

Prof. Kumar Molugaram, Vice-Chancellor, Osmania University

Prof. Kumar Molugaram is a highly esteemed academic and researcher in Civil Engineering, with a career that spans over 29 years. He earned his Bachelor's degree from Osmania University, a Master's degree from J.N.T. University, and a Doctorate from the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay. Currently, he serves as the Senior Professor of Civil Engineering at the University College of Engineering, Osmania University (OU), where he has made substantial contributions to both teaching and research.

Prof. Kumar has authored over 100 research papers published in international and national journals and conferences. He has supervised more than 90 M.E. dissertations and several Ph.D. theses. His exemplary work has earned him several prestigious awards, including the “Best Teacher State Award” from the Government of Telangana in 2018, the “Engineer of the Year 2018” award from the Institution of Engineers India and the Government of Telangana, and the Vishwesharaya Best Faculty Award by Smart Infrac Trustee of India in 2019. He was also recognized for his outstanding papers at national and international levels in 2010 and 2014.

Prof. Kumar has held numerous significant administrative roles, including Convener of TS-PGECET for 2019 and 2020, Additional Controller of Examinations at OU, Chairman of the Board of Studies in Civil Engineering, and Director of Evaluation and Infrastructure at OUCE, UCE; Director Infrastructure, OU; Head of Civil Engineering Department, OU; Vice-Principal, UCE, OU and Director, Regional Centre for Urban and Environmental Studies (RCUES). He is a life member of several research and technical organizations such as FIE, IRC, IUT, CTRG, IIBE, WCTR, TRG etc.

He served as the Controller of Examinations at Osmania University for a two-year term, during which he initiated numerous digital reforms in the examinations branch to modernize processes in conjunction with the university's centenary celebrations. As Principal of the Prestigious University College of Engineering from 2018 to 2021, he spearheaded technological reforms, including the automation of college operations and was instrumental in the NBA reaccreditation of UG and PG programs. The Government of Telangana appointed him as a member of the Executive Committee for the centennial legacy of Osmania University.

He played a pivotal role in establishing the M.E. Transportation Engineering program at University College of Engineering, OU. His research efforts are supported by substantial funding from UGC, the Government of AP/India, and SERB-DST.

Prof. Kumar's international experience includes presenting research in various global cities (20 cities and 15 countries) and delivering keynote lectures & Session Chairs at numerous national and international platforms. He is an active member of several esteemed technical and research organizations and has participated in leadership and capacity-building training at institutions such as ISB, IIMs, HCU, and Monash University (LEAP Programme by MHRD). He also held the highest academic position as Dean of the Faculty of Engineering at Osmania University from 2022 to 2024, during which he made numerous significant academic contributions.

Prof. Kumar has assumed charge as 26th Vice-Chancellor of Osmania University on 19th October, 2024. He has deep commitment for taking his alma mater to newer heights of glory in the years to come.