



### **Brief Resume of Prof. (Dr.) M.M. Salunkhe**

Dr. Manikrao Madhavrao Salunkhe, born in 1955, obtained his doctoral degree in Organic Chemistry in 1979 from Shivaji University, Kolhapur, India. After working for a year in a college, he joined this University as Lecturer in 1980 and was Reader in Organic Chemistry from 1989 to 1995.

Dr. Salunkhe was selected as Professor of Organic Chemistry in 1995 at the prestigious Institute of Science (former Royal Institute of Science, Bombay) at Mumbai, where he later became Head, Department of Chemistry (1997) and then Director (2000-2004). During his tenure at the Institute, he could get research grants of over rupees 15 millions from various funding agencies such as CSIR, DAE, DBT, UGC, ISIS Pharmaceuticals, USA etc. Under his dynamic and visionary leadership, the Institute established itself as one of the highly acclaimed centres in India for advanced studies and research in science. He worked as Vice-Chancellor of Shivaji University, Kolhapur, Maharashtra from 11th June, 2004 to 2nd March, 2009. During his tenure as Vice-Chancellor in Shivaji University he undertook number of reforms in various fields of the University.

He served as the First Vice-Chancellor of the Central University of Rajasthan from March 2009 to March 2014 and established new university with strong academic foundation. He worked as Vice-Chancellor of Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nashik from 19<sup>th</sup> August 2014 to 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016. He worked as Vice Chancellor of Symbiosis University of Applied Sciences, Indore from 19<sup>th</sup> August 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

The research interests of Dr. Salunkhe include areas such as polymeric reagents, oligonucleotides and ionic liquids in which he has made important contributions. He has more than 150 research publications plus one patent to his credit, most of them being in international journals of high impact factors. He has guided 38 research students for their doctoral degrees and has participated in more than 40 national and 10 international conferences. He has post-doctoral research experience of having worked at Weizmann Institute of Science (Israel), Institute for Organic Chemie, Universitat Wein (Austria), North Western University (USA) and Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore (India). He has visited, delivered invited lectures, attended conferences and chaired scientific sessions in several countries including U.K., Israel, West Germany, Japan and Czechoslovakia, Australia, Sri Lanka, South Korea, Thailand, Singapore and Malaysia.

His academic distinctions include honours like the Fellow of Royal Society of Chemistry, UK (2002), Member of American Chemical Society, Fellow/Member of Indian Chemical Society, Maharashtra Academy of Science, Bio-organic Society of India, International Society for Nucleosides, Nucleotides and Nucleic Acids. For his meritorious contributions, he has received Best Teacher Award of the Government of Maharashtra, among others.