

## **Dr. Venugopal K R**

### **Vice-Chancellor, Bangalore University**



Dr. Venugopal K R is the Vice Chancellor of Bangalore University. He was the Principal of University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE) for 15 years, Chairman, Department of Electronics and Communications, Computer Science Engineering and Information Science Engineering in UVCE. He has illustrious, distinguished and brilliant academic career with Eleven degrees including two Ph.Ds, one in Economics from Bangalore University and another Ph.D in Computer Science and Engineering from IIT Madras. He has served UVCE and Bangalore University for over the last four decades.

He received his ME degree in Computer Science Engineering from the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, Bachelor of Engineering in Electronics and Communications from UVCE and has also obtained degrees in Law, Journalism, Public Relations, Business Finance, Economics, Industrial Relations and Communications. He was a Post Doctoral Research Scholar and visiting Professor at University of Southern California, USA.

He has authored and edited 72 books in Economics and Computer Science. These books are prescribed as text books and references in our country and abroad. The royalty from these books and his entire salary are donated to charitable educational institutions and spent on the welfare of his students. He has published more than 1000 papers in refereed International Conferences and Journals and has a Google Scholar citations H-index of 36. He has been credited with 34 patents. He has established two Engineering colleges and two schools in Bangalore.

He has awarded Ph.Ds to 30 students and informally guided more than 150 Research Scholars and supervised more than 700 Post Graduate dissertations in Computer Science and Engineering. He has organized 35 International Conferences and more than 800 workshops, Seminars and Symposiums in Computer Science and Engineering in UVCE and Bangalore University.

As a Special Officer, Government of Karnataka, he has successfully restructured Bangalore University into three universities viz., Bangalore University, Bengaluru Central University and Bengaluru North University. He has been instrumental in developing UVCE into an autonomous institution with a funding of more than 100 crores.

He represented Bangalore University in Cricket and Athletics and was an active student representative in his early educational career. He is a recipient of over sixty awards. He received IEEE Fellow and ACM Distinguished Educator award from USA for his outstanding contributions to Computer Science and Engineering and is the first Professor from Bangalore University to receive this highest academic award at the University level in this Country.

Dr. Venugopal K R received the Anna University National Award, National Hindi Scholarship Award, National Merit Scholarship Award, Kulapathi Gold and Silver Medal Awards, ISTE Fellow Award, Indian Engineering Congress Excellence Award, Karnataka State Government Award for Book writing; Uttar Pradesh State Government National Award, Kempe Gowda Award, Sir M Visvesvaraya Award, IEEE Best Branch Counselor Award from New York, Rotary International Vocational Excellence Award and Cognizant Technology Solutions Best Faculty Award for the outstanding performance in academics.

After assuming the charge of Vice-Chancellor of Bangalore University, several reforms in Examination, Academic, Administration, Finance, Developmental and Infrastructure works have been initiated. Some of them are : Digital Evaluation, Online availability of marks cards and degree certificates on NAD (National Academic Directory) faculty appointments, long pending promotions to teachers and non-teaching staff, online receipts and payments, solar power for the whole campus, establishment of Bioparks, Fruit Gardens and Botanical Gardens.

He has developed infrastructure at Ramanagara Post Graduate Centre and established North East Ladies Hostel, BDA Ladies Hostel, UVCE Boys Hostel, UVCE Mechanical Block, OBC Girls Hostel, Research Scholars Hostel, Indoor and Outdoor Stadiums and Kempegowda Research Centre. He has developed joint infrastructure and research programs in collaboration with NAAC, Central University of Karnataka, Gulbarga, Inter University Yogic Sciences, UGC and Council of Architecture. Twenty new courses have been started at Bangalore University and UVCE.

His name appears in Who's Who in the World since 1995, Who's Who in America, Two thousand scientists of the Twentieth Century and Five thousand personalities of the World.

He is a social worker, philanthropist, wonderful achiever, researcher, inventor, inspirer and a very simple and pleasant personality known for his dedication, charity, commitment, honesty and sincerity. He has been a leading beacon light and role model for teachers and students of this world.