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The President of Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and Vice Chancellor of Dharmsinh Desai University–Nadiad, his conviction of more than five decades is that “Through Science Engineering & Technical Education one can serve the local as well as the global community in a unique manner. He facilitates both the local needs as well as the global aspirations, his philanthropic concerns & contributions put up his efforts at the ‘Guinness World Record’ for being the first and largest Organs Donors University of the World. For advanced R & D in Neno Technology his efforts are approved by the American Govts., NSF (National Science Foundations.) To almost all the major Indian Scientific & Engineering agencies like DST, ISRO, PRL, IEE etc. he is contributing for Indian Moon Mission, Chandrayan & Mars Mission Indian linguistic Survey, Indian Police Services & Indian Planetary Explorations etc. For which the University received ‘The Best Regional (Asia) University Award from Oxford, UK. He is pioneer innovator, developer and mentor for Schools, Institutes, University, Hostels & Hospitals as well as R&D centers, a person known as best Institution builder.

Educationist, Technocrat, Academic, Visionary and Philanthropist at the core of every contributions he made, that makes him a unique Social Entrepreneur, who has developed a State University which is considered as ‘an Institute of National Importance’ from a very small college of Engineering. Engineering & Technical Education is the core of the Scientific development of India, he strived hard to pioneer, and innovate as well as develop the Institute into First Autonomous, First Deemed University & First State University of Gujarat. He is well known and respected in this part of the country for his discipline, dedication & upliftment of the Educational Enterprising Spirit. He has developed Dharmsinh Desai University not only as an academic university but very effectively applies its academics and R&D for Environmental Auditing, Planetary Exploration, Indian Moon Mission, Indian Police Services, through developing & training Indian Police for Criminal Face Detection Software. He actively and successfully helped Department of Science & Technology in its project “Indra Dhanus–Shya” to retain & develop Indian National Languages.

As Philanthropist Technocrat not only established ultra modern Dental College and Dental Hospital but arranged dental treatment at just a token fee of Rs. 5/–. This facility is availed by average 500 patients every day, He has helped at least more than 2 Million people during the last decade. His philanthropic sensitivity he extended by collecting the donations to start a Heart Hospital at Nadiad, which is almost in the geographical center of the state. At this hospital almost all the cardiac ailments are treated by the cardiac super specialist of national & international repute at very concessional rates. The success rate of this DDMM Heart Hospital is 99% during the last decade. The charges/ cost of Heart Surgery is Cheapest in the country, upto now approximately more than 10,000 heart/cardiac patients are benefited by his direct involvement in the heart of the matter.

His professional growth from a Lecture to a Principal, to a Director and to the Vice Chancellor of two Universities of National reputation : Gujarat University and Dharmsinh Desai University. not only changed the Scientific and Engineering Education but it changed the Scientific, Technical,

Engineering and Industrial sectors of the region. His academic excellence are not only in his Ph.D work but in his being a member of Royal Society of Chemist, London (UK) and Member of American Chemical Engineers (USA) as well as he is twice co-opted as 'Fellow of Institutes of Engineers' and many more accolades.

For his expertise in the domain he represented India as a delegate member twice Indo-Japan, for Indian Business opportunities and Indo-Malaysia for developing academic activities. He has executed collaboration with University of IOWA, university of Florida, He collaborates with KHS-Germany and BOSCH-REXORTH-Germany & many corporate & multinationals, So, that science & Engineering Industry, academia work together & through its Research & Development help the humanity across the globe. At the social level for three times he was Lions Club International President Award Winner. He was awarded Rotary International Vocational Award for his leadership qualities. Starting from Best Citizen of the Town (Nadiad) Award, He has many many awards, some of them are OM Foundation Award, Charotar Ratna Award, Brahmarshi Sanskar Dham Social Services Award, MahaGujarat Parivar Award for Social services and Charotar Gaurav Award to Human Society International Awards. He is well known for his leadership & benevolent management qualities during the natural calamities & disasters.

At present he is President of Association of Indian Universities (AIU). He is Founder Managing Trustee & Honorary Secretary of Dharmsinh Desai Memorial & Methodist Hospital & Research Center for Cardiac Care. He is Trustee & Honorary Secretary of Dharmsinh Desai Foundation which provides education through its various Schools, Technical Institutes and through its University imparts the quality technical & engineering education in ten branches. from Under Graduation upto doctoral (Ph.D.) level, which is very much respected and valued by the Govt. and Community at large.

He is member of working committee of BCCI (Board of Cricket Control of India), Member of MCI (Medical Council of India), Member of AICTE etc., he is active member of various apex bodies of National & International level.

Through Academic Social Responsibility he has enlightened not only millions of students but provided medical treatment to more than a million patients at a token charge, at the same time he has helped more than 30000 orphan girls of Hindu Anath Ashram to settle in life as a Chairman of the Ashram. He has helped more than 5000 destitute women to settle in life by providing them free vocational trainings. He has created funds & facilitates at the local civic bodies for more than 10,000 people. For socio cultured need of the region. he has collected more than Rs. 100 crore, starting from local body, state Govt., Central Govt. & World Bank, out of which he helped to established Community Center, Cardiac Care Center, Blood Component Separator Center, Hospitals & Hostels for students. His vision behind his Fund raising is local development for Global acceptance. In which he has remarkable success.

Education especially science engineering & technical education is for philanthropy and nationalism is his conviction not only educationalist but he is confirmed institution builder through which he is practicing social services & social upliftment.