

## **Brief Introduction of AICTE Chairman**

Professor (Dr.) T.G. Sitharam is an distinguished academic and researcher renowned for his contributions to the field of geotechnical and civil engineering. With an illustrious career spanning several decades, Prof. Sitharam has made significant strides in both academia and practical applications, earning him recognition on a global scale.

Currently designated as Chairman of AICTE, Prof. Sitharam has previously worked on different portfolios like:

- Director of IIT Guwahati,
- Senior Professor in the Department of Civil Engineering at Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore,
- Chairman of Research Council, CSIR- CBRI(Central Building Research Institute, Roorkee),
- Chairman of Board of Governors at IIT Guwahati and CIT, Kokrajhar, Assam for more than a year
- Chairman of Board of Management of North East Regional Institute of Science and Technology (NERIST), Nirjuli, Arunachal Pradesh.
- Visiting professor at Universities in Japan, Canada, USA, Hong Kong, Australia and Republic of China.

Prof. Sitharam has obtained his education and advanced degrees in civil engineering, from prestigious institutions in India and abroad. As a prolific researcher, Prof. Sitharam has authored numerous publications in leading journals and conferences, addressing critical issues in geotechnical engineering, including soil mechanics, foundation engineering, earthquake engineering, and geoenvironmental engineering.

His extensive R&D led him to write 500 technical papers, 20 books and 9750 citations. He has filed for 5 patents, executed more than 120 consulting projects and has 2 start-up companies to his credit. Prof. is listed in the world top 2% of scientists for the most-cited research scientists in various disciplines by Stanford University for 4 consecutive years since 2020.

He was part of an 8-member expert panel set up to supervise Ram temple foundation-laying work for Sri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra at Ayodhya. He also has served as a consultant for M/s AFCONS in the construction of the highest railway bridge across river Chenab near Katra.

Prof. T.G. Sitharam is the recipient of Sir C.V. Raman State Award for Young Scientists and Sir M. Visvesvaraya Senior Scientist State Award by Government of Karnataka for his unwavering contribution in engineering field.