

## Profile of an Engineering Academician and pragmatic Administrator



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**Prof. (Dr.) M. N. Patel** was born on 01-06-1952. He did his B. E. Civil in the year 1975 with distinction from S. P. University. Prof. Patel did his Post Graduation (M. E., Civil Structures) from Gujarat University in 1990 and Ph. D. from D. D. University.

Prof. Patel started his academic career as an Assistant Lecturer in Civil Engineering at Sir B. P. T. I., Bhavnagar. After joining the noble profession of teaching, he served this profession in different capacities like Lecturer, Assistant Professor, Professor and Principal at Government Engineering College, Modasa and the Principal of L. D. College of Engineering, Ahmedabad for 10 years.

He has two books to his name like 'Mechanics of Solid' and 'Engineering Mechanics' for B. E. and A.M.I.E. students. He participated in more than 40 long term and short term training programs. He has guided numerous candidates for their Master Thesis and has conducted many Seminars/workshops & Training Programs in the state. He has to his credit many publications in various National and International **Journals**.

Prof. Patel was a Dean of faculty of Technology including Engineering at Gujarat University from 2005 to 2009. He has been appointed as member of AIU (Association of Indian universities) Governing Council. He has also been appointed as member of the **Governing body in Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIMA)** Also, Appointed as a member in the Inquiry committee by UGC committee for students drowned in Hyderabad. Appointed as Member of Academic Governing Body of Autonomous Institute St. Xaviers Science College by Government of Gujarat. Appointed as member of Staff Affairs Committee of AIU (Association of Indian universities)

He was the nominated member of AICTE, Central Regional Committee, Bhopal from 2004 to 2009 and again from 2014 for a period of three years.

Looking to his efficiency and capacity to work continuously, he was entrusted with overall responsibility of Gujarat Technological University as its Vice Chancellor from March 2009 to June 2010. During this tenure, GTU has received prestigious award 'É-India -2009' for ICT Enabled University from Ministry of Communications & Information Technology in August 2009 and bagged the 'Manthan Award 2009' from Digital Empowerment Foundation in May 2009. Thereafter from 21/10/2011 to 13/11/2011 and 07-06-2013 to 17-07-2013, he was officiating as V. C. of G.T.U.

He was a Director of the Board of Studies for Structural Engg. in G.T.U. He was also a member of Promotion dept. Committee, Purchase dept. Committees and State level committees for student transfer. He was also a member of MSME Award Committee of Industry Dept. He is also a member of BOG/Board in many technical institutes of the State.

He is a life member of many professional bodies like ISTE, GICEA, IGS, AMIE, FIE (India) , GSA(Gujarat Science Academy) etc shows his concern for Technical Education & Academic Excellence. He has established Earthquake Engineering Laboratory and several programs with GSDMA. He is an invited member of Fee Regulatory Committee. He is a member of B.O.G. of Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology, Surat. Govt. of Gujarat has appointed him as a member of Gujarat Professional Civil Engineers Council, from 21-11-2010 for 3 years.

In addition to his duty as principal, since May 2006, he has been assigned the responsibility of Member Secretary of ACPC, Gujarat State where admission of B.E., B.Pharm. & Diploma Pharmacy, Diploma to Degree Engineering & Pharmacy, Architecture, H.T.M., M. E. & M. Pharm. is conducted. Due to his efforts, the admission process became totally online, time saving & free from harassment. Currently after a long eventful and successful career, the pinnacle of his career arrived with the Government appointing him as the Vice Chancellor of Gujarat University from February,2014, one of the largest and oldest Universities of the State.

He has been awarded a Certificate of honor **ISTE-2010** and also awarded the **honorary Fellowship in 2014** by Indian Society for Technical Education in recognition of the commendable services rendered for the growth and development of ISTE and the invaluable leadership provided towards the development and promotion of Technical Education in the State of Gujarat.

Dr. M.N. Patel believes: "Change is an eternal process & an attitude has to be cultivated to bring out best of your ability", depicts his humbleness as the inspiring Leader in the area of Technical Education in Gujarat State and he is the role model for the Young Faculty to follow his footprints to contribute meaningfully in enhancing Technical Education. In short, Prof. Dr. Patel is a dynamic personality with combination of Academic and Administrative excellence.