

Dr. Venugopal K R

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Dr. Venugopal K R, Former Vice-Chancellor, Bangalore University has served Bangalore University and UVCE for over the last five decades. He has 11 degrees with two Ph.Ds. one in Economics (Petrodollar and the World Economy) from Bangalore University and another in Computer Science Engineering (Terahertz Bandwidth High-Speed Computer Optical Networks) from IITM Chennai. He received his ME degree in Computer Science Engineering from the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. He has degrees in Electronics and Communication, Law, Journalism, Public Relations, Business Finance, Industrial Relations, Mass Communication and Economics. Presently, he is pursuing Ph.D. program in Law (Legal Frameworks for GenAI-enabled Cybercrimes and copyright infringement). He served as a Chairman of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) South West Regional Office and as Principal of University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE) for Fifteen Years.

He has authored and edited 119 books adding up to 50,000+ Pages, 1200 Research publications of more than 20,000+ pages, and has been granted 45 utility patents. He has Awarded Ph.D. to 30 students, guided informally 300 Research Scholars and supervised more than 800 Post Graduate dissertations in Computer Science and Engineering at UVCE and Bangalore University. He has organized 35 International Conferences and more than 1050 Workshops, Symposiums, Seminars and Special Lectures.

He received IEEE Fellow and ACM Distinguished Educator award from USA for his outstanding contributions to the field of Computer Science Engineering. He was a Post-Doctoral Research Scholar and Visiting Professor at University of Southern California, USA.

He served as a Special Officer to Government of Karnataka and restructured Bangalore University into four State Universities: (i) Bangalore University, (ii) Bangalore City University, (iii) Bangalore North University and (iv) University of Visvesvaraya College of Engineering on the model of IIT with funding of over 700 crores. The Bangalore University during his tenure as Vice-Chancellor (2018 - 2022) has been accredited by NAAC with A++ grade and score of 3.75, standing first among the public universities in the country. He has served as a member of Executive Committees in AICTE, ISEC, BASE, as an expert in DST, UGC, NBA, and NAAC, Government of Karnataka, Government of India.

He has been donating his salary, pension, and royalty from his books which has exceeded 6+ crores, to Educational Charitable Institutions and for the Development of Education in University of Visvesvaraya College of Engineering and Bangalore University. He has established two Engineering Colleges and two Schools in Bangalore. He represented Bangalore University in Cricket and Athletics and was a student Representative throughout his academic career.

He is a philanthropist, social worker, researcher, innovator, and an outstanding academician known for his integrity, honesty, commitment, and dedication.