

## **KUNWAR SHEKHAR VIJENDRA**

**CO-FOUNDER & CHANCELLOR, SHOBHIT UNIVERSITY**

Kunwar Shekhar Vijendra is the Co-founder and Chancellor of Shobhit Deemed University, Meerut and Shobhit University, Gangoh, Uttar Pradesh; and a prominent social entrepreneur based in New Delhi.

He is the Chairman of ASSOCHAM National Council on Education, the oldest apex Chamber of Commerce and Industry of India. He is also the Patron of Centre for Education Growth & Research (CEGR), one of the largest independent Educational Think-tank of India.

Education and empowerment of the rural youth makes a central issue with all his commitments and activities. He takes skilling and educating youth as prime tools for empowering them with competency to lead a dignified social and personal life. Majorly influenced by his ancestral examples of commitment to education, he volunteered to work full time with a not-for-profit philanthropic organization - NICE Society Trust as a promoter member in 1989. In last three decades he has been instrumental in the development of a number of educational, social and health organizations, including two universities and an Ayurveda Medical College & Research Centre in Northern India.

He is an advocate of health care for the rural population where public or private health facilities are not gone too deep in quality and numbers. He, through his family Trust, has established a 200-bed Ayurveda hospital with an advanced Yoga and Naturopathy center in deep rural province of western Uttar Pradesh. Geared to the idea of making enormous privately funded room for social entitlements, he plans to generate quality human resource in the area of traditional medical science and is also working for the development of more medical institutions and centers for pre and postnatal care for mothers.

Kunwar Shekhar believes that none of the steps of empowerment of youth with education or skilling or health facilities or other entitlements mean much unless there is a reasonable measure of harmony and unity among the people. He is a persistent advocate of the initiatives for national values and crisis management through diplomatic and peaceful ways in the society. He is therefore actively engaged with many civil society organization working for peace, harmony and unity among people in the country. Some of his social affiliations are:

- Advisor, Shri Jagdish Prasad Mathur Charitable Trust, Delhi;
- Chairman, Livelihood Development Research Foundation, Delhi;
- Mentor, Centre for Law and Good Governance, Delhi;
- Member, Executive Committee of Harijan Sevak Sangh (Founded by Gandhi Ji in 1932);
- Member, National Advisory Board, SPIC MACAY;
- Chairman, U.P. Body Building & Fitness Association, etc.

Acknowledging his rich contribution in the areas of education and other concerns, he has been copiously honored and awarded. He has traveled widely in India and to the countries like USA, UK, Germany, Australia, Russia, China, South Korea, Vietnam, Mongolia, UAE, Mauritius, Rwanda, Uganda, and Croatia etc. to participate in various professional, social and educational activities.

He is a Philanthropist, Passionate Gandhian, Social Speaker, Academic Influencer, Occasional Poet, and a Dreamer!

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