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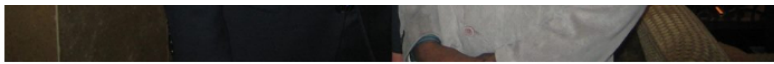


A Change Maker In The Field Of Education, Professor Kamala Kanta Dash

Mr. Kamala Kanta Dash is a dynamic personality in the field of institution building in areas of international relations, public policy, sustainable development goals (SDGs), literature and media. He has become a prominent prime-time face on news television channels in Odisha, having more than 1500 interviews in last six years, analyzing International Relations in easy to understand language. He has received appreciation from Australia and Pakistan in 2021 for championing the cause of Green Campus and Green Skills to promote SDGs around the world.

For a span of over two decades, Mr. Dash has been training and consulting a number of national and global level institutions and personalities in areas of change management, excellence, and brand building. Mid-career professionals have immensely benefited from his result-oriented interventions.





Prof. Kamala Kanta Dash With Victorian Premier Hon'ble Daniel Andrews, Australia

At the national level, he has been one of the leading branding coach in Personal Brand Building for Students. With a work experience of 22 years, Mr. Dash has operated in the multifarious fields of Consulting, Corporate, Development Sector, Media, and Academia.

**Sustainable Fashion icon, Dr. Binaya Bhusan Jena of NIFT Bhubaneswar argues the need for more professionals like Prof. Kamala Kanta Dash, a versatile and multidisciplinary academician who can blend theory and practice to make things emphatic and effective.** Dr. Jena adds that Kamala has excellent skills in training, consulting and project development. He is an example of industry-academic partnership; the world needs the most now.

Currently, Mr. Dash holds a reputable and honorable post of Senior Project Consultant at Ernst and Young, a global leader in consulting, recommending the Government of Rajasthan to create higher education terrains in advanced technology fintech and skills ecosystems. Apart from holding such an elevated position and functioning as an educational advisory for the state of Rajasthan.

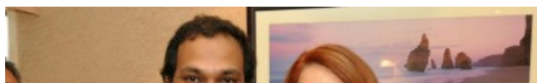


Prof. Kamala Kanta Dash In conversation with Mr. Amish Tripathi, leading popular author

Mr. Dash also holds a respectable position of Assistant Professor of Public Policy and Management at Sri Sri University (SriSriU) and has been a Founding Member and now a Director at the Climate Change and Sustainability Centre at the University.

**Leading digital media entrepreneur, youth icon and Kalinga Literary Festival (KLF) Founder Mr. Rashmi Ranjan Parida rates Mr. Dash highly as an academic and practitioner.** Mr. Dash, who has worked with Mr. Parida from the initial days of Odisha Diary in 2004-05, has contributed immensely with ideas and networks to the collaborative initiatives like Odisha Living Legend & Youth Icon Awards, Kalinga Literary Festival and KLF Bhava Samvad etc. Mr. Dash is one of the well-known faces of KLF, the festival which has taken Bhubaneswar and Odisha to the global level.

Mr. Kamala Kanta Dash is a trained professional in Climate Change education from The Climate Reality Project (USA) India Office. Mr. Dash has been a pioneering force in conducting several training programs in environment, communication, public policy, and higher education. He has also worked as an Expert, Training & Capacity Development (TCD) at PwC India, a global leader in consulting. In addition, he has been trained in Case-Teaching from Professors of IIM Ahmadabad and the Harvard Business School (HBS) and Case Writing from Professors of ISB Hyderabad.





Prof. Kamala Kanta Dash With Former Australian Prime Minister Hon'ble Ms. Julia Gillard

Mr. Dash has been a Master Trainer in areas of Personality Development, Climate Change & SDGs, Entrepreneurship Development, Skills Development, CSR, Public Policy, Communication, and Capacity Development. He has worked for International Agencies, the Government of Odisha, the Government of India, and several industry bodies, thereby bringing about a paradigm shift in the work-ethic culture of our nation. Moreover, he has been a trainer and consultant, having worked on projects with the World Bank, The Unicef, Paradip Port Trust, IOCL, JK Paper and the World Trade Center (WTC) Bhubaneswar.

**Literary critic, publisher and award winning writer, Mr. Debasish Samantary thanks Kamala Kanta for making international relations intelligible for the common people in Odisha.** He shared how earlier experts used jargon, English-Hindi mixed words and presented the issues in a complicated way. Mr. Dash, in the last five to six years, has redefined television commentary in Odia language on issues on global affairs, public policy and environmental issues thereby helping thousands of students in schools, colleges and universities understanding the important global issues and developing their own perspectives. This is a huge contribution for the civil services aspirants as well.

Mr. Kamala Kanta Dash is the epitome of imparting leadership skills and assets to his fellow people. Mr. Deepak Vinayak. Multicultural Champion of Victoria in Australia says, " Kamala is a great example of an effective and helpful team leader. He possesses a powerful combination of expert knowledge and innate leadership abilities. In addition, he has a natural ability to share his expertise in a pleasant and comprehensible manner. I strongly recommend Kamala as a professional that you can learn a lot."

**CA Sudhir Kumar Dash says,** "Kamala Kanta has since been a terrific package of knowledge, wisdom, skill and equally vibrant as a good orator on public policy, international best practices and on the emerging role of the civil society. Starting from his JNU days he had been a great mentor to his juniors, followers and disciples. His journey thus far has been inspiring."

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Mr. Dash who has studied at Ravenshaw, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, and Monash University in Australia, has successfully developed new practices in academia, industry, media, and NGO sectors. He is also quite a familiar face on primetime television. Mr. Dash has been invited by Odisha-based TV channels with more than 1500+ interviews with 15 million YouTube views on issues of Public Policy, International Relations, International Education, India's Foreign Policy, and Global Business.

***Law professor, artist & television commentator Ms. Tulip Suman applaud the initiative that Prof. Dash has done in women's empowerment.*** With the introduction of a forum like Women Experts in Current Affairs News and Broadcasting (WECANB), he is spearheading a movement to reduce gender disparity in media panel discussions throughout Odisha. I wouldn't be surprised if his efforts in bringing about a positive change will soon make WECANB reach out to the national stage.

### **Major Platforms Currently Associated**

1. Sri Sri University Resource Centre for Climate Change and Sustainability (Odisha)- Director
2. AusInd Bridge Foundation (Melbourne, Australia)- Founder Member & India Coordinator
3. Global Foundation for Farm to Fashion (G3F, Bhubaneswar): Founder Member
4. Kalinga Literary Festival (KLF, India)- Founder Member
5. WECANB (Odisha, India)- Founder Member

### **Major Movements Currently Working from Different Platforms**

1. Promoting Active Industry Academia Engagement (Ernst & Young LLP)
2. Promoting Climate Change & Sustainability Education (Sri Sri University)
3. Promoting Indian Ethos in Management Education (Sri Sri University)
4. Promoting Inclusive Literary Practices (KLF and KLF Bhava Samvad)
5. Promoting Sustainable Fashion through a Farm to Fashion Movement (G3F)
6. Promoting Women Experts in current affairs analysis and television discussion (WECANB)
7. Promoting Reporting & Analysis on IR & Foreign Policy through TV Debates (News Channels)

### **Professional Trainings Received**

1. E-Vehicle Adoption in India, TERI Deemed University, New Delhi, 2022
2. Five-Day AICTE ATAL FDP on Sustainable Business Eco-System, 2022
3. Trainings in Disaster Management, NIDM, Govt of India, 2021
4. Training in Sustainable Fashion, NIFT & SriSriU, 2021
5. FDP in Blended Learning and LMs, SriSriU, 2021
6. Policy and Industry Review of Tourism Sector, FICCI & Govt of Odisha, 2021
7. Certificate in Workplace Ergonomics, SriSriU, 2020
8. Three months FDP in Yoga & Wellness, SriSriU, 2020
9. Sanskrit Language, Level-I, SriSriU, 2020
10. Mind Management, SriSriU, 2020
11. Teacher Training Programme, The Climate Reality Project-India, 2020
12. Case Writing and Teaching, ISB Hyderabad, 2019
13. Climate & Business, Climate Reality Project, 2019
14. Exploring Sustainability in the Indian Context, Azim Premji University, 2018
15. Case Method of Teaching, IIMA & Harvard, 2018
16. E-Content Development, NIEPA, MHRD, 2018

17. Master Trainer in CSR, IICA, Govt. of India, 2018
18. Climate Governance, TERI, 2018
19. TOT-Entrepreneurship, NEN, 2017
20. Effective Leadership Health & SDGs, UNICEF
21. TOT-Entrepreneurship, MSME, Govt of India, 2016
22. Art of Living: Happiness, Advanced, Sahaj& DSN
23. Certificate in Yoga Edu, JNU (affiliated to KaivalyaDham)
24. Two Certificates in Public Policy, Centre for Civil Society, Delhi
25. TOT-Community Dialogue, La Trobe University
26. Amb. Healthy Relationships, La Trobe University
27. Project Management, Legal & Business Writing, Monash University
28. TOT-Human Rights Edu, Amnesty
29. TOT-Disaster Management, IIT Delhi & DST, Govt of India
30. TOT-Academic & Life Skills, Prism-The Hindu-NIE
31. IELTS (Academic)- Cambridge Uni& British Council

Mr. Kamala Kanta Dash is an exemplary personality who has immensely contributed to the educational sector of India for over two decades. His passion for the work is what strives for his excellence

## ***Interview By- Saayak Karmakar, Resident Editor, Interview Times***

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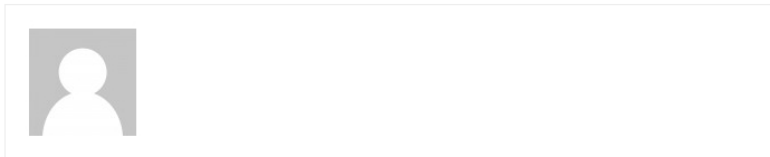


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