

## Profile Of Dean

**Dr. Hemant Abhyankar**  
**Dean,**  
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Prof. Hemant Keshav Abhyankar, born in May, 1949 at Sangli is working as Principal, Vishwakarma Institute of Technology, Pune since October, 1994. After studying B.E. (Electrical) and M.E. (Electrical - Control Systems), he joined as an Assistant Lecturer at the Walchand College of Engineering, Sangli. Since he joined in 1974, he took up various positions as Assistant Lecturer, Lecturer in a combined Degree/Diploma institute and later on became Head of the Department of its Polytechnic wing in October, 1980, and Rector In charge when polytechnic wing separated off. During the tenure from 1974 - 1984 at Walchand College of Engineering, he also worked as Gymkhana Indoor/Outdoor Games In charge, Rector In charge of 1200 students and 13 different Mess Halls. He also assisted the Institute by taking over the admission work at degree and diploma levels.

The era of new colleges opened up the avenues of promotions and new challenges to youngsters in 1983 in the State of Maharashtra. He was invited to be the Professor and Head of Electronics Engineering Department at Tatyasaheb Kore Institute of Engineering and Technology, Warnanagar, Kolhapur, (where the admission position was not good) and he accepted this position as a challenge. He developed the Department there to such an extent that the post graduate program was also started. Management also put the responsibility on his shoulder as Vice Principal (Administration). The all-round development of this institute brought the AICTE approval during the maiden visit of the committee in December, 1989 and accreditation as 'A' grade, by Government of Maharashtra, later on.

At the request of the then Honorable Minister for Co-operatives, Maharashtra State, he switched over as the Principal of Sanjivani Education Society's College of Engineering, Kopergaon, Dist. Ahrnednagar, a college which was having many problems of students and also administration. He developed it within three years into one of the leading rural institutions under the University of Pune. The all-around development of the Institute, under his leadership was accredited as 'A' Grade by the Government of Maharashtra and was also accorded approval by the A.I.C.T.E. The modern infrastructure and staff development during his tenure could sustain the pressure of progress even today.

In 1994, he took up the post of Principal at Vishwakarma Institute of Technology, at his home town in Pune. Since then, the academic and extracurricular growth of the Institute is continuously on the rise. The Institute has become one of the premier institutions in the Country. The interaction with industry has offered a number of benefits to the Institute, which has resulted into the signing of MOU with Fiat-ISVOR, spa, Italy. Under this MOU, 11 staff members were sent to Torino (Italy) for 3 1/2 months' training as trainers, giving them an international exposure.

Prof. Abhyankar, is a Life Member of I.S.T.E., a fellow of the Institution of Engineers (India), Institution of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers (India), Member of I.E.E.E. - Computer Section. He was elected as the Executive of I.S.T.E. for 2 consecutive terms from 1988 to 1992, and was also a treasurer of I.S.T.E. up to 1993.

As a recognized post graduate teacher in Electronics Engineering, he has worked on Boards of Studies in Electronics as Member and Chairman at Shivaji University and at present, he is a member of the Board of Studies in Computer Engineering at Pune University, He has received Best Teacher award from Lions Club - Pune. Rotary Club -Pune as well as Pune Municipal Corporation has felicitated him for his outstanding contribution to Education.

In the year 1999, a maiden award was bestowed upon him by Indian Society for Technical Education, New Delhi - a Professional Society of Technical Teachers in the Country - as 'Best Engineering College Principal' at National Level. He has participated in a number of conferences / seminars at National and International level.

Principal Abhyankar has widely traveled in India and abroad. He has visited countries like South Korea, Italy, France, Portugal, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, South Africa and several universities in United States of America. He has keen interest in indoor / outdoor games, reading and Indian Music.