

## **BRIEF PROFILE**



### **Prof Vinay Kumar Pathak**

Professor Vinay Kumar Pathak is an administrator of excellence and an exemplary scholar. He has completed his undergraduate education at the prestigious institution Harcourt Butler Technological Institute, Kanpur (now known as HBTU, Kanpur). He is also an alumnus of the renowned Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur. A computer scientist by training, Prof. Pathak has a career ranging over twenty-six years of visionary leadership as faculty of Computer Science, Professor & Dean of the School of Computer Sciences, Harcourt Butler Technical University, Kanpur, and the Vice Chancellor of eight different Universities in Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand. In all his administrative capacities, he has steered numerous institutions into the era of technological advancement with the available resources. He recently, in 2024, was unanimously elected as the President of the Association of Indian Universities, Delhi, after serving there as the Vice President for a year. His administrative philosophy is guided by the unwavering belief in the amalgamation of traditions with futuristic progressions to confide the pace and direction of growth and development on the giant shoulders of our ancestral epistemology and axiology.

Prof. Pathak has had a long career as vice chancellor of eight universities nationwide. He excellently has managed multiple Universities for three full terms, namely Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani, VMOU, Kota with an additional charge of Rajasthan Technical University, Kota; Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Technical University with an additional charge of HBTU, Kanpur, Khawaja Moinuddin Chishti Language University, Lucknow and Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University with an additional charge of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Agra. This remarkable feat of inspiring multitasking speaks of his outstanding leadership qualities.

Prof. Pathak's unwavering commitment to the scholarly pursuit, in the midst of his highly occupied administrative roles, can be measured by his forty-six-research publication in various international journals of repute in the field of computer technologies and a patent for an 'adjustable mounting system for solar panel arrays with clamping and securing mechanisms'. However, these numbers do not measure the everyday innovations he makes as an administrator. He is known to constantly guide the development team to produce logic for systems of management that are largely unheard of.

Prof. Pathak does not believe in gatekeeping any kind of progress or knowledge; hence, he has been sharing his ideas with the students and enthusiasts of the discipline through more than two dozen special presentations and lectures in the area of computer science. He proudly has guided ten students in the Doctoral degrees, who have greatly benefitted from his expertise. Prof. Pathak is also an enthusiastic speaker in the area of Administration and practical usage of technological advancements for universities, for which he has been invited to various South-Asian and European nations to share his wisdom and motivate the new generation of higher education administration.

Prof. Pathak's contribution to the higher education administration is unfathomable. Serving his role as the 'Son of Soil,' he has contributed as an active member of the Task Force Committee for New Education Policy implementation in Uttar Pradesh. His technological finesse has been recognized by the state and national governments who have entrusted him as a member of the Council of Science and Technology, Uttar Pradesh; All India Board of Undergraduate Studies in Engineering and Technology, AICTE; and NUEPA Council, NCERT. His tremendous leadership acumen is also recognized by various bodies who have appointed Prof. Pathak as Chairman of the Expert Committee of VCs for the development of E-learning material appointed by the Governor of Uttar Pradesh, along with the Chairman of the Technical Committee of MP Bhoj Open University, Madhya Pradesh.

Prof. Pathak has been a well-respected member of the Board of Governance of various Institutions of National importance such as IIIT, Lucknow, and IIT, BHU. He is believed to have a Midas touch that can turn a humble institution into a powerhouse like Chitrakoot Gramodaya University, Chitrakoot, and Rajiv Gandhi Tribal University, Udaipur, along with companies like the Rajasthan Knowledge Corporation Limited, where he was a member of the establishment committee in Rajasthan. Prof. Pathak has unnering trust in the power of Indian Values and traditions that is

also seen in his work as a member of the national committee for implementation of the model curriculum on Universal Human Values for all technical institutions across the nation. His contribution to the field of administration and to the advancement of human values is recognized by the Global- eLearning Award, 2012, and Humanitarian Award, 2021.

Prof. Pathak, in his star-studded career, has worked extensively for intersectional access of technology and education by the people irrespective of their backgrounds. His ideas, though extremely advanced, are rooted in the beliefs of soil and nation. His ideas of tech-based education and administration can be seen in practice at all the universities where students from various backgrounds are acquainted with advanced systems of teaching-learning material, assessment, and bureaucracy. Prof. Pathak is revered by his students for his belief in the constitutional values of democracy. He is known for inviting students to take charge of their educational life cycle at the universities by taking active roles in various student bodies. Prof. Pathak, in his professional demeanor, demonstrates an impressive level of warmth and understanding. His careful listening and considerate replies to each person demonstrate his sincere concern for the welfare of everyone. This kind of approach fosters rapport and trust between coworkers and constituents in addition to improving communication. Prof. Pathak is known to create a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere that promotes cooperation and respect for one another by continuously exhibiting qualities like empathy and understanding.