



PROFILE

Prof. (Dr.) Vijender Kumar, Senior Professor and Commonwealth Fellow (UK), served as Vice-Chancellor of Maharashtra National Law University (MNLU), Nagpur, and of National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam (NLUJAA), Guwahati, and as Registrar of NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad, before joining as Director General-Law at ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad, on September 1, 2026. He has nearly 28 years of teaching and more than 33 years of research experience, with specialisation in Hindu Law, Legal Research and Research Methodology, and Jurisprudence. His research areas include Hindu Law, Jurisprudence, Human Rights, Legal Education in India, and Teaching Methods and Techniques. Ten (10) research scholars have earned their doctoral degrees under his supervision. He has evaluated more than 151 doctoral theses as an external examiner for various law departments, law schools, and national law universities. He has supervised master's dissertations for more than 49 students and has evaluated more than 179 master's dissertations as an external examiner for various law departments, law schools, and national law universities. He is a recipient of the Telangana State Award for Meritorious Teacher (2019) from the Government of Telangana, and also received the Academic Staff Commonwealth Fellowship (2009-2010) from the UGC, New Delhi, and the Commonwealth Commission, UK, hosted at King's College London, UK.

He has served as Project Coordinator and Advisor on externally funded projects, including: "Design, Development, Implementation, Operationalization and Maintenance of Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) Platform under MSME" (2024-25), funded by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of India; "Violent Crimes in Nagpur City: A Multi-Disciplinary Approach to Understand and Prevent" (2022-24), funded by Nagpur City Police, Maharashtra Police, Government of Maharashtra; "Non-Resident Indians (NRI) Marriages: Need for a New Legal Regime" (2011-13), funded by Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, New Delhi; "A Study of Law and Nanotechnology: Exploring the Dimensions for Tackling the Nanotechnology Revolution with Special Relevance to Human Rights and Environment" (2008-10), funded by Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, New Delhi; and "Coparcenary Rights of Women in Andhra Pradesh" (2004), funded by National Commission for Women, New Delhi.

An astute academic and research scholar, he has more than 115 publications to his credit, including more than 70 research papers in reputed law journals, authored chapters in books on cutting-edge socio-legal issues in 'Hindu Law', and contributed several book reviews. He has also authored several books, including "Being a Law Teacher" (2020), "Law Relating to Domestic Violence" (2007), and "Hindu Law of Adoption: Principles and Precedents" (2004). He has also revised several books, including "Hindu Law & Usage" by John D. Mayne (16th edition 2008, 17th edition 2014, 18th edition 2020 and 19th edition 2025) and "Family Law in India" by Professor G.C.V. Subba Rao (8th edition 2004, 9th edition 2007 and 10th edition 2011).

Further, Prof. Kumar has co-edited several books, *viz.*, Gender Justice: Breaking Stereotypes Discriminations and Prejudices (2026); International Law and Policy (2024); Navigating Intellectual Property in the Modern Era: Innovations, Challenges and Resolutions (2024); Uniform

Civil Code of India (2024); Data Protection and Data Privacy (2024); Privacy and Data Protection in the Digital Era (2024); Women's Rights and Empowerment: Legal Challenges and Social Realities (2024); Child Rights and Protection: Legal Frameworks and Challenges (2024); Agrarian Society, Law and Development in the Era of Globalization (2024); Human Trafficking: Challenges & Responses (2022); Cyber Law and Globalizing World (2022); Intellectual Property Branding in the Developing World: A New Approach (2021); Changing Dynamics of Intellectual Property Rights (2021); Artificial Intelligence and Law (2021); Crime Against Women and Law Relating to Welfare and Protection of Women (2020); CAA-NRC-NPR Constitutional Analysis (2020); Abrogation of Article 370 & Constitutional Analysis (2020); Human Rights and Disability Law: Global Perspective (2020); Child Rights Laws, Policies and Practices (2020); Alternative Dispute Resolution: Prospects and Challenges (2020); Surrogacy: Law, Policy and Practice (2020); Children, Law and Society (2019); Women, Law and Society (2019); Law Relating to Sexual Harassment: Practice and Procedure (2019); Women, Law and Technology (2018); Law, Judiciary and Governance (2017); and Global Perspectives in Consumer Law (2011).

Furthermore, he has participated in, presented papers at, and chaired sessions at several national and international conferences, seminars, webinars, conclaves, and cohorts. He has delivered guest lectures on Hindu Law, Research Methodology, Jurisprudence, Legal Writing, and Legal Education in the Contemporary Era to undergraduate and postgraduate students and doctoral scholars at law departments, law schools, and national law universities. He has also lectured at faculty development programmes organised by these institutions. He has addressed several academic orientations for undergraduate and postgraduate students at MNLU, Nagpur, and NLUJAA, Guwahati, as well as at other national law universities. He has organised and monitored several moot court competitions at NALSAR, Hyderabad; NLUJAA, Guwahati; and MNLU, Nagpur, in various capacities. He has also organised four convocations at MNLU, Nagpur, as its Vice-Chancellor, and two at NALSAR, Hyderabad, as its Registrar. He has served as Patron of two bi-annual, peer-reviewed journals at MNLU, Nagpur, and two at NLUJAA, Guwahati, one run by the faculty and one by the students at each university. He has also served on the national advisory boards of law journals across the country. During his tenure as Vice-Chancellor of MNLU, Nagpur, and NLUJAA, Guwahati, he signed numerous MoUs with NLUs, law schools, government bodies, and non-governmental organisations to support academic and research exchanges and related initiatives. For many years, he has served on the Board of Studies, Academic Planning Board, Academic Council, Executive Council, and General Council of many NLUs and other universities. He has served on several committees of the UGC, NITI Aayog, NIRF, NAAC, BCI, and many other statutory bodies of the Union and State governments, as well as on the regulatory bodies for higher education. Prof. Kumar served as President of the Consortium of National Law Universities from January 2023 to February 2024; as Vice-President from November 2021 to January 2023; and as Convenor of CLAT 2021 from November 2020 to November 2021.

His vision is to disseminate value-oriented, high-quality legal education; to provide transparent, accountable, and democratic administration; and to produce legal architects who are socially sensitive, technologically sound, and professionally competent, with a hard-cum-smart work outlook.