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**Prof. Dr. R.D. Kulkarni** is working as Senior Professor in Chemical Technology with 30 years of experience in Academia and Research and presently holding the prestigious position of **Vice-Chancellor, University of Mumbai**. Prof Kulkarni served as Pro Vice-Chancellor of University of Mumbai during June 2018 to September 2022.

Before joining Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT), Mumbai, he held the position of Professor, Head, Dept. of Paint Tech. and Director at UICT, North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon (MS). Prof Kulkarni is working in the fields of Renewable Polymers, Nanopigments & Green Functional Paints; Oleochemicals, Surfactants, and biolubricants.

Prof Kulkarni guided over 18 Ph.Ds. and 58 M Tech students. He has about 80 PEER Reviewed publications (with Cumulative I.F: 184.2), 7 Patents (Granted/Filed), 6 Book Chapters to his credit. He has executed several R & D and Infrastructure Creation Projects sponsored by both Government Agencies and Industry with a grant of more than Rs 20 crores. He is working/worked for various consultancy assignments.

Prof Kulkarni received awards and recognitions such as 'UAA-ICT Distinguished Alumnus Award – Academics' (2022), Prof. J. G. Kane Memorial Award (2022), Fellow of Maharashtra Academy of Sciences (FMASc), Elected Life Fellow of Indian Chemical Society (FICS), AMDP, Korea 'Best Presentation Award' (2014), Best Paper Award (2006) by JOCCA Surface Coating International, etc.

Prof Kulkarni widely travelled to Singapore, Germany, Thailand, Indonesia, Netherlands, France, Switzerland, Japan, Mauritius, and Russia for Conference Presentations, professional interactions and visit to various Universities. He delivered more than 70 Invited Talks and 150 Conference Presentations.

Prof Kulkarni served as Director-IQAC (2014-16). Visitor's Nominee – Executive Council, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi (2016-19). Honorary Advisory position of Academic Council of Capital University Jharkhand (2019), Member, Academic Council of Yashwantrao Chavan Open University, Nasik (2018-2020) and Goa University (2022-24), Member, IQAC, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad (2019-2020), Member, Board of Research, MIT-ADT University, Pune (2019-2022) and SNDT University (2020-22).