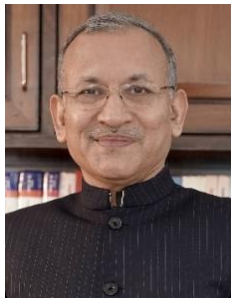


Brief Bio Sketch



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Dr. Vivek A. Saoji born and brought up in a small taluka place namely Mehkar in Dist. Buldhana, Vidarbha is an alumnus of Indira Gandhi Government Medical College (IGGMC), Nagpur. He did his MBBS and M.S. (Surgery) from IGGMC, Nagpur during 1980-88. After that he joined the Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai for his advanced training in Surgical Oncology.

Dr. Saoji joined Bharati Vidyapeeth in December 1990 and rose to become is Principal and Dean in July 2007. He was the Principal for a period of 10 years. After that he went on to become the Vice Chancellor of KLE Academy of Higher Education and Research (KAHER) Deemed to be University, Belgaum, Karnataka, one of the leading Health Sciences University in the country, from July 2017 to September 2022. During this period, he successfully launched a number of new innovative academic programs, took major initiatives in the automation process of the University, particularly the examination section. He was instrumental in fostering a number of national and international collaborations. Under his leadership the KAHER was successfully accredited by NAAC with A+ grade. He enhanced the research output of the university and established number of good practices. During his tenure at KAHER, there have been a number of distinctive achievements and he took the university to greater heights.

Dr. Saoji has more than 34 years of teaching and clinical experience and 22 years of academic administrative experience. Dr. Saoji was awarded the prestigious FAIMER fellowship in year 2003-04 for pursuing his advanced training in Medical Education & Leadership at International FAIMER Institute, Philadelphia, PA, USA. Subsequently, he has also awarded the International Fellowship in Medical Education (IFME) in 2005-07 to pursue his masters in Health Professions Education (HPE) at the prestigious Department of Medical Education, University of Illinois at Chicago, USA. Dr. Saoji is extensively trained with HPE and Leadership. He is invited nationally and internationally as resource faculty for the various faculty development programs, conferences, seminars and workshops. He has groomed a generation of leaders in HPE.

Dr. Saoji is the immediate past president of Academy of Health Professions Educators (AHPE) of India. He was the Governing Council Member of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), New Delhi. He was also the member of Governing Council of Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi. He is empaneled as expert by NAAC for assessment and accreditation and also by National Board of Examination (NBE). He is the life member of Indian Medical Association (IMA) and Association of Surgeons of India (ASI). Dr. Saoji is on the academic bodies, governing councils and advisory boards of various universities in the country.

He has a number of research publications in peer reviewed scientific journals, contributed book chapters and is reviewer for a number of scientific journals. Apart from being a renowned and skilled surgeon, he is known nationally and internationally for his work in health professions education. Dr. Saoji is an avid reader, gifted orator and well-known academic administrator. He is passionate about bringing meaningful change in higher education system and medical education. His mission is to make difference in the lives of students, patients, all the stakeholders in higher education and people in general.