

Brief Profile

Prof. Rajesh Kumar is the Head of the School of Media & Communication Studies, Doon University, Dehradun (A State University of Uttarakhand). Prof. Kumar has more than three decades of experience in media academics and profession. His teaching and research interests are – Communication for Development & Social Change, Political Economy of Communication, Media & Society and International/Global Communication. He has more than two dozen research publications to his credit in reputed national and international peer-reviewed journals, including in some highly acclaimed international journals, viz., *New Media and Society* (Sage-USA), *Global Media & Communication* (Sage-UK), *Interactions: Studies in Communication & Culture* (Intellect UK), *Media Asia* (Routledge), *Media Watch* (Sage-India) and *Communicator* (A UGC-CARE listed journal published by IIMC N. Delhi). He has also contributed several book chapters in national and international publications including in *The Routledge Companion to Social Media and Politics* and *The Routledge Handbook of Communication and Bullying*. He has also authored two books, viz., *Social Media: Redefining Journalism in India* and *Media Society Communication & Development: The Indian Experience*, which have been well received by teachers, students and researchers. Prof Kumar is on Board of Studies of several universities and has been a peer reviewer for journals published by reputed publishers like Sage and Routledge.

Prof. Kumar has six research projects/consultancies to his credit sponsored by different funding agencies such as Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), University Grants Commission (UGC), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Ministry of Rural Development Govt. of India, GIZ Germany and ILRI Nairobi. He also worked as Professor & Head of the Department of Development Journalism at Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) New Delhi, an autonomous institution under Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Govt. of India. Before joining academia, he worked with Doordarshan (A Public Service Broadcaster) where he planned and produced several programmes for development communication, primarily on issues and concerns related to rural developmental and health.