

## **Profile of Prof. (Dr.) Navin Sheth (Ex. Vice-Chancellor, GTU)**

Prof. (Dr.) Navin Sheth is the Former Vice-Chancellor of the Gujarat Technological University (GTU). A renowned educationist and administrator, Prof. Sheth started his academic career way back in 1979 and during the course of time, emerged as a tireless academician and herbal scientist.

Prof. Sheth had his early education in his hometown. He obtained his B. Pharm. and M. Pharm degrees from L. M. College of Pharmacy, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad, the oldest pharmacy college of India. He was awarded the National Merit Scholarship for his graduation studies. He obtained a Ph.D. degree from the Saurashtra University, Rajkot.

A distinguished academician, staunch disciplinarian and an efficient administrator. He has also served as the Member and Chairman of the various Committees of UGC/ AICTE /DST/ GUJCOST and several Universities in India. He had been the Advisor and later on, Member of the GPSC. Prof. Sheth's contribution to the GTU's unique identity has been extremely important.

Prof. Sheth has attended many national and international conferences in India and abroad. His research interests include Traditional Drugs, Herbal Drugs and Standardization. His exuberant involvement in R&D has been recognized by his 100+ publications including 65 technical papers in renowned research journals, 42 papers in National Conferences 21 papers in the International Conferences. Prof. Sheth has also been granted 03 Indian patents.

Till date 28 research scholars had successfully completed their doctoral research under his guidance. At present, 4 research scholars are pursuing their Ph.D. under his supervision.

Prof. Sheth is awarded by Life Time Achievement Award at KLE University, Karnataka during 20th National Conference of ISP at Belgaum, Karnataka, Life Time Achievement Award at World Education Convention 2017 at New Delhi, 'Swami Vivekananda Excellence Award' by Indian Institute of Oriental Heritage on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, received Academic Excellence Award by The Textile Association (India) Ahmedabad Unit on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2019, received Honorary ISCB Fellow Award at 26th ISCB (Indian Society of Chemists and Biologists) International Conference, Ahmedabad on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2020 and awarded by Vice Chancellor of the Year 2020 by Integrated Chamber of Commerce Industry (ICCI), New Delhi on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 and received IASTAM Dr. K.M. Parikh Award for Contribution to Development of Ayurvedic/Herbal Pharmaceuticals for the Year 2020 organized by Indian Association for the Study of Traditional Asian Medicine (IASTAM - India) on 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2020. He has visited, Poland, Germany, US, China, Switzerland, South Africa, Tanzania, Kenya, Australia, Nepal and Bhutan for paper presentation and as resource person.

GTU has achieved new heights under his leadership. Some of the initiatives are:

- A+ Grade in 1<sup>st</sup> cycle of Accreditation by NAAC
- 12 (B) Certification by UGC
- GTU Regulations 2017

- Establishment of 4 PG Schools: Schools of Engineering, Management, Pharmacy and Applied Science offering 15 programs.
- Constituent Engineering College: Gujarat Power Engineering and Research institute (GPERI), Mehsana.
- Laid the foundation of GTU's 100-acre campus at Lekawada, Gandhinagar
- Winter School Program (WSP) as an in-bound mobility program for foreign students to visit GTU.
- Erasmus+ mobilities for GTU staff and students in Poland.
- Implementation of NEP 2020
- Establishment of "Dharohar"- Centre for Indian Knowledge System
- Establishment of Centre for Continuing Education (CCE)
- Establishment of the Atal Incubation Centre (AIC), Design Incubation Centre (DIC) and Technology Business Incubation (TBI) Centre
- Establishment of 4 regional centres of GTU at Rajkot, Surat, Baroda and Mehsana
- Recruitment of Permanent Employees in Teaching and Non-Teaching cadres.
- Introduced various Policies for Encouraging Research and Staff Recognition.
- Introduced Policy for Contractual Employees to provide financial/non-financial benefits.
- Establishment of Infrastructure Facilities for Staff and Students: Staff Quarters, Boys & Girls Hostel, Dense Forest, Saraswati Plaza, Crèche, Dispensary, Major Dhyanchand Gymnasium, Mess and Canteen at University Campus
- Establishment of "Samvad – Counseling Center" and "Vidhushi Gargi Centre for Women Development"
- Establishment of Public Testing Lab at Graduate School of Pharmacy, Gandhinagar
- Achieved 1<sup>st</sup> Rank in GSIRF 2019 as well as 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> rank in ARIIA 2021 and 2020 respectively.
- Various Initiatives during Covid-19 Pandemic: Launching Innovative Products through Startups, RT-PCR testing, Online Exams, Online Lectures, Counseling Sessions, Health and Wellness sessions etc.