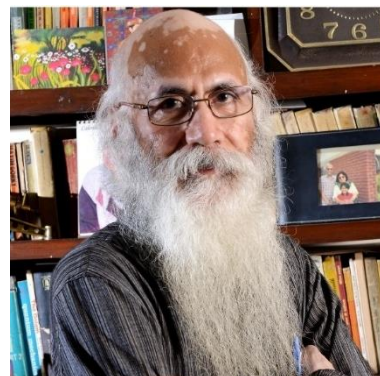


Dr. Arun Kumar : Profile

Dr. Arun Kumar taught Economics in Jawaharlal Nehru University from 1984 to 2015. He was the Sukhamoy Chakravarty Chair Professor in the Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, JNU. He is a former Chairperson of the Centre. He was the President of JNU Teachers' Association in 2014. He has been a Vice President and acting President of the Indian Academy of Social Sciences. He is currently the Malcolm S Adiseshiah Chair Professor at Institute of Social Sciences, N Delhi. He has specialized in Development, Public Finance and Public Policy and Macroeconomics.



His book 'The Black Economy in India', published by Penguin (India) in 1999, 2002 and 2017 has broken new ground in Macro-economics and on thinking about the Indian Economy and development. His book, 'Indian Economy since Independence: Persisting Colonial Disruption' (2013) presents a holistic view of the Indian economy combining history, political science, international relations and economics along with the black economy, environmental concerns and technology. He has also written a book titled 'Understanding Black Economy and Black Money in India: An Enquiry into Causes, Consequences and Remedies', (2017) Aleph Publication. A book titled, '**Demonetization and Black Economy**' is due in November 2017.

He was awarded the Ricardo Prize in Economics by IIES of UNAM, Mexico in 2013. He has written on issues of Public Finance, Public Policy, Alternative Economic Policies and Globalization for the last 35 years. He has been publishing articles both in academic journals (over 100) and in the popular press (over 400) and contributed to public discussions on policy since 1980. He was the Vice Chair of the manifesto drafting committee of National Front in 1989 and was the Convener of the Economics & Ecology Committee of AAP in 2013.

He has been working on building a framework of Alternative Economic Policies in India. He authored the Alternative Budgets for 1993-94 and 1994-95. He has been associated with the Alternative Economic Surveys since 1994. He has been involved in creating public awareness on economic issues and has written extensively in the popular press in addition to writing in academic journals.

He worked in the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy on a Report on the Black Economy in India (1982-85) for the Central Board of Direct Taxes, Government of India. He has had visiting assignments in University of Pavia, Italy, Leipzig and Humboldt Universities, Germany and has given lectures on Economic Development at UNAM, Mexico City, Mexico.

He went to Princeton University USA for Ph.D. in Physics but in 1977 switched to Ph.D. in Economics at Jawaharlal Nehru University. The Ph.D. completed in 1982 gave a new

understanding of Inflation in India by incorporating the role of trade and government in a macro model of the Indian economy. He is an M.Sc. in Physics from Delhi University and Princeton University, U.S.A.. He completed B.Sc. (Physics) from St. Stephens College, India in 1970. He is a gold medalist of Delhi Higher Secondary Board (1967) and Delhi University.

He has been associated with various campaigns like the National Campaign for Housing Rights and National Working Group on Patent Rights. He has supported campaigns for Right to Information and Right to Work for the last 25 years. He was a member of a sub-Committee on Governance of the National Commission for the Review of the Working of the Constitution. He has contributed to the Tibetan Government in Exile as a member of its First Pay Commission and suggested a possible economic blue print for them. He was the team leader of the Joint Indo-Russian Committee for determining the price escalation for SU30MKI aircraft during 2013-14.

He has worked for increasing awareness amongst the teaching community regarding the nature of Higher Education and the need for its reform. In 1997, he was the Chairperson of the Committee of JNU Teachers' Association for proposing an Alternative Structure of Higher Education in India. In 2004, he edited a volume 'Challenges Facing Indian Universities'. He set up the Coordination Committee of Teachers' Associations of Delhi (CCTAD) in 2014 and was its founding President.