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Profile

Prof. Pramod Kumar is Director, Institute for Development and Communication (IDC), Chandigarh. He has been appointed as Chairperson of the Haryana Governance reforms Authority (HGRA) from 2017. He was also the Chairman of Punjab Governance Reforms Commission (PGRC-II) from March 2012 to 2017. His work focuses on three interrelated themes of politics of development, violence and governance; politics of conflict management and resolution and practice of democracy through empirical methodologies and analysis of public policy and peoples movements. He is a recipient of the prestigious Homi Bhabha Award for the year 1988-1990.

He has held numerous visiting assignments, including visiting professor the Legal Studies Department, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary.

Beginning with his first work on Violence and Indian Politics Prof. Kumar's research interests include Ethnic Divides in a Multicultural Society, Political Economy of Punjab, Peace Building and Conflict Management in South Asia, Post Conflict Reintegration, Politics of Deprivation and Discrimination with Special Reference to Dalits, Policing in a Multicultural Democratic Societies and Combating Terrorism with Implications for Citizen Rights. He has conducted a number of field-based studies on Good Governance and Law Enforcement, Coalition Politics in India, Rural Suicides in Punjab, and Quality of Urban Governance.

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Contextualising Changing Contours (2010); South Asia Predicament: Hostage to Conflicts and Peace Deficit (2008), Polluting Sacred Faith (1992), and co-authored Mapping Criminal Justice Delivery in India (2009), Victims of Militancy (2001), Punjab Crisis : Context and Trends, 1984 and Towards Understanding Communalism (1992) (edited). He has contributed a series of research articles on Electoral Politics in India in books on Indian politics i.e. 1998 Elections: Regionalism, Hindutva and State Politics (1999), India's 1999 Elections and 20th Century Politics (2003) and India's 2004 Elections: Grassroots and National Perspectives (2007) edited by Paul Wallace and Ramashray Roy and published by Sage. He has also written and contributed research articles on Dalit Identity, Violence and Terrorism, Coalition Politics in edited books.

He has also provided international forums for Citizen-Centric Governance (2015), Policing Terrorism (2009), Identifying Peace Issues for Research in South Asia and courses on Conflict Resolution between 2005-2007. He is also a regular contributor to popular journals and newspapers on themes relevant to contemporary social and political reality.

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