

## Message from the Vice Chancellor



Due to its focus on students, GTU is being recognized as a University, which is striving hard for excellence and which is succeeding in many ways. The project on 'Active Learning and Creating Excitement in classes, Laboratories and Workshops' (ALCE) won a World Education Award 2013 in Higher Education on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2013. Let the Award spur us to do more since we have to work so that the entire GTU community adopts ALCE enthusiastically. As we put the courseware, developed under ALCE, on our web-site, it will help us become a better Learning University and it will build GTU's reputation. High reputation of a University opens up, for all its graduates, exciting opportunities. On 9<sup>th</sup> April 2013, Dr. M.M.Pallam Raju, the Union HRD Minister, gave GTU the National ASSOCHAM award for the best University based Innovation Ecosystem for linking industry-academia and innovation.

On 29<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at a day-long conference, chaired by , Dr. Rajaneesh Goel, the Principal Secretary Higher Education, Govt. of Karnataka, Bangalore, GTU's work was referred a number of times with appreciation and in many cases it was decided that the technical Universities in Karnataka may follow the GTU model. In the evening, the undersigned received a telephonic invitation to address a meeting of the Principals of Engineering Colleges in Karnataka and to inter-act with them in June 2013.

While recognition of the hard work, that the whole of the GTU community has put in, is excellent news, let us remember that we have to continue to work to strengthen all our 25 GTU Innovation Sankuls and the UDISHA clubs. A University continues to remain young since new students and faculty members continue to bring new ideas and new strength to the system. But it also means that all its committees, in which students and faculty members are involved, have to work every year to rejuvenate themselves and to go ahead by building on what was achieved during the previous years.

GTU can become a Leader in Learning Outcomes very soon if the students, the faculty members and the administrators, through use of technology, through Faculty Development Programs and through a collaborative model, work towards it. If we all take up the job in real earnest and with discipline at every College/ Institution, at the next year's Gujarat Foundation Day, we may all be able to take much greater pride in our work.

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