Glocal University, made an exceptional impact on society—particularly during the challenging period of the COVID-19 pandemic. At a time when uncertainty and fear gripped the nation, Prof. Sharma emerged as a guiding force, leading with empathy, innovation, and scientific insight. Under his able guidance, the university established a fully equipped COVID-19 hospital, providing comprehensive medical facilities and critical care to those in need. His leadership ensured that the institution became a pillar of hope and service for the surrounding communities.

Demonstrating his deep understanding of traditional and modern medicine, Prof. Sharma initiated the formulation and preparation of an immune-boosting herbal extract liquid, which played a vital role in supporting the health and resilience of the people. He also spearheaded the distribution of masks and sanitizers across numerous villages, extending essential preventive measures to rural and underserved populations. An eminent academician and researcher, Prof. Sharma contributed significantly to the scientific understanding and management of COVID-19, authoring and publishing several impactful research papers in leading international journals during the pandemic. His work proposed innovative therapeutic interventions and preventive strategies that bridged traditional knowledge and modern healthcare practices. As an expert in yoga, holistic health and integrative medicine, Prof. Sharma also conducted numerous workshops and training sessions on stress management, yoga and meditation. These initiatives were instrumental in promoting mental well-being, positive thinking, enhanced immunity and holistic health at a time when society needed it most. Through his exemplary leadership and humanistic approach, Prof. Satish Sharma not only strengthened the university's societal outreach but also inspired a model of education-driven social responsibility and compassionate service, leaving an enduring legacy of hope, healing, and humanity.