

Full Name: Dr H. Vinod Bhat

Designation: Vice Chancellor, Manipal University

Dr H. Vinod Bhat (MD) is the sixth Vice Chancellor of Manipal University, India. With an MD in Community Medicine, he is an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons, Glasgow.

Dr Bhat has had a long and illustrious career as a teacher and an able administrator. A researcher at heart, he has several scientific publications in national and international peer reviewed journals. With his rich experience in research, Dr Bhat has been responsible for the spectacular growth in external research funding attracted by Manipal University. The Research Directorate, which he set up, plays a vital role in directing targeted research across all disciplines and is poised for greater expansion. Dr Bhat also established the Manipal University Press converting it into a unique and vibrant entity. Under his stewardship, MUP has published more than 90 publications in its five years of existence.

Dr Bhat has been closely associated with raising endowments for Manipal Hospitals, having been the Chief Medical Officer of Dr. T. M. A. Pai Rotary Hospital, Karkala, Karnataka, for 15 years from 1988 to 2003 and the Chief Operating Officer of Kasturba Hospital, Manipal in 2003 to 2004. He spearheaded several international projects while at Karkala including the prestigious 3H project for establishing the Eye Hospital which remains the only 3H grant for any Rotary Club in District 3180.

More recently, Dr Bhat served as an Advisor to Manipal Global Education Services (MaGE). Dr Bhat also serves on the Board of the Group T International University, Leuven, Belgium, the International Board of Advisors of GlobalNxt University, Kuala Lumpur and on the Editorial Board of Journal of Rural and Remote Health, Australia. He is the co-Chair of the FICCI Higher Education Committee for the year 2017 - 2018.

As a science administrator par excellence, Dr Bhat has been instrumental in establishing the Office of International Programs which co-ordinates more than two hundred academic linkages with Universities abroad. He also oversees the twinning and student exchange programs. Dr Bhat has initiated over 25 Dual Degree programs with European Universities in the last six years and is responsible for setting up the Centre for European Studies in Manipal, the first ever in the private sector, with a generous grant from the Delegation of European Union to India. As a part of the Vision 2020 exercise for Manipal, where it is envisaged that Manipal will be in the top 200 Universities of the world, he has created over 70 centres in the University in the last 24 months.

He is also closely associated with several new projects like the entry of Manipal into Sri Lanka and South Africa, the expansion of Dubai operations, strategic planning and growth.

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