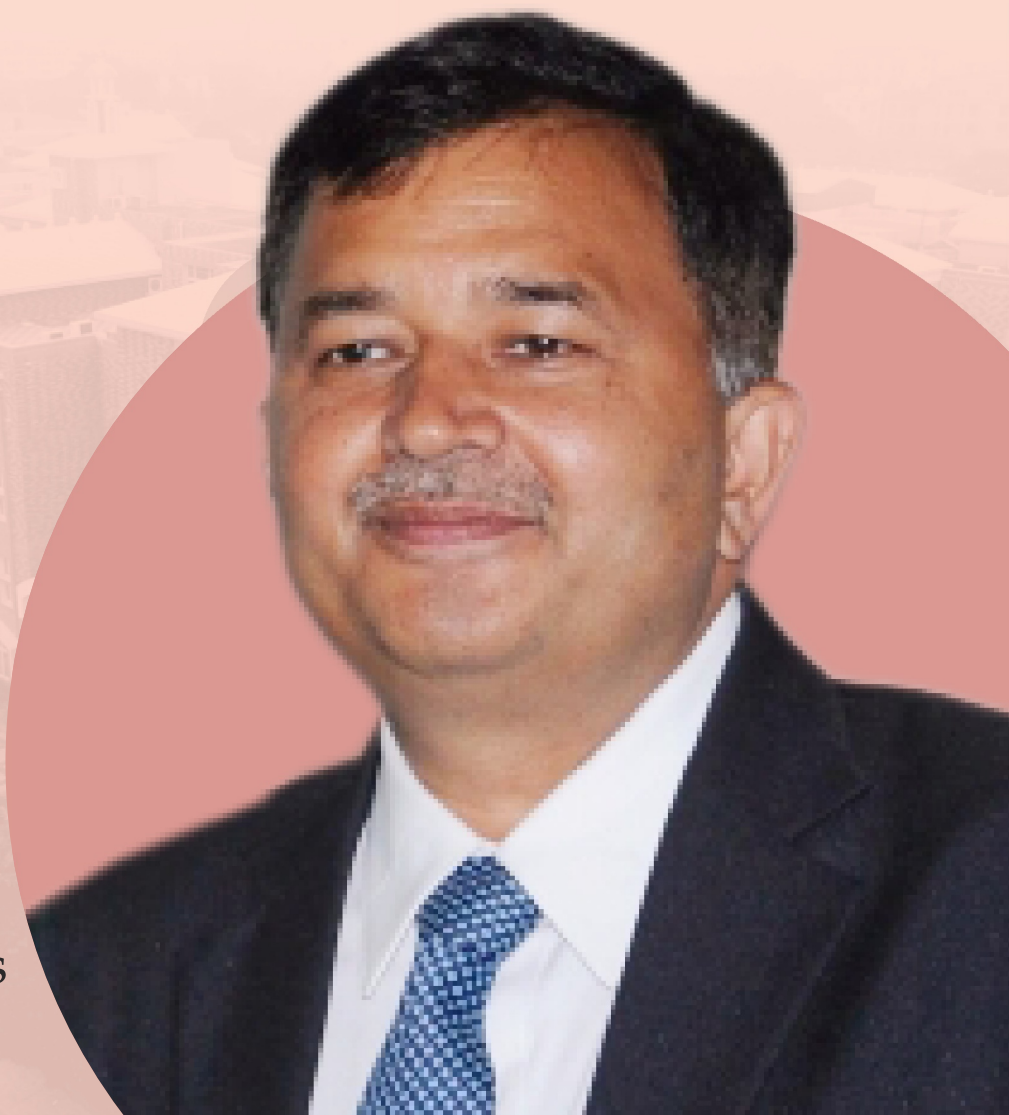


# SAI Thought Leadership

**Our Thought Leader...**

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## **SAI THOUGHT LEADERSHIP #INSPIRING LEADERS**

### **PREAMBLE**

The raison d'être of education goes beyond the mere utility of knowledge and focuses primarily on developing the next generation of leaders. Qualitative and progressive education forms the very crux on which the development of a nation rests upon. It is a powerful agent of change as it possesses the ability to transform lives and equip the gen X with tools to become better human beings. With the ever evolving and fleeting time, the knowledge base that served us well in the bygone era brought about a diffidence that refrained us from venturing beyond the little black conventional boxes that we have carved for ourselves. The need of the hour is to bring about a paradigm shift of thoughts to hone the 21st century skills, combined with digital competency that enables individuals to flourish in a world that evolves with breakneck speed.

### **THE WHY & HOW OF SAI THOUGHT LEADERSHIP**

SAI Thought Leadership is the brainchild of late Dr. Bijaya Kumar Sahoo Founder Chairman, SAI International Education Group to inspire the future leaders. The wave of adversities and uncertainties brought by the pandemic made it imperative to reflect upon the status quo of education. Thus, the call of the day to embark on a journey towards creating a robust education system which empowers and gives the wings to fly, intrepidly into a new tomorrow was obligatory. One of the strongest pillars that determines the growth of a nation is quality education as it is solely responsible to erect conscientious thought leaders to be the agents of change who possess the passion to transform, aid and develop the nation. The genesis of SAI Thought Leadership took shape with the vision to inspire leaders who have withstood the test of time, armed with a heightened sense of equanimity.

As one of the leading schools of India, our prime focus is to bring about a radical change in the education dimension by fostering a community of educators, parents, students and institutions, in a bid to make education more relevant in these changing times. Subsequently, the need to grapple with the unexpected and disruptive changes brought about in the line of education demands our unswerving attention. Therefore, in accordance with the National Education Policy, the conception of the "SAI Thought Leadership" proved to be an empirical stance, as our pursuit is to enrich leaders that can hold the reins of an ever changing tomorrow rather than create inert repositories of knowledge.

The SAI Thought Leadership is a vital learning platform where luminaries, each a leader of prominence and trend setter in their own field, engage in deliberation on a plethora of relevant issues and subjects with a focus on the development of the nation. The erudite speakers, via their deeply enriching talks will not just develop civic competences, regulate thought processes but act as pathfinders and problem solvers. Each session will be followed by a stimulating face to face conversation between the esteemed speaker and Dr. Silpi Sahoo, the Chairperson of SAI International education Group. The SAI Thought Leadership is an excellent occasion where the keynote speakers show a sense of solidarity, to give something back to society, by playing an integral part that leads to enrichment of the audience.

# Shri Surendra Nath Tripathy

Shri Surendra Nath Tripathi, IAS (Retd) is an IAS officer of 1985 batch (Odisha Cadre) and the current Director General of Indian Institute of Public Administration. An MA in Political Science from Allahabad University and MBA in Public Policy from Slovenia, Mr Tripathi is a highly seasoned Civil Servant with a true academic flavour.

Before joining IAS, he had been a lecturer in Allahabad University. He took over the charge as Director General of IIPA in April 2019 while he was still holding the charge of Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Govt of India.

Shri S.N Tripathi has adorned many important positions both in Govt of India as also in the Govt of Odisha. He worked as Additional Secretary & Financial Adviser in Union Ministry of Agriculture Rural Development Statistics and Programme Implementation and Joint Secretary as also Development Commissioner in MSME. In Govt of Odisha, he held highly important positions like Secretary IT, Secretary Panchayati Raj and Rural Development, Information and Public Relations besides working as District Magistrates Sambalpur.

He is credited with revolutionising the Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Deptt of Odisha. As Secretary IT, he digitised all Govt orders and other information of Govt of Odisha and put them into public domain on Website. He has also served as consultant for UNICEF on Food Security and Women Empowerment issues.

After joining IIPA, Shri S.N Tripathi he has been instrumental in implementing e-Office at IIPA which has simplified the office working tremendously. In this crisis time of Covid-19, when face to face training is practically nil, he has worked overnight for reorienting Team IIPA towards digital and online training. Due to his motivation leadership and continuous guidance, IIPA has been able to develop digital training materials in record time even during the lockdown period.

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*In Conversation*



**Dr. Silpi Sahoo**

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