

Maulana Mazharul Haque Arabic & Persian University, Patna

Know Your Vice Chancellor

Prof. (Dr.) Khalid Mirza, Professor of Political Science in Patna University is a well known academician with able administrative skill. Was Director, Higher Education, Government of Bihar from 2015 to March 2018. With immense experience and foresight the government has also appointed him as Member State Higher Education Council under Government of India's ambitious scheme of RUSA and also as Chairman of Government Urdu Library Bihar, Patna. Previously he served full term as Pro-Vice Chancellor of this very university from 2008 to 2011 where by his academic brilliance and administrative skill contributed in making the University functional. Has received accolades from cross sections of society for his multi dimensional contribution.

Born on 16th March 1953, in a family of freedom fighters and academicians, Prof. Mirza has a brilliant academic record achieving throughout First Class from Patna University. He was holder of Merit Scholarship during post graduation days. He joined Patna University in 1978 where he achieved great heights both as teacher and writer, holding coveted ranks in his field of work as Lecturer, Reader, Professor, HoD of political science, B.N. College, Director, Institute of Public Administration, Patna University, Pro Vice Chancellor of this University and Director, Higher Education, Government of Bihar.

Prof. Mirza has done his Ph.D. on the perennial problem of communalism with a thrust on the all pervasive need for giving way to a secular ethos in the country. He has zealously pursued towards giving secularism its true meaning in the multi religious format of 'India', that is 'Bharat'. He has guided more than a dozen research scholars leading to the Award of Ph.D. Degree. He has many Research Articles published in journals of repute. He has attended, participated and presented papers at a number of Seminars, Symposia, Workshops, Lecture Sessions and Conferences all over the country.

Actively associated with Distance mode of education in different Universities of the country such as VMNOU Kota, IGNOU, MANUU Hyderabad, DDE Patna University, NOU Patna as Counsellor, member of Expert Committees and Editorial Boards. Prof. Mirza has to his credit more than 100 Lessons in circulation for the students of distance mode of education. Proving his mettle as a prolific writer he has a number of Lead Articles published in national dailies and magazines which dwell upon a wide range of topics that have been widely acclaimed in academic circles.

Prof. Mirza has been faculty member of State Government run Pre Training Centre for SC/ST Civil Services and NET aspirants, and also at UGC sponsored Minority Coaching Centre of Patna University. He has also been a member of CAPART, a Government of India Organisation under the Ministry of rural development. He has also been associated with UNICEF and helped this international organisation in the preparation of syllabi on Gender and Child Rights. He has been Chancellor's nominee in the Magadh University SENATE, and Nalanda Open University ACADEMIC COUNCIL in recognition of his contribution in the field of higher education.

Prof. Mirza is a member of a number of national academic and socio-educational bodies. Being member of Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) New Delhi since 1990, member of Indian Political Science Association (IPSA), member Institute of Objective Studies (IOS), New Delhi, and member of Institute of Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies (ICPS), New Delhi has provided him with the opportunity to actively contribute in the field of public administration and political science, and in strengthening the secular character of India in the larger interest of the unity and integrity of this great nation.

Earning recognition as social activist with academic leaning Prof. Mirza has been awarded with the Best Citizens of India Award by IPH, a Delhi based NGO and with 'Shiksha Padak' by Dr. Rajendra Prasad Talent Research Council for his contribution in the field of education. IOS, a reputed Delhi based NGO in consultative status (roaster) with UNO's ESC has awarded him with Certificate of Honour for his extraordinary services to public cause and common good. Patna University has awarded him with Certificate of Excellence in 2017 for valuable contributions in the advancement of knowledge. South Asia Peace Foundation, New Delhi, a socio cultural outfit has honoured him with South Asia Education Award in 2016 for Excellent Performance in the field of education. He has also received Nation Builder Award 2016 by Rotary Mid Town Patna.

It goes to the credit of Prof. Mirza that by his knowledge and grip on variegated fields of study and by his unscathed approach to secularism and an international order based on peaceful co-existence of mankind he has become a role model for most of the academicians and social activists of the contemporary era. His unflinching faith and commitment to honesty, hard labour and perseverance gives him an edge over his counterparts. Success lies in the art of learning; education is a life time endeavour, and Prof. Mirza has rightly moved ahead with this cherished motto.