

Brief Profile of Prof. Suhas Pednekar

Prof. Suhas Pednekar has been appointed Vice Chancellor of the University of Mumbai in April 2018. He has over 30 years of academic experience as a Under graduate, Post-graduate Teacher and a Researcher. His inherent passion, commitment and dedication towards academics and research led to his appointment as Principal of Ramnarain Ruia College in 2006, a position he held until April 2018.

Prof. Pednekar holds a Doctoral Degree in Organic Chemistry and was a Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Stevens Institute of Technology, New Jersey, USA. Prof. Pednekar's areas of research interest are Green Chemistry, Pharmacological and Chemical Investigation of Medicinal Plants and Marine Biotechnology. He has presented his research findings in many national and international conferences in more than 15 countries and has published over 50 research papers in national and international journals of repute. He has undertaken collaborative research projects with many Universities in India and abroad and has successfully guided over 30 students for Doctoral and Masters' programs.

Prof. Pednekar has vast administrative experience and has served as a Member of official bodies of the Institute of Chemical Technology (Mumbai), University of Mumbai and State and National level bodies engaged in the enhancement of quality of education. He has worked as the Member of many National and State level bodies such as the Working Group on Higher Education (XII Five Year Plan) Planning Commission of India (2012), Committee for Revision of Maharashtra Universities' Act, Government of Maharashtra (2012), Task Force Committee, Government of Maharashtra for New National Education Policy (2016 – 2017), Education Innovation Committee & Commercial Examination Board, Indian Merchants' Chamber (2009). He has been the President (2007- 08); Vice-President (2002 – 2004); Joint Secretary (1999 – 2002) and Member of the Executive Committee, Indian Chemical Society, Mumbai Branch. Currently he is the Member of many Academic Committees of UGC, DBT and the State Government. He is also the Life Member of many scientific bodies.

Prof. Pednekar is the recipient of several awards which include the Best Chemistry Teacher Award at National level by Tata Chemicals Ltd. given in association with the Association of Chemistry Teachers, Royal Society of Chemistry, Confederation of Indian Industry and Godrej (2013); and the Best Teacher Award, Government of Maharashtra (2012).