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**Prof D.N Rao** has 15 yrs. of experience in the field of education and entrepreneurship promotion. He is a British Chevening Scholar in small enterprise development. He taught the Xavier Institute of Management, Bhubaneswar and was heading the rural extension wing, CENDERET during his stint at XIMB. He has worked across the core sector in areas of rural development and poverty alleviation. He has been the Project Director on "Project Water" funded by the Indo – Canadian Environment Facility. He has worked on projects funded by DFID-UK, BILANCE- Netherlands, GTZ- Germany, MISEREOR-Germany, HIVOS- Netherlands and the Canadian International Development Agency . Prof .Rao has been a visiting faculty to the XLRI, Jamshedpur. He is on several institutions like Udyog Vikas & KMDS- Gajapati. He has more than 14 years of experience with various Non- Profit organizations and Government institutions. He has been involved in projects related to Rural Marketing, Power Sector, Consulting, and issues related to the Development Sector. He has contacts with many National and International resource support organizations.

### ***Present Engagements:***

- ***Managing Trustee-cum- Director*** of Centurion School of Rural Enterprise Management Trust, a trust set up to run a rural management college adjacent to JITM, Parlakhemundi, and Orissa.
- ***Director***, Jagannath Institute for Technology and Management, Parlakhemundi
- Centurion Industrial Training Institute, Parlakhemundi
- Centurion + Two Science College, Parlakhemundi

### ***Besides Prof. Rao adds to his credentials:***

***Founding Member and Executive Committee Member*** of Bhubaneswar Metropolis Management Association (BMMA), the local LMA in Orissa affiliated to AIMA, India. He functioned as the Executive Vice President, Training and workshops for 4 years.

***Higher Education Link Coordinator*** for 3 years for the academic link between university of Wales, Bangor, UK and XIMB.

***Social Advisor*** for the study on establishing baseline for the measurement of socio-economic impact of the power sector reforms in Orissa.

***Project Leader*** for the project on Mapping Food insecurity areas and identifying families at risk of starvation. (The project is funded by Hunger Foundation and the client is OSDMA, Government of Orissa).

***Local Team Leader*** for the Institutional Analysis and Design study for the "Western Orissa Rural Livelihoods Project" funded by DFID. He is one of the lead advisors for the micro-privatization initiative in the power sector in Orissa (partly funded by DFID and partly by BSES), Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and NOIDA.

***Project Director*** on the above mentioned assignment which was implemented in 4500 villages in Orissa (in some of the most under developed areas of the State) and 3 DISCOM of Karnataka.

***Developed, Coordinated and Implemented*** many development initiatives during his 12 year stint with CENDERET, for the state of Orissa. CENDERET works in most of the districts of Orissa in Partnership with NGOs and Panchayat representatives. It mainly concentrates on capacity building. Some of the areas of intervention have been ***Micro Planning, Enterprise promotion, Self Help groups' promotion, Joint forest Management interventions with focus on community participation.*** He has also coordinated many research studies and projects. CENDERET is mostly involved in contract research, field action and capacity building in rural development sector

***Head of an NGO*** called Kimidi Multi Purpose Development Society (KMDS), one of the oldest NGOs working in Orissa

***Consultant*** for many development support organizations like Department for international Development (DFID), CORDAID, Netherlands, Oxfam Australia, Bread for the World, Germany to name only a few.