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Prof Kiran Pandya is currently serving as Dean of Commerce and Management Faculty and the Director of Shrimad Rajchandra Institute of Management and Computer Application. Prior to this he provided academic leadership as Provost with Drs Kiran and Pallavi Patel Global University, Vadodara during September, 2021 to August, 2022. Besides, he served as a Professor & Head of the Department of Human Resource Development, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University between 2006 to 2021. Prof Pandya has a total of 40 years experience of teaching, research and academic administration.

Prof Pandya has obtained the degree of PhD from the University of Sussex (UK) in the year 1993. He was awarded the prestigious Commonwealth Scholarship by Commonwealth Commission to pursue his doctoral study. He obtained an MPhil degree with 'A' Grade from the Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune.

Prof Pandya has rich research experience. He has not only carried out several research projects, but he trained the young minds by associating them in his research work. He has designed and introduced courses related to research methodology and statistical analysis. Currently, he is on the advisory board of a research project on Early Childhood Development, sponsored by the British Academy - Global Challenge Research Fund (BA-GCRF), hosted by the Durham University (UK). Besides, he is carried out a major research project sponsored by ICSSR on Menstrual Hygiene among women of Gujarat. He has led two major UNDP sponsored, Government (of Gujarat) research projects on the preparation of the District Human Development Reports of Surat and Tapi districts. Prof Pandya has successfully guided 25 doctoral and 5 MPhil students.

Prof Pandya is one of the co-authors to a research paper that based on his original research work, published in Oxford Economic Papers. His book titled "Statistical Analysis in Simple Steps using R" which is jointly written with two co-authors is published by Sage Publishers. This book is widely accepted in the markets of USA, UK and Australia. He has also written a book titled "SPSS in Simple Steps", with two co-authors. This book too, has received an overwhelming response in Indian Market and had to be reprinted within two years of its first publication. A textbook on Quantitative Methods, written in Gujarati and widely accepted at postgraduate level across different educational institutions and universities in Gujarat was sponsored by UGC.

Prof Pandya has an equally rich administrative experience exposure as Head of the Post Graduate Department, Dean of Arts Faculty, Registrar, Dean of College Development Council and Director of IQAC, and has made important contributions in policy making by serving on different decision making bodies in the University. He was a Government nominated Syndicate Member in the University which the highest decision making body. He has also served the University in different capacities as Chairman, Board of Studies; Member, Academic Council and Member of Board of University Teaching. Besides, he also served as Member, Board of Studies in Economics, Business Economics

and Labour Welfare in other State and Private Universities. He was appointed as Member, UGC, Expert Committee to assess performance during the X-Plan Period and to evaluate the requirements for the XI Plan for the International Hindi University, Wardha. Apart from that he has been invited as experts by GPSC, ICSSR, Universities, Academic Staff Colleges and other institutions of importance.

Prof Pandya has held important positions in the corporate sector as well. He served as an Independent Non-Official Director of a Public Sector Undertaking of the Government of India - WAPCOS, during 2017-19. He has made significant contributions as a Chairman of the Audit Committee and as a Member of the CSR Committee of WAPCOS.

Prof Kiran Pandya was appointed as the Member, National Statistical Commission, Government of India for three years during July 15, 2019 – July, 2022. National Statistical Commission is an advisory body of the Government of India under the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation.