

Brief Profile

Dr. Rajiv R. Thakur, Vice Chancellor, Mandsaur University, Mandsaur, M.P., India is a familiar name of eminence in the field of higher education having over 33 years of experience between academia and the industry. In his academic career Dr. Thakur has worked with a few leading institutions in the country viz. IIM Jammu, IMT Ghaziabad, MIT World Peace University, Pune, BIMTECH. Gr. Noida, Jaipuria Group of Institutions, GITAM University, Visakhapatnam. Besides the transformation of many institutions, he has been associated in establishing IMT-Dubai. Prior to academia, he has worked over a decade in industry with The Times Group, New Delhi in their transformative years, and The Statesman, New Delhi.

Dr Thakur is a PhD in Economics from Patna University, MBA from IIT Delhi and is an alumnus of Delhi University. He has done his Graduation and Post-Graduation in Economics. Dr. Thakur is awardee of UGC Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) and is National Eligibility Test (NET) qualified.

He is nominated as the Chairperson of the NBA Expert committees and has been member of various other committees of UGC and AICTE. He has been member of the core committee on AACSB accreditation and strategic core committees of the institutions he worked for. He is actively involved in Consultancy, Research & publication & has presented papers in international and national journals & international and national conferences. He has been regularly holding MDPs & FDPs for senior professionals. He is a globally travelled professional with teaching, collaboration and other academic assignments in the US, UK, Europe, Australia, Middle-East and S.E. Asia.

Of the several awards, Dr Thakur has received, he was awarded the Times Business Award in 2025 for “Transformational Leadership for Academic Excellence and Institution Building.