

BITS Pilani appoints acting VC

BITS Pilani announced the joining of V Sambasiva Rao as the acting vice chancellor of Pilani campus. He took charge from Bijendra Nath Jain, who completed his 5-year tenure.

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Acting Vice-Chancellor appointed

R. RAVIKANTH REDDY

Prof. V. Sambasiva Rao, who was instrumental in establishing the BITS Pilani-Hyderabad campus as its Director, has now been appointed as the acting Vice-Chancellor of BITS Pilani campus.

He took charge from Prof. Bijendra Nath Jain, who completed his five years tenure as the Vice Chancellor.

Prof. Rao, who hails from Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh, has been associated with BITS Pilani for over four decades in various capacities such as Dean Practice School, Deputy Director off-campus programmes and Director, BITS Pilani, Hyderabad cam-

pus. As a Director, Prof. Rao established Hyderabad campus in a sprawling 200 acres of land making it fully residential - accommodating over 3,200 students and 160



V.S. Rao takes over as the acting V-C, BITS Pilani.

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faculty members.

Prof. Rao told *The Hindu* that he would march along with his colleagues in continuing the great journey of BITS and reaching new heights. "Along with our deeper and committed industry engagement, we will continue to lay emphasis on teaching, research, innovation and entrepreneurship," he said.

An alumnus of BITS Pilani,

he did his MSc. and PhD from BITS and obtained a certificate on Educational Economics and Research from University of Bielfeld, Germany.

He is an educationist with specialisations in training need assessment, institution-industry interface design, curriculum development, development of practice school, off-campus infrastructure and project management.