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Prof. P. Durgaprasad joined the Central University of Odisha as a Visiting Professor of Sociology on 20 January 2020. He worked with premier academic institutions like the IIM, Ahmedabad, IRMA, Anand, NIRD, Hyderabad, NCRI, Hyderabad, Central University of Mizoram and Civil Services University of Ethiopia, Addis Ababa. As a Teacher, Researcher and Consultant, he visited USA, UK, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, SriLanka, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Myanmar and Ethiopia.

His educational qualifications include MA, MPhil. and PhD in Sociology from Osmania University and Sardar Patel University, respectively. Has obtained a PG Certificate in Social and Environmental Impact Assessment(EIA) from The School of Planning and Development, Bradford University and Manchester University, England. Pursued PG Certificate Courses in HRD; Rural Development and livelihoods, Participatory Training and Research; Research and Training Methods; Development Communication; Management of Rural Projects; Health Management; Computer (IT) Applications from reputed Indian Institutions.

He was Chairman and CEO, National Council of Rural Institutes (NCRI), Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India, Hyderabad. Was Director (HRD) and Professor and Head, Centre for Panchayati Raj, National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD), Ministry of Rural Development Govt. of India, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad, India. Has 40 years of Research, Action Research, Training, Teaching, Advocacy and Consultancy experience in Rural Development with 25 years of experience in NIRD as Director and Professor & Head of seven different Centers /Departments, namely, HRD; Communication; Gender Studies; Behavior and Organizational Development, Research and Training, Panchayati Raj and Good Governance and PG Studies in Rural Management, for 19 years; was Deputy Director, HRD for seven years. Was Director of a fast-track one-year PG Teaching Programme, namely, PG Diploma in Rural Development Management (PGDRDM) at NIRD. Was Associate Professor (Reader) at the Institute of Rural Management, Anand (IRMA) for eight years after working as a Research Associate at the Indian Institute of Management (IIMA), Ahmedabad. Was Professor of Public Management at the Ethiopian Civil Services University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Was Visiting Professor of Rural Development, at the Central University of Mizoram.

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