

**BRIEF BIO-DATA OF PROF. (DR.) NITIN RAGHUNATH KARMALKAR,
HON'BLE VICE CHANCELLOR,
SAVITRIBAI PHULE PUNE UNIVERSITY**

Prof. Karmalkar, a former head of Department of Environmental Science and Department of Geology is a well-known scientist in the field of Igneous Petrology. With more than 25 years of teaching and more than 30 research publications in various national and international journals, he is actively involved in academics and research along with constantly guiding various facets of academia being a part of Member of Board of Studies & Research and Recognition committees for Geology and Environmental Science.

Over the years, he has strongly shouldered various administrative duties including Coordinator of IQAC cell at SPPU, Member of Central Purchase Committee, Member of Senate, Member of Alumni Association, Placement and Corporate relation Cell S.P. Pune University, etc.

Prof. Karmalkar has worked with various research collaborators from Australia, France, and Germany. Under his guidance, more than 20 students have completed their M. Sc. Dissertations and 04 students have completed their Ph.D. He is actively involved in mentoring students for Earth Science Olympiad.

He is Council Member, Geological Society of India, Bangalore, and Fellow Maharashtra Academy of Sciences, India and in 2005, Dr. Karmalkar received 'Prof. C. Naganna Gold Medal' of the Mineralogical Society of India (Mysore) towards his contributions in the field of Alkaline Magmatism of the Kutch region, Gujarat.

This background provides him with blend of strong academics and research experience along with administrative expertise.

Prof. Karmalkar has acted as the Vice Chancellor of Solapur University, Solapur during the period 11th December 2017 to 6th May 2018.

National Assessment and Accreditation Council [NAAC], Bengaluru has nominated Prof. Karmalkar as an assessor of NAAC.

Prof. Karmalkar has been appointed as the Chairman of Birbal Sahni Institute of Paleosciences, Lucknow by the Central Government's Department of Science and Technology. Established in 1946, the Birbal Sahni Institute is dedicated to both fundamental and applied aspects of Plant fossil research and is a world leader in research on fuchaeen to recent seouences.

In addition to this, Hon'ble Chairman - University Grants Commission has nominated Prof. Karmalkar as a Member of the Governing Board and Governing Council of Consortium for Educational Communication [CEC] under the category of "Vice Chancellor of the University, having Media Centre". CEC is an Inter University Centre, established by the University Grants Commission. It is a nodal agency, at national level to address the higher educational needs of the country by producing and disseminating multimedia education content.

Prof. Karmalkar has been nominated by the Government of Maharashtra as a Chairman of the Steering Committee to examine, evaluate, fulfill and enhance bilateral educational ties between France & Government Maharashtra. He has also been nominated as a member of the Steering Committee on City Resilience Strategy for Pune supported by 100 resilient cities [pioneered by Rockefeller Foundation]

Hon'ble Chairman, UGC has constituted an Expert Committee for drafting subject specific templates for Learning Outcomes based Curriculum Framework for undergraduate and post graduate level and has composed the Committee on Geology under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Prof. Nitin Raghunath Karmalkar, Vice Chancellor, SPPU.

Savitribai Phule Pune University is fast emerging as a premier institute of higher education at the national and international level under his proficient and dynamic leadership.

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