

Brief Bio



Dr. Sushma S. Kulkarni currently serves as the Vice Chancellor of NICMAR University, Pune, and Chair of the Global Engineering Deans Council (GEDC).

She has completed her Ph.D. in Civil Engineering (2003), M.E. in Construction Management (1993), from Shivaji University, Kolhapur, India, and B.E. in Civil Engineering (1987), from Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology, Nagpur, India. She has 37 years of experience in teaching and research within the field of civil engineering, her expertise encompasses concrete technology, Total Quality Management (TQM), construction management, watershed management, outcome-based education, and women's empowerment.

Dr. Kulkarni has been honored with over 35+ awards for her exceptional contributions to academia and administration, including the

- Awarded with the **“Excellence Enablers Award - Vice Chancellor”** by Lexicon Group of Institutions during the award ceremony **“Smt. Kamal Sharma - Award of Academic Excellence 2024”** on occasion of Teachers' Day in September 2024.
- The Association of Management of Unaided Engineering Colleges (Maharashtra) Nashik, was awarded **“Dr. R. P. Joshi- Best Principal award”**, during the annual award ceremony at Pune in February 2024.
- The Navabharat Group Awarded her with **“Outstanding personality in Engineering education”** during the 5th Navbharat Education Award 2022 at Mumbai.
- The IUCEE **“Institutional Leadership Award”** for transformation in Engineering Education during ICTIEE 2020 in January 2020.
- Awarded with **“251 Fabulous Global Education Leaders”** Award by World Education Congress in July 2019.
- Awarded with the International Federation of Engineering Education Societies' **“Duncan Fraser Global Award”** for excellence in engineering education with a cash prize of USD 1000 in November 2019.
- Received **“Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan National Award for Best Engineering College Principal”** from the Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE), New Delhi 2011.

Her scholarly contributions include more than **155+ research papers** and **two provisional patents**. She has also delivered over **150+ expert keynote** sessions and. Under her guidance, **5 students have completed their Ph.D.** and **7 are pursuing it**. She has also guided **70+ UG & PG** students in their research projects.

In addition to her academic achievements, Dr. Kulkarni is actively involved with professional organizations such as GEDC, the Institution of Engineers India (IEI), and the Indo-Universal Collaboration for Engineering Education (IUCEE) Foundation. Serving as an **Editor for the “Journal of Engineering Education Transformation” (JEET)**, a **Scopus-indexed 11** and UGC CARE II-recognized International journal.