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Professor D. T. Shirke, the Vice-Chancellor of Karmaveer Bhaurao Patil University, Satara, completed his graduation from Vivekanand College, Kolhapur (1985) and Post-graduation from Department of Statistics, Shivaji University, Kolhapur (1987). He joined the Department of Statistics as a CSIR research fellow in 1987, where, subsequently, he joined Department of Statistics in 1990 and headed the Department of Statistics from 2005 to 2015. He has around 30 years of teaching and 33 years of research experience.

He has extensively published and has almost 75 plus national and international research publications to his credit. He has completed 5 research projects funded by various national funding agencies. 15 students have successfully completed their Ph. D. under his able guidance. He has attended over 50 national and international conferences and has organized six. As an outstanding researcher, he has delivered invited talks and speeches in many conferences, workshops, refresher and orientation courses both within and outside India. He has travelled extensively in India as well as visited USA, Switzerland, Portugal, Germany, Thailand, Singapore and Malaysia for academic purposes. As a researcher of international repute, he has varied research collaborations both within and outside country.

Like his academic concerns, he is also Vice-Chancellor of Shivaji University, Kolhapur, his administrative experience is also varied and it includes his positions as the Officiating Registrar of Shivaji University, Kolhapur for the period of two years, as the Institutional Coordinator of RUSA, Coordinator of University-Industry Interaction Cell, Coordinator of UGC-SAP, Coordinator of Innovative Programmes and so on. He has worked on various bodies of the University including the Senate, the Management Council, the Academic Council, Finance and Accounts Committee, Budget Committee, IQAC to name a few. Recently, he working as Vice-Chancellor of Mumbai University, Mumbai.

Considering his substantial academic and administrative contribution, he was awarded as the Best Teacher by Shivaji University, Kolhapur in 2011 and He is also Fellow of Indian Society for Probability and Statistics. He has consistently shown his talent for fetching various awards and fellowships. As a student, he is the recipient of State Government Scholarship, National Merit Scholarship and he was University ranker both at UG and PG classes in Sciences. In recognition of his academic excellence, he was awarded with Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund Award twice and Summer Research Fellow of Academy of Indian Sciences, India.

He is an elected member of International Statistical Institute, Netherlands and is also a member of many professional organizations in Statistics.