

Digambar Shirke

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Dr. D.T. Shirke completed his B.Sc in Statistics (1985) from Vivekanand College, Kolhapur and M.Sc. in Statistics (1987) from Department of Statistics, Shivaji University, Kolhapur. He stood first in order of Merit in the faculty of Science at both these programmes. He qualified UGC-CSIR JRF Examination (1987) and joined as UGC-CSIR Research Fellow in the Department of Statistics, Shivaji University immediately after completing his Masters study and completed his Doctoral studies. He joined the Department of Statistics as a lecturer in 1990 and appointed as a Professor of Statistics in March 2005. He took over as Head of Statistics Department in June 2005 and shouldered responsibility for nine years thereafter. He has 30 years of teaching experience, 35 years of research experience and more than 15 years of administrative experience in different capacities. As far as academic administration is concerned, he shouldered the responsibility as Vice Chancellor of Shivaji University for five years. In addition to this he was given as additional responsibility to work as Vice Chancellor of University of Mumbai (about 9 months), Vice Chancellor of Karmveer Bhaurao Patil University, Satara (about 19 months). He is at present shouldering the responsibility of Warana University, Warananagar as the first Vice Chancellor.(since 31st July 2025).

Administrative Experience:

- Vice Chancellor, Shivaji University (7th Oct 2022 - 6th Oct 2025)
- In-Charge Vice Chancellor University of Mumbai (10th Sept 2022-7th June 2023)
- First Vice Chancellor Karmveer Bhaurao Patil Univ. (3rd Nov 2022-13th June 2024)
- First Vice Chancellor, Warana University, Warananagar (Since 31st July- till date)
- Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Shivaji University (11th Aug 2017 -17th June 2020)
- Registrar,(Officiating), Shivaji University for more than 2 years
- Head, Department of Statistics, Shivaji University, Kolhapur (9 years)
- Member of selection committees for selection of Vice Chancellor of some Universities in Maharashtra.
- Chairman, NAAC Peer Team for Accreditation and Assessment.
- Member of various bodies/committees of various Universities, which includes Bangalore University, Central University of Rajasthan, Goa University, Karnataka University, , KLE University, Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University etc.

Membership/Director/Chairperson of Committees constituted by GoM/UGC

- Member, Uniform Statutes Committee for MPUA,2016 Govt. of Maharashtra
- Member, Steering Committee for NEP 2020
- Director, MSFDA
- Member, MahaSAARC
- Member, UGC West Zone for NEP 2020

Academic Achievements:

- Recipient of Best PG Teacher Award, Shivaji University, Kolhapur 2011
- Awarded with Summer Research Fellow, Academy of Indian Sciences, India
- Recipient of Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund Award in the recognition of academic excellence
- Awarded with Junior and Senior Research Fellowship from CSIR New Delhi.
- Recipient of State Government Scholarship , National Merit Scholarship

Major contributions to Shivaji University:

Contributed significantly in the development of Shivaji University, which includes

- NAAC accreditation with A++ in the fourth cycle
- NIRF ranking in the first 50 State Public Universities (2025)
- Implementation of NEP 2020
- Starting of online Masters Programmes
- Starting of various PG and UG Programme
- In house development to promote automation of University administration
- Institution of various awards and fellowships
- Infrastructure development for Academic Departments and for support services
- Implementation of RUSA and PM-USHA Project
- Promotion to Collaboration with reputed Institutes at National and International level

Research

- Award/Fellowship - JRF and SRF, CSIR New Delhi
- Summer Research Fellow, Indian Academy of Sciences
- Fellow of Indian Society for Probability and Statistics
- Publications-90+ National and International
- Academic visits to- USA, Switzerland, Portugal, Germany, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia
- Research Projects –PI/CoPI for 9 projects with total inlay of more than Rs. 100 Lakhs
- Ph.D. Degree – 16 candidates have been awarded Ph D
- Academic Meetings - Attended : 50 +, Organised : 08
- Invited Talk - Delivered more than 75 talks at Conferences, workshops, refresher, etc.
- External Referee - Ph.D. thesis of various Indian Universities
- International Research Project

National and International Collaborations:

- Florida International University, Miami USA
- Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur
- Central University of Rajasthan
- Bangalore University, Bangalore

Professional Membership

- Elected member of International Statistical Association, Netherlands
- Life Member, International Indian Statistical Association
- Life Member, Indian Society for Probability and Statistics