

Dr Sandeep Sancheti : The New AIU President

Dr Sandeep Sancheti, Vice Chancellor, SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Kancheepuram has taken over as the New President of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) on 1st July, 2018. An eminent and highly acclaimed Professor of Engineering, Dr. Sancheti is the 97th President of AIU. He pursued his Ph.D. from the Queens University of Belfast, UK in 1995. In 1982, he obtained his B.Tech in ECE from Regional Engineering College, Warangal (now NITW) and M.Sc. (Engg) from Delhi College of Engineering (now DTU) in 1985. He has more than thirty four years of experience in the field of higher education in the domains of teaching, research and administration.

A skilful Administrator and dedicated Institution Builder, Prof. Sancheti accomplished the leadership roles in many institutions prior to joining as Vice Chancellor, SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Kancheepuram. He has served as President, Manipal University Jaipur, Founder Director National Institute of Technology Delhi, Director NITK Surathkal and Director In-charge of NIT Tiruchirapally, NIT Calicut, School of Planning & Architecture (SPA) Delhi and also Mentor Director of newly established NIT Goa, NIT Puducherry and NIT Sikkim. He served MNIT, Jaipur for more than 22 years and MBM Engineering College Jodhpur for more than six years with distinction.

A Technocrat and Educationist of international repute, Dr Sancheti contributed immensely to Higher Education by being the Chairman and Member of various national and international bodies. He was the President of IETE Rajasthan Centre; Vice President of IEEE MTT India Chapter; Chairman of Central Counseling Board for AIEEE 2011; Chairman and Director Admission of Students from Abroad (DASA) schemes of GoI; Member of Distance Education Council (DEC); Founder Member of Indo-US Collaboration on Engineering Education (IUCEE); Member of Academic Advisory Board of Microsoft (India); Member of MHRD Working Group on Technical Education for 12th Plan; Member of the National Steering Committee of the World Bank Scheme on Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP); Member of JEE Apex Board for JEE (Main) I JEE (Advanced) Examinations; Member of UG Board of AICTE for Engineering as well as Architecture; Member of 'Kakodkar Committee' for Review Report of NITs; Member of Higher Education Sub-committee of Rajasthan State Planning Board for preparation of report for Higher Education in the State of Rajasthan; Member of GOI (MHRD) Committee - Report on Upgradation of Government Engineering Colleges - For Planning Commission, GoI; Member Secretary of the Committee on Normalization and Moderation of 12th marks for inclusion in JEE Scores. He was the Council Member of Institution of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers, Broadcast Engineering Society and the Member of IEEE. He was a Member of Government of India Science and Technology delegations to Republic of Ireland and USA. He is also on the panel of number of Academic Bodies, Planning & Governing Boards, Editorial Boards, Selection and Advisory Committees of MHRD, AICTE, UGC, NAAC, NBA, DRDO, CSIR etc. He is the Member and Fellow of many professional societies and bodies.

An acclaimed Scholar, Dr Sancheti received several honours and awards in recognition of his work. He is a recipient of Commonwealth Scholarship & Fellowship under Colombo Plan; SERC Fellowship from DST, GoI; and UKISTRF award from British Council. As diligent Researcher he contributed significantly to the field of research through externally funded projects resulting in more than 75 research papers in national/ international journals and conferences.