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Professor Rajiv Saxena is the Chairperson of the Centre of Spanish, Portuguese, Italian and Latin American Studies and heading the Centre since February 2017 to-date. Prior to joining JNU as faculty member, he taught at the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) Delhi, Lady Sri Ram College (LSR) Delhi, and University of Delhi. He is involved in research and teaching since 1992.

Prof. Saxena is leading by example; during COVID-19 pandemic when entire nation was into lockdown, he utilized this period to undergo research training and got Certification from USA. (Research Ethics and Compliance Training under the CITI Programme) to inspire and motivate students and faculty to utilize the lockdown time for productive academic engagement and endeavours.

He as the Project Director/Principal Investigator of Spanish ePG-Pathshala and Massive Online Open Courses (MOOCs) of Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India project under the National Mission on Education through ICT developed first of its kind Online Spanish Post Graduate courses. He was also the first recipient of UGC Major Research Project in this discipline in India.

He was Fulbright Senior Scholar at University of California and Harvard University, USA. He is the sole recipient of “Fulbright” in this discipline in India. He is currently doing research on Technology Enhanced Language Learning (TELL) with special emphasis on India. Prof. Saxena is founder of **First Online Spanish** Under-Graduate and Post- Graduate Courses in India. He has developed first online Spanish Learning Management System in India and also developed first Spanish Mobile and Tab App. for Android and iOS in India. He has established first Spanish Language Resources Centre and Spanish Language *info-tainment* in India. He has also supervised several M.A. and M.Phil. Dissertations and 8 Ph.D. theses (Currently supervising 7 Ph.D. Theses). He has also co-supervised a PhD thesis of one of the prestigious university of Spain. He is the sole faculty in this discipline in India who has supervised foreign doctoral thesis. All his doctorate students are into research and teaching profession in India and abroad.

He has consistent publications since 1991 and has more than 140 publications which comprise of 11 books, several research papers in national & international journals. His recent book on short stories of Latin America is published by the “Sahitya Akademi” (National Academy of Letters). His new book “Digital Spanish @ India” is soon to be published from USA. He has presented papers in several conferences in India and abroad and chaired many sessions. He has also presented papers in USA, Spain, France, Hong Kong and Korea. Prof. Saxena has been invited for lectures at Ohio University, USA, University of California, USA, City University of New York, USA, UGC Academic Staff College, Delhi, Amity University, Noida, Amity University, Haryana, Jindal University, Haryana, British School, New Delhi, Doon University, Uttarakhand and Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Roorkee. He has also been recipient of several prestigious national and international fellowships.

He was Editor of “*Hispanic Horizon*” the internationally recognized referred and listed Indian Research Journal of Hispanic Studies and former Assistant Editor of “*Papeles de la India*”, the Indian Journal in Spanish published by the Indian Council for Cultural Relation (ICCR), Government of India. Apart from being Visitors Nominee for the English and Foreign Language University (EFLU), Hyderabad, Prof. Saxena is/was member of several panel and Boards: 1. University Grants Commission (UGC). 2. National Testing Agency (NTA), NOIDA 3. Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi. 4. JMI Central University, New Delhi 5. Sharda University, NOIDA 6. University of Rajasthan, Jaipur. 7. Kurukshetra University, Haryana. 8. Punjabi University, Patiala. 9. Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, UP 10. Sharda University, NOIDA. 11. Apeejay Stya University, Sohna. 12. Doon University, Dehradun. 13. Ministry of Tourism, Government of India 14. Several BPOs and companies in India. 15. Instituto Cervantes, Delhi. 16. Indian School Certificate Examinations, (ISC) Delhi. 17. Member Academic Council (AC), JNU 18. Member University Court (UC), JNU 19. Member of Board of Studies (BOS), JNU 20. Editorial Board of the Journal *Hispanic Horizon*. 21. Mentor for students (Gender Sensitization Committee against Sexual Harassment GSCASH & others). 22. Centre Committee Member, University of Hyderabad. 23. Executive Council Member, English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad.

He has been awarded as “Honorary Citizen of City of Davis”, California, USA. Recently he has coordinated an International Collaboration on Multicultural Project with the Department of Business and Humanities of ITESM, Mexico and Global Project of Georgetown University; USA; also organized a first-of-its-kind Cultural Week of Ecuador in collaboration with the Embassy of Ecuador to India. Currently, he is doing a joint research on new medium of technological tools for learning Spanish with Ohio State University, USA.

He was former translator of monthly magazine “*India Perspectivas*”, published by the Ministry of External Affairs (Govt. of India). He has also provided professional consultancy in the field of Spanish translation, consecutive and simultaneous interpretation to UN organizations, World Bank, Red Cross, ILO, various ministries of Government of India and dignitaries (President of India, Prime Minister of India, Chief Ministers of many states and Ministers of several Ministries of Government of India).

Apart from teaching & research he has also appeared on Television and Radio programmes as an expert. He delivered “Distinguished Visitor’s Lecture” in Colombia nominated by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Government of India. He was member of Modern Language Association, USA. Member of Asociación Española de Estudios Interdisciplinarios sobre India (AEEII), Córdoba, Spain.

**28 years of teaching.**

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