



Prof. Arun D Sawant

Prof. J.S.R. Krishna Rao - Dr. R. Dhana Raju Medal

Dr. A.D. Sawant, Prof of Chemistry (Rtd) had worked at the Institute of Science, Mumbai. He was appointed by Government of Maharashtra as Joint Director Higher Education, Government of Maharashtra, for Mumbai Region. He was then appointed as Pro Vice-Chancellor of Mumbai University in the year 2004, followed by Vice-Chancellor of University of Rajasthan, Jaipur in 2010. He did his M.Sc. and Ph.D from Mumbai University in the field of Nuclear Analytical Chemistry. He further specialized in Inorganic, Nuclear, Analytical and Environmental Chemistry.

He has Guided 26 students for Ph.D. and had an illustrious teaching career at University of Mumbai. Dr Sawant has published over 150 papers in International journals of repute and contributed an Article by invitation to Encyclopedia of Analytical Chemistry, published by Cambridge University. He is recognized by NEERI as the National Expert in environmental chemistry. Dr Sawant has worked on various Expert Committees of Govt of Maharashtra, UGC, DST and AICT. He was Member of Committees of Govt of Maharashtra to prepare Private University Act, Law University Act, Environment Committee, Chairman NAAC Committee and Academic Standards Improvements Committee for Universities of Rajasthan. He was Peer Team Member of NAAC Committees.

Dr Sawant was leader of Mumbai University of Mumbai Delegations to Canada, USA and Turkey. He has delivered an invited Lecture at BRICS Conference at St Petersburg in 2008. He has delivered invited Lectures at many international Conferences in India and abroad. During his tenure at Mumbai University he has brought landmark developments in infrastructure, academic and administrative reforms and establishments of new Centers including center of Excellence in Basic Science through DAE and Nanoscience Center through an UGC funding of 100cr.

He is actively engaged as an adviser to Universities and Institutions, and has helped to establish a few. Now he is a Trustee and Project Director of WTERT, Waste to (Energy technology Research Council) of Columbia University, India Chapter. He is President of the Society for Clean Environment and an active Member and has served as President or Vice President of many Societies.

He is a member of Indian Nuclear Society, Indian Society of Analytical Scientists, Indian Chemical Society, National Society of Friends of Trees, Mumbai Rose Society, Indian Rose Federation and Indian Society of Applied Geochemists. He is the Chief Trustee of the Institute of Science, Golden Jubilee Trust Fund.