

Brief Biography of Prof NMP Verma, Former Vice Chancellor, BBAU, Lucknow



Neel Mani Prasad Verma is the seniormost Professor and former Vice Chancellor of Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow, India. He is professor of economics and currently specializes in macroeconomics, development economics and industrial economics.

He has studied at University of Bihar and JNU, New Delhi. He has done research on Drought Prone Agriculture at Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi (1982-85).

Earlier he has taught post graduate students at Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Avadh University, Faizabad, now Ayodhya, in the capacity of regular Lecturer and Reader at Dept of Economics and Rural Development during 1985-97. Later, he joined BBAU as Reader in 1997 and Professor in the year 2000.

He was Founder Head of Dept of Economics, BBAU during 2000-08. He has also served as Head, Department of Economics, 2016 to 2019 in BBAU, Lucknow.

He was Founder Dean of School of Ambedkar Studies during 2005-08. Presently, he is Founder Dean, School of Economics and Commerce at BBAU, Lucknow (2018-21).

He has guided three post doctoral, eleven doctoral and seventeen M.Phil scholars. He has also supervised several major research projects funded by ICSSR, UGC and others and did consultancy in WMO, Switzerland project on Community Approach of Flood Management in collaboration with IRMED, Delhi.

He is a prolific writer and written/edited ten books. He has edited a book on 'Recession and Its Aftermath', published by Springer (2014).. His forthcoming edited book is 'Handbook on Exclusion, Inequality, and Stigma in India' (Routledge, Francis & Taylor, UK). He has also edited eight numbers of International Journal of Social Science and Development Policy published jointly by BBAU and ASEDS during 2015-18.

He has published dozens of peer reviewed papers in national and international reputed Journals. The detailed list of papers/citations can be seen on Google Scholar. He has delivered numerous lectures, Keynote addresses and Presidential addresses in seminars and conferences. His expert comments and videos on economic issues are also available on

You Tube and television channels ,Lucknow /AIR, Faizabad.

He has organized around a dozen of seminars, conferences, panel discussions, and Research Methodology courses. In addition, he has also chaired various inaugural, valedictory, and technical sessions in Seminars, Conferences etc.

He is recipient of several institutional and other awards including Best Publication Award of BBAU, Best Citizen Award and Rajiv Gandhi Excellence Award.

He is Founder Editor-in-Chief of International Journal of Social Science and Development Policy. He is also on the editorial / advisory board of a few peer - reviewed reputed international journals, International Journal of Economics and Finance, Toronto, Canada and International Finance and Banking, Las Vegas, USA.

In connection with academic activities he visited many institutions abroad such as USA, Australia, Hong Kong, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Bangladesh, Singapore, China, Bhutan and others.

He is Founder President of Association of the Socio-Economic Development Studies (ASEDS) since 2013. He is conference President of UP & Uttrakhand Economic Association (2019). He is also special invitee of Indian Economic Association (New) executive council.

He has been member of several statutory committee constituted for academic and confidential purposes by different Universities and Institutions. He was Chairman/Nodal officer for NAAC assessment of BBAU for the first time and obtained `A` grade in 2014-15 in first attempt. He has been member of important committee of BBAU including Finance Committee and Board of Management.

He also works, off and on, as acting Vice Chancellor in the absence of the regular Vice Chancellor.

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