

Professor Shivaraj Vice-Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh

Professor Shivaraj is presently serving as the Vice-Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh. He is an accomplished academician, researcher, and higher education administrator with over three decades of experience in teaching, research, academic governance, and institutional development. He obtained his M.Sc. degree in Chemistry in 1983 and Ph.D. in Chemistry in 1989 from Osmania University, Hyderabad. He joined Osmania University as an Assistant Professor in 1986 and served the institution in various academic and administrative capacities until his superannuation in September 2020. His academic career includes 34 years of teaching and research experience, including 15 years as a Professor. In recognition of his contributions to higher education, he received the Best Teacher Award from the Government of Telangana.

Professor Shivaraj has made significant contributions to chemical research, particularly in the field of bio-coordination chemistry. He has published 131 research papers in reputed National and International journals, guided 31 research scholars to the award of Ph.D. degrees, and secured and completed five research projects funded by UGC, DST, GoI. He has delivered around 70 invited lectures at National and International Conferences and visited 12 countries for academic and research purposes. He has also served as a reviewer for reputed research journals and contributed to academic development through his association with professional scientific bodies and University Boards of Studies. He has served as Chairman, BoS, Dept. of Chemistry, OU and visiting professor, Sri Venkateswara University Tirupati.

Professor Shivaraj has held several key leadership positions at Osmania University, including Controller of Examinations, Director of Admissions, Director of the PGRR Centre for Distance Education, Joint Director of Academic Audit, Youth welfare Officer of SWD, Principal of the University College of Science, Dean, Faculty of Science and Dean, Development and UGC Affairs. He also served as Coordinator of the UGC–University with Potential for Excellence (UPE) Programme and the DST–PURSE Programme. Subsequently, he served as Dean of the Faculty of Science and Registrar of Palamuru University. His administrative contributions include academic regulation and curriculum development, restructuring and implementation of the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS), examination reforms, online admissions, academic audits, and institutional infrastructure development. He also played an important role in organising the convocations of Osmania University and first convocation of Palamuru University and facilitating its recognition under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act. He also underwent training under LEAP, a flagship scheme of MHRD, GoI. He also served as Chairman, Cultural Committee in Centenary Celebrations, O.U, Joint Secretary, Osmania University Teachers Association (OUTA), Organizing Secretary, South Zone Inter University Youth Festival organized by Osmania University, and Hon. Secretary, Faculty Club, O.U.

At the National level, Professor Shivaraj served as a Member of the University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi, contributing to higher education policy, regulations, and guidelines. He has served on several National committees and expert bodies, including NAAC, the UGC Standing Committee on Autonomous Colleges, Private and Deemed-to-be Universities, DEB working Group, UGC, and the Chairman expert group on Equity and Inclusion for the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. His other

contributions include service on academic councils, governing bodies, Executive council, finance committees, and expert committees of universities and National institutions. He has also contributed to initiatives concerning Equity and Inclusion in higher education, research development, academic standards, and institutional governance.

Professor Shivaraj received the Best Teacher Award from the Government of Telangana in 2018 and the UGC–BSR Faculty Fellowship in 2021. CSIR, JRF&SRF in 1984 & 1986. He is a Fellow of the Telangana Academy of Sciences and has been associated with several Professional and Scientific Organizations, including the American Chemical Society, Indian Science Congress Association, Indian Association of Chemistry Teachers, Indian Council of Chemists and Indian Chemical Society.