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Prof. Ravindra D. Kulkarni, holding 32 years of rich experience in the field of Chemical Technology, is currently the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Mumbai (UoM). Before joining as Vice-Chancellor, he served as Pro-Vice-Chancellor at the University of Mumbai; Head and Sr. Professor at the Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT), Matunga, Mumbai, and Professor and Director at UICT, North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon (MS). His Research statistics covers Ph.D. guidance (18 Ph.D. awards, 2 PDF, 64 M Tech), PEER Reviewed publications (86 with Cumulative I.F: 220), Patents (3 granted+6 Filed/ Published), 06 Book Chapters, R & D Projects (16 DST SERB, AICTE, RUSA, DRDO-BARNS, UGC projects, Rs. 2.15 crore), consultancy assignments for renowned industries in India and Abroad (10 Projects, Rs. 64.22 lakh) and Infrastructure Projects (DST -FIST, UGC SAP, MODROB, TEQIP-II Rs.18.0 crore).

He has received several prestigious awards and recognitions such as the Prof. J. G. Kane Memorial Award, LITAA- LITU Jewel Award, UAA-ICT Distinguished Alumnus Award, Fellow of Maharashtra Academy of Sciences (FMASc), Elected Life Fellow of Indian Chemical Society (FICS), and AMDP, Korea, and Surface Coating International (JOCCA), Australia for best Research Paper Awards. He is working on various consultancy assignments for renowned industries in India and abroad. He has widely traveled to the US, European, and Asian Countries for Conference Presentations, Professional Collaborations, and Visits to various Universities.

Under his Adroit Leadership as PVC/VC, the University of Mumbai was bestowed with an A++ grade with a CGPA of 3.65 in 2021 by NAAC, Category-I University Status in 2023 by the UGC, QS-2025 Ranking 711-750 (19th in India & 67th in Asia), and PM-USHA Funding by the Ministry of Education, Government of India in 2024.

Prof. Kulkarni was entrusted with responsibilities such as Visitor Nominee for faculty selection at IIT, many NITs, and IISER. Chancellor Nominee for selection of Statutory Officers in State Universities and Expert on various UGC, Central and State Government Committees, Chairman / Member in the Search-Cum-Selection Committee for Selection of Vice Chancellor in the Universities at Andhra Pradesh, & Bihar. He is also the Convenor, Fatty Acids, FAD Subgroup on Oils, Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). He is serving as President (2023-26) of Oil Technologists' Association of India (WZ)-the specialized association representing Technocrats, Engineers, Scientists, Academicians and Industry Professionals working in the field of Oils, Oleochemicals and Surfactant Technology.

Prof. Kulkarni served as Chairman of the Committee to design the 4-year Multidisciplinary Degree and Dual Degree Programme in line with NEP-2020, Higher and Technical Education Department,

Government of Maharashtra. Prof. Kulkarni is also working as a Member of the Maharashtra State NEP Implementation Steering Committee, Govt of Maharashtra, Managing Committee of Regional Institute of Education (constituent unit of NCERT), Bhopal, and Chairperson of the UGC Western Zonal Committee for implementation of NEP. In this capacity, he was associated with holistic implementation of Multidisciplinary Curricular Framework and other important features (LOCF, OJT, IKS, Blended Learning, Assessment Reforms, promotion of Technical Curricular content in Bharatiya Bhasha) across State Universities in Maharashtra. He is also serving as UGC nominee on the Council of the Inter-University for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA), Pune, BoG, Board of Apprenticeship Training (BOAT)-WR, Pune, Governing Board of the INFLIBNET, Gandhinagar, and General Council, NAAC, Bangalore.