

Role and Responsibilities of Vice Chancellor of Gujarat Vidyapith

The Vice Chancellor (VC) of Gujarat Vidyapith is known as *Kulnayak*. By virtue of the office he is also President (*Adhyakash*) of the Gujarat Vidyapith Trust known as *Mandal*. As a deemed university the VC is the head of the University and hence performs all those functions that go with the office of a Vice Chancellor as specified in the guidelines of the University Grants Commission (UGC). In addition, VC also has to perform functions that are assigned to the office by the Trust.

Gujarat Vidyapith *Mandal* has under its umbrella manifold activities besides running the university. By its Constitution, Gujarat Vidyapith is an educational and rural extension institution that has education institutions from K.G to P.G. Vidyapith has schools in five centres including one in Ahmedabad campus. Rest four schools function in different rural locations. These schools are under an institutional arrangement called Rural Service Centres – *Gram Seva Kendra*. The VC is *de jure* head of the centres and heads all the committees that are constituted by the *Mandal* for managing the centres. Besides running schools the centres also undertake rural reconstruction extension activities.

Gujarat Vidyapith also has three *Krishi Vigyan Kendra* (KVK) supported by ICAR, Government of India. The VC is also head of the management apparatus of the KVKs. The Gujarat Vidyapith *Mandal* also has an Industrial Training Institute (ITI). Vidyapith also had State Resource Centre for Adult Education Department and Jan Sikshan Sansthan (JSS) both supported by the MHRD, GoI to a limited extent. The VC is head of the governing bodies of these institutions. The VC also heads the Tribal Research and Training Institute, an autonomous body. Further, there are some other objective specific Trusts and the VC is also responsible for the administration of these trust by virtue of office.