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Prof. (Dr.) Narendra Kumar Arora, MD, MSc, is a distinguished Indian pediatrician, clinical epidemiologist, and global health expert, currently serving as the Executive Director of The INCLEN Trust International, New Delhi. With over four decades of experience in medicine and public health, Dr. Arora has been a pioneering force in shaping immunization policy and practice in India and internationally.

Trained in Paediatrics and Clinical Epidemiology, Prof. Arora began his academic career at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, where he served on the faculty in Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition from 1983 to 2007. He later assumed the position of President of AIIMS Deoghar in 2018. His academic rigor is matched by his deep involvement in large- scale public health programs, particularly in immunization and child health.

Dr. Arora has played a vital role in India's immunization initiatives, including the Pulse Polio Immunization Program, where his research directly informed the introduction of house-to-house immunization and the use of auto-disable syringes. He has led national and international studies on vaccine safety, cold chain infrastructure, injection practices, and adverse event following immunization (AEFI) surveillance. These efforts have contributed significantly to policy shifts in India's immunization program.

He chairs the COVID-19 Working Group of India's National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (NTAGI) and has overseen crucial activities related to vaccines, diagnostics, and therapeutics during the pandemic. Internationally, he has held prominent advisory roles, including Vice-Chair of the WHO Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE) on Immunization, and currently serves on WHO's Global Advisory Committee on Vaccine Safety (GACVS) and Technical Advisory Group on COVID-19 Vaccine Composition (TAG-CO-VAC).

Prof. Arora has also led major multi-centric research projects such as the World Bank-funded study on India's COVID-19 response and the Global Vaccine Data Network's vaccine safety surveillance program. His work has had a lasting impact on immunization delivery and health systems strengthening in India and beyond.

Recognized for his expertise, vision, and leadership, Prof. NK Arora continues to be a key architect of evidence-informed public health policy at the national and global level.