

DR. IMRAN A.K. SURTI, Ph.D.

Academic Leader | Higher Education Administrator | English Language Specialist | Career Counsellor | Faculty Development Expert

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Accomplished academic leader with over 20 years of progressive experience in higher education, academic administration, curriculum development, faculty development, quality assurance, student success, and English language education. Holds a Ph.D. in English with proven expertise in leading academic operations, institutional development, accreditation initiatives, career counselling, international education, and strategic planning. Recognized researcher, published author, trainer, keynote speaker, and certified IELTS trainer with a strong record of driving academic excellence and organizational growth.

CORE COMPETENCIES

▪ **Academic Leadership** ▪ **Higher Education Administration** ▪ **Curriculum Development** ▪ **Faculty Development** ▪ **Quality Assurance** ▪ **Accreditation & NAAC** ▪ **Student Success** ▪ **Academic Operations** ▪ **Academic Planning** ▪ **Strategic Leadership** ▪ **Career Counselling** ▪ **International Education** ▪ **English Language Teaching** ▪ **Research & Publications** ▪ **Learning Outcomes Assessment** ▪ **Educational Policy Development** ▪ **Admissions & Outreach** ▪ **Public Speaking** ▪ **Stakeholder Engagement** ▪ **Project Management**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Campus Director & Head–Academics **Sept 2022 – Present | Surat, India**
Model Education Trust

- Direct institutional academic strategy, academic operations, admissions, faculty management, and quality assurance.
- Lead curriculum planning, institutional development, policy formulation, and academic governance.
- Design career guidance initiatives, employability programmes, faculty development workshops, and student success strategies.
- Build partnerships with educational institutions, healthcare organizations, and international education providers.

- Spearhead institutional branding, strategic planning, academic compliance, and quality enhancement initiatives.

Key Contributions:

- Developed multiple academic programmes and institutional policies.
- Conducted extensive faculty training and professional development programmes.
- Led career counselling initiatives for higher education and international admissions.
- Coordinated curriculum innovation aligned with industry and higher education standards.

Assistant Professor of English

Sept 2019 – Sept 2022 | Surat, India

Sheth P.T. Mahila College of Arts & Home Science

- Delivered undergraduate English Language and Literature courses.
- Mentored students in communication skills, academic writing, and research.
- Served actively on the NAAC Steering Committee to drive quality enhancement and compliance.
- Established and successfully coordinated the SWAYAM-NPTEL Local Chapter.
- Organized key faculty development programmes, workshops, and high-impact academic events.

Academic Co-ordinator

Dec 2016 – Nov 2020 | Surat, India

Vanita Vishram

- Coordinated strategic academic planning and operational execution across multiple departments.
- Managed modern faculty development initiatives and strict academic quality processes.
- Organized large-scale conferences, technical workshops, FDPs, and major institutional events.
- Supported policy implementation frameworks and streamlined institutional administration.

Assistant Professor of English

2011 – 2014 | Surat, India

Vanita Vishram Women's College of Commerce

- Taught comprehensive undergraduate English and advanced Business Communication modules.
- Guided student research projects and robust communication skills development programs.
- Served as chief editor for the institutional annual magazine.

- Organized academic, co-curricular, and extra-curricular campus programmes.

Additional Academic & Administrative Appointments

Surat, India

Various Institutions

- In-charge Registrar – Vanita Vishram Women's University (**First & Only Women's University of Gujarat, India**)
- Project Co-ordinator (Academics) – Vanita Vishram Women's University (**First & Only Women's University of Gujarat, India**)
- Lecturer / Visiting Faculty – Veer Narmad South Gujarat University
- Lecturer – M.T.B. Arts College
- Visiting Faculty – Various recognized undergraduate and postgraduate institutions
- IGNOU Academic Counsellor

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- **Ph.D. in English**
Veer Narmad South Gujarat University
- **M.Phil. in English**
Veer Narmad South Gujarat University
- **Master of Arts (English)**
First Class - VNSGU
- **Bachelor of Arts (English)**
University Gold Medalist - VNSGU

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

- Career Counselling Certification – IITM Pravartak & BodhBridge (2025)
- Masterclass for IELTS Trainers – British Council
- Professional Certificate in Teaching & Learning – (In Progress)
- NPTEL Elite – Soft Skills
- NPTEL Elite – Developing Soft Skills & Personality

RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIP & PUBLICATIONS

Metrics & Outputs: Author of **4** published books | Published **18+** peer-reviewed research papers | Published **10** book chapters.

Translation Work: Expert translator of literary works between English, Gujarati, Urdu, and Hindi.

Research Interests: English Literature • Holocaust Studies • Partition Literature • Translation Studies • Communication Skills • Educational Leadership

LEADERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS & AWARDS

LEADERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Directed academic administration across multiple higher education institutions.
- Managed curriculum planning, faculty performance, and quality initiatives.
- Delivered 100+ invited lectures, workshops, FDPs, and career sessions.
- Mentored students preparing for higher education and international admissions.
- Led institutional accreditation and quality enhancement initiatives.

AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS

- University Gold Medal – B.A. (English)
- Gold Medal from Aligarh Muslim University (Std. 10th)
- Glory of India Gold Medal
- Best Citizens of India Award
- Top 30 Percentile – International Teachers' Olympiad
- Top 500 – International English Teachers' Olympiad

TECHNICAL SKILLS & LANGUAGES

Technical Skills: Microsoft Office Suite • Google Workspace • Learning Management Systems (LMS) • AI-assisted Educational Technologies • Academic Documentation • Research Writing • Online Teaching Platforms

Languages Spoken: English (Professional) • Gujarati (Native) • Hindi (Fluent) • Urdu (Fluent)

Professional Memberships: Indian History Congress • Balvant Parekh Centre for General Semantics and Other Human Sciences

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Dr. Rakesh N. Desai

Professor and Head
(Former)
Department of English,
Veer Narmad South
Gujarat University, Surat

Dr. E.V. Ramakrishnan

Professor Emeritus
(Former)
School of Language,
Literature & Culture
Central University of
Gujarat, Gandhinagar

Dr. Sharifa K. Vijaliwala

Professor and Head
(Former)
Department of Gujarati,
Veer Narmad South
Gujarat University, Surat

Dr. Harish Padh

Provost (Former), Vanita
Vishram Women's
University, Suray

Vice-Chancellor (Former),
S.P. University, Vallabh
Vidyanagar

Dr. Anjali Karande

Adjunct Professor
Centre for Human Genetics

Former Professor, IISc,
Bengaluru

Former Provost, Vanita
Vishram University, Surat