

Brief Bio

Dr. Sushma Kulkarni is the Vice Chancellor of NICMAR University, Pune, and currently serves as the immediate past Chair of the Global Engineering Deans Council (GEDC), a U.S.-based global forum dedicated to advancing the quality of engineering education.

She was formerly the Director at Rajarambapu Institute of Technology, Sangli, Maharashtra, for over 16 years.

With 38 years of experience in teaching and research in civil engineering, her expertise spans concrete technology, Total Quality Management (TQM), construction management, watershed management, engineering education, academic leadership and women's empowerment.

Dr. Kulkarni has received more than 35 prestigious national and international awards for her outstanding contributions to academia and administration. Notably, she was conferred the ***Duncan Fraser Global Award*** by the International Federation of Engineering Education Societies in 2019, recognizing her excellence in engineering education.

Her scholarly contributions include **over 155 research papers and two provisional patents**. She has delivered **more than 150 expert keynote lectures** worldwide. Under her mentorship, **five Ph.D. scholars** have successfully completed their doctorates, seven are currently pursuing, and **over 70** undergraduate and postgraduate students have undertaken research projects.

In addition to her academic and research achievements, Dr. Kulkarni actively engages with several professional organizations, including the Institution of Engineers (India) and the Indo-Universal Collaboration for Engineering Education (IUCEE) Foundation. She also serves as **Editor of the *Journal of Engineering Education Transformations (JEET)***, a Scopus-indexed, UGC-CARE II recognized, Q2-ranked international journal and managing editor of the ***Journal of Real Estate, Construction & Management***, published by Sage.