

(Prof.) Dr. R.D. Kulkarni

Vice-Chancellor, University of Mumbai, Former Pro Vice-Chancellor, University of Mumbai and Senior Professor of Oil Tech, Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai

Prof. R D Kulkarni has joined as Vice-Chancellor of University of Mumbai on June 08,2023.

Prof. Dr. R.D. Kulkarni is working as Senior Professor in Chemical Technology with 30 years of experience in Academia (teaching to M.SC., B. Tech. and M. Tech.) and Research through Ph.D. guidance (16 Ph.D. awarded, 2 under submission, 2 PDF, 58 M Tech), PEER Reviewed publications (78, 59 International Journals and 19 national) with Cumulative I.F: 184.2, Patents (3 granted+4 Filed), 06 Book Chapters, R & D Projects (16 DST WMT/SERB, AICTE, RUSA, DRDO-BARNS, UGC projects, Rs. 2.15 crore), Industrial consultancy (10 Projects, Rs. 64.22 lakh) and Infrastructure Projects (DST – FIST, UGC SAP, MODROB, TEQIP-II Rs. 18.0 crore). Before being deputed as Pro Vice-chancellor to the University of Mumbai, during 2016-18, he worked as Professor and Head, Dept. of Oils, Dept. of Oils, Oleochemicals, and Surfactants Tech. (DOOST), Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT), Mumbai Before this, he held the position of Professor, Head, Dept. of Paint Tech. and Director at UICT, North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon (MS). Prof Kulkarni is working in the fields of Renewable Polymers, Nanopigments & Green Functional Paints; Oleochemicals, Surfactants, and biolubricants. His research is based on combining the green approach and ultra-scientific tools to track the chemical and physical transformations brought out by surfactant-mediated protocols. Received awards and recognitions such as ‘UAA-ICT Distinguished Alumnus Award – Academics’ (Dec. 17, 2022), Prof. J. G. Kane Memorial Award-2022, Fellow of Maharashtra Academy of Sciences (FMASc), Elected Life Fellow of Indian Chemical Society (FICS), AMDP, Korea ‘Best Presentation Award’ in 2014, Best Paper Award in 2006 by JOCCA Surface Coating International, etc. He is working/worked for various consultancy assignments for industries such as Godrej Industries, Mumbai SUMWIN Global, Malaysia, Savita Oil Technologies, Mumbai, SYNTHITE, Kolenchery, Kerala, Kumar Metals, Thane etc. Prof Kulkarni served as Pro Vice-Chancellor of University of Mumbai during June 25, 2018-Sept.10.2022. During his tenure, he spearheaded NAAC Cycle III Assessment and Reaccreditation of University of Mumbai which was bestowed

with A++ grading with CGPA of 3.65 in 2021. NIRF 2022 Ranking: University category: 45; Jump from 71st (2021) to 45th position (2022). As Chief Academic Officer, facilitated the establishment of Centre of Excellence in Marine Studies, International Relations, Sports Sciences, Research and Teaching in Finance, etc. and many MoUs with Universities across the globe. Played the lead role in establishment and Academic Growth of Centre of Studies such as Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Research Centre, Sahityaratna Annabhau Sathe Centre of Studies etc. Establishment of two additional University Sub campuses as a model of decentralization of university activities, Restructuring of University Administration on the basis of Maharashtra Public University Act-2016.

Widely travelled to Singapore, Germany, Thailand, Indonesia, Netherlands, France, Switzerland, Japan, Mauritius, and Russia **for Conference Presentations, professional interactions, and visit to various Universities. More than 70 Invited Talks and 150 Conference Presentations.**

Experience in handling Quality issues, Assessment, and accreditation-related practices of NAAC; NBA, and NIRF

Served as Director-IQAC (2014-16). Visitor's Nominee – Executive Council, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi (2016-19). Honorary Advisory position of Academic Council of Capital University Jharkhand (2019), Member, Academic Council of Yashwantrao Chavan Open University, Nasik (2018-2020) and Goa University (2022-24), Member, IQAC, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad (2019-2020), Member, Board of Research, MIT-ADT University, Pune (2019-2022) and SNDT University (2020-22).

Because of his professional standing, expertise and integrity, he has been entrusted with responsibilities such as Visitor Nominee for selection of faculty in IIT-Chennai, many NITs and IISER, Chancellor Nominee for selection of statutory Officers in State Universities and Expert on Central and State Government Committees. Worked on different Committees of the Government of Maharashtra and Government of India: Member, Working Group for preparation of Guidelines for University- Industry Linkage Programme, UGC, New Delhi (2019), Convenor, Fatty Acids, FAD Subgroup on Oils, Bureau of Indian Standards(BIS).

Govt. of Maharashtra: Member, Committee for JJ State University, Chairman, Committee for the design of 4-year Multidisciplinary Degree and Dual Degree Programme in line with NEP-2020, Higher and Technical Education Department, Government of Maharashtra (2022) and Member, Maharashtra State NEP Implementation Steering Committee, Dept. of Higher and Technical

Education, Government of Maharashtra (2023),travelled and delivered talk across Maharashtra State of Sensitization of Stakeholders (Professors, Principals, Management, Students, Patents, Journalist etc.) on implementation of NEP.