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**Profile:**

Dr Anil K. Dimri is currently working as Senior Regional Director in Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) at its Regional Centre Dehradun. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics and has about 30 years of academic experience. He joined IGNOU as Assistant Regional Director at its Regional Centre Guwahati. Prior to joining IGNOU, he was Research Officer at the Centre for Micro Planning and Regional Studies, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussorie, India. He has also served as joint Chief in the Institute of Applied Manpower Research (Planning Commission), New Delhi. He has published more than fifty papers in national and international journals and also submitted several research reports to different Ministries and Institutions. He was actively involved in collection of data for preparation of Human Development Index for the State of Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. He is also involved in imparting training in the field of Decentralized Planning, School Administration, Participatory Learning and Action to the National and State level participants. His area of interest are Decentralized planning and PRI Institutions, Participatory Rural Appraisal and Distance Education.

He is actively involved in guiding distance learners in face to face counselling and interactive radio counselings. He also authored five books in the field of Horticulture Planning, Decentralized Development and Distance Education and Sustainable development. He has also supervised four Ph.D. in Applied Economics and for than 20 students of Master Degree Programme in their project work. His current responsibilities include education administration, student support services, supervision, coordination, monitoring and maintenance of Learner Support Centres (LSCs) which are established in the Higher Education Institutions and Universities. He also manages academic, administrative and financial aspects of Regional Centre and Learners Support Centres under its Jurisdiction. He has substantially contributed for the growth and development of Higher Education as a members of various Committees and corporate bodies and also contributed as Expert committee member and major contributor to the preparation of Manual for Regional Centre and Manual for Learners Support Centres which are widely circulated.