## PROF. P. L. DHARMA Vice Chancellor Mangalore University

Prof. P. L. Dharma, a Professor of Political Science of Mangalore University, recognized as an excellent teacher and researcher. He is a good orator and has mastered multi-lingualism. Having expertise in many fields of education, administration, social reform, women's welfare and development he always works with a positive attitude.

Prof. P. L. Dharma obtained his master's degree in 1988 with first rank, Ph. D in 1994 from Karnataka University. He started his career in Mangalore University in 1988 and has 36 years of teaching experience in the Department of Political Science and also served in various academic and administrative positions. He has undertaken many research activities and 8 students have successfully completed their research under his guidance. His field of activity is not only limited to teaching and research, he served in many administrative posts of Mangalore University and was responsible for the progressive development of the University. He has served in various capacities as Department, the Chairman of the member of various bodies/committees of Mangalore University and other Universities.

Prof. Dharma has served as the Registrar-in-Charge and Registrar (Evaluation) of Mangalore University and at Present he holds the highest position, the Vice Chancellor of Mangalore University.

Mangalore University witnessed many innovations during his tenure as Registrar of Examinations. Among these, successfully introduced and implemented self-developed in-house online examination process software "MuLinx" which is user-friendly and transparent. During Covid-19 pandemic with the cooperation of various colleges and Universities, Prof. Dharma has efficiently and effectively implemented the system of conducting the Mangalore University examinations beyond national boundaries. Special examination was also conducted for the students who represented the University in sports and cultural events. Digitization of all the ledgers from 1981 to 2000 using new technology was also his initiative during his tenure.

Prof. Dharma is a recipient of Excellence and Leadership Award in education for the year 2020 for his outstanding achievements in the field of education, prestigious Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam Rastriya Puraskar and recognised as one of the best teacher in 2023 for the noble work done in the interest of students, teachers and the entire education fraternity.

Recently, in March 2024 he has been presented as best professor in Political Science for excellence and leadership in education.