

## **Rajiv Saxena, PhD**

**Professor and Chairperson**

**Centre of Spanish, Portuguese, Italian and Latin American Studies**

**Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) | New Delhi | 110067**

+91-11-26704236(Office) 26704228(Chamber) 26742451(Home) ✉ rsaxena@jnu.ac.in



Founder of Online Spanish Language Acquisition and Digital Resource Centre in India  
Principal Investigator of Ministry of HRD project- Spanish-ePG-Pathshala and MOOC  
Fulbright Senior Scholar (University of California and Harvard University, USA)

Professor Rajiv Saxena is the Chairperson (Head) of the Centre of Spanish, Portuguese, Italian and Latin American Studies. He is involved in research and teaching since 1992 and prior to joining JNU in 2001, he taught at the University of Delhi; Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), Delhi and Lady Sri Ram College (LSR), Delhi. He is the Principal Investigator/Project Director of Spanish “ePG-Pathshala” and “MOOC” (Massive Online Open Courses) of Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India project under the National Mission on Education through ICT for developing Online Spanish Post Graduate courses. He was also the first recipient of UGC Major Research Project in this discipline in India. He was Fulbright Senior Scholar at University of California and Harvard University, USA. He is the sole recipient of “Fulbright” in this discipline in India. He is currently doing research on Technology Enhanced Language Learning (TELL) with special emphasis on India. Prof. Saxena is founder of First Online Spanish Post-Graduate Courses in India. He has developed first online Spanish Learning Management System in India and also developed first Spanish Mobile and Tab App. for Android and iOS in India. He has established first Spanish Language Resources Centre and Spanish Language *infotainment* in India. He has also supervised many M.A. and M.Phil. Dissertations and Ph.D. Thesis.

He has consistent publications since 1991 and has more than 140 publications which comprise of 11 books, several research papers in national & international journals and study materials. His recent book on short stories of Latin America is published in 2017 by the “Sahitya Akademi” (National Academy of Letters). His most acclaimed books are “LA ENSEÑANZA DE ESPAÑOL COMO LENGUA EXTRANJERA EN LA INDIA: DESARROLLO Y DESAFÍOS” and “SIMBOLISMO E IMAGINERÍA EN LA POESÍA PERUANA CONTEMPORÁNEA”. He has presented papers in several conferences in India and abroad and chaired many sessions. Recently, he has presented papers in USA, Spain, France, Hong Kong and Korea. Prof. Saxena has been invited for lectures at Ohio University, USA, University of California, USA and City University of New York, USA. He has also been recipient of several prestigious national and international fellowships. He was Editor of “Hispanic Horizon”, the internationally recognized referred and listed Indian Research Journal of Hispanic Studies. Prof. Saxena is/was member of several panel and Board of University Grants Commission (UGC); Doon University, Dehradun; Sharda University, Noida; University of Rajasthan; Kurukshetra University, Haryana; Punjabi University, Patiala; JMI Central University, Delhi; Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, UP; Apeejay Stya University, Haryana; Indra Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi; Ministry of Tourism, Government of India; Member of selection panel of several BPOs and companies in India; DELE panel member of Instituto Cervantes, Delhi; Member of Academic Council of JNU; University Court, JNU and Board of Studies, School (BOS), JNU.

He has been awarded as “Honorary Citizen of City of Davis”, California, USA. Recently he has coordinated an International Collaboration on Multicultural Project with the Department of Business and Humanities of ITESM, Mexico and Global Project of Georgetown University; USA; also organized a first-of-its-kind Cultural Week of Ecuador in collaboration with the Embassy of Ecuador to India. He was former translator of monthly magazine “India Perspectivas”, published by the Ministry of External Affairs (Govt. of India). He has also provided professional consultancy in the field of Spanish translation, consecutive and simultaneous interpretation to UN organizations, World Bank, Red Cross, ILO, CII, FICCI, ASSOCHAM various ministries of Government of India.

Apart from teaching & research he has also appeared on Television and Radio programmes as an expert. He was member of Modern Language Association, USA. Member of Asociación Española de Estudios Interdisciplinarios sobre India (AEEII), Córdoba, Spain.