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Dr. Amitav Mishra with an experience of more than three decades of teaching, research and clinical practice, he has been working as Professor since 2012 at School of Education, Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi. He has created a huge manpower for the education and training of persons with disabilities through high quality professional training over a period of three decades as well as through professional support he has brought smiles in the lives of thousands of individuals with disabilities and their family members by contributing towards development of education and rehabilitation. With active contribution through evidence-based policy making, institutional building, innovative researches; he has been helping professionals to improve training of individuals with disabilities. To his credit, he has more than 75 publications and guided about 14 doctoral researches.

He has strong vision and expertise on development of human resources in the area of inclusive and special education as well rehabilitation. He has been a scholar and international expert on inclusive practices in education for advocating equitable and quality education to students with disability. He has produced high quality research in education including in the area policy and management related to disability and rehabilitation.

He is one of the leading expert members and chairperson of various committees appointed by *Rehabilitation Council of India, National Council of Teacher Education, National Institutes for the Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disability, Speech and Hearing at Chennai and Mumbai, National Institute of Open Schooling, Noida, Central Board of Secondary Education, New Delhi*. He serves as Advisory Member to *Asia Pacific Forum on Research in Intellectual Disability, Singapore*. He is the Associate Editor to *Oxford University Press Research Encyclopedia of Education (Inclusive and Special Education)*, New York and Chief Editor of the *Journal of National Convention of Educators of the Deaf* and serves as a member of editorial board and review committee of several journals. He has served on the advisory/executive board of several leading disability organizations such as: *Special Olympics Bharat* (as Advisor and General Secretary), *National Convention of Educators of the Deaf India* (as National President). He has been honored with several awards such as ‘*Eunice Shriver Kennedy Award*’ from Special Olympics for involving highest numbers of athletes with disabilities in sports in the state of Uttar Pradesh; ‘*Derozio Award*’ from Indian Council of Secondary Education, New Delhi for Human Enrichment and Education; *Award for Excellence in Services to Persons with Disabilities* (Government of Uttar Pradesh); *Reeta Peshwaria Fellowship* from The India Vision Foundation for research in disability. For academic excellence, he was honoured with *Prof. Kali Prasad Best Doctoral Research Award* from University of Lucknow and *THPI Gold Medal* from Osmania University, Hyderabad He has been invited and visited Republic of China, Greece, Singapore Ireland and Nepal on academic and technical visits.