

### **Profile of Dr.S.K.Tripathy**

Dr. Suresh Kumar Tripathy received his Graduation degree from Sambalpur University and later joined Kurukshetra University for his M.A, M.Phil and Ph.D. He started his career as a lecturer in Mohatma Gandhi College, Bhukta in Bargarh District of Odisha from 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1987 and worked there until he got in to IGNOU as Asst. Regional Director in 24<sup>th</sup> March,1994. He joined Regional Centre Bhubaneswar which was an emerging Centre with a set of dedicated staff working for extending the outreach of IGNOU in every corner of the state. He plunged in to this noble endeavour and contributed immensely in making IGNOU a household name in the State of Odisha. Due to his hard work and relentless contribution to IGNOU, he was elevated to the position of Deputy Director in 2003. He remained in charge of Bhubaneswar Regional Centre for two terms and finally became Regional Director on 2<sup>nd</sup> December,2008. He served Koraput Regional Centre from 2.7.14 to 25.9.16 and Kolkata Regional Centre from 26.9.16 to 3.4.18. During his tenure as the Regional Director a number of study centres have been established in these Regional Centres. Dr.Tripathy is instrumental in the construction of the Regional Centre building with four floors at Bhubaneswar with all modern facilities for providing support services to the people of Odisha. He has established very good rapport and successfully collaborated with a number of Governmental and Non-governmental Organisation in spreading the network of IGNOU. It is due to his untiring effort that RC Bhubaneswar got Gold Medal for the second time in 2010 and due to his service to the state, the Rajiv Gandhi Forum, a constituent unit of Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, NewDelhi has conferred on him the Best Educationist Award. The State council for Artistic Research and Training, Odisha has also conferred on him the SCART award in Education on 14.4.15 at Cuttack. Dr. Tripathy, not only proved himself in the field of educational Administration, he also proved himself as a teacher during his short stint as a lecturer in M.G.College. He has participated in a number of National and International Seminars and published some good papers. He has produced and participated many Television programmes and delivered talks in AIR extensively.

Dr. Tripathy has been entrusted upon the responsibility of the Regional Centre Bhubaneswar once again as the Regional Director on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019.