

Prof. Arun Kumar Grover, FASc. , FNASc.

Arun Kumar Grover, a Condensed Matter Physicist, served as the 12th Vice Chancellor of Panjab University, Chandigarh (2012-18), on deputation from TIFR, Mumbai, where he served for over four decades (1972-2016).

He received Homi Bhabha Science and Technology Award of Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) in 1995. Materials Research Society of India awarded him a MRSI Medal in 1996. He served as the Vice President of IASc. from 2016-18, as Chair of Research Council of CSIR-NPL from 2017-23, and as a member of the Governing Body of CSIR from 2017-20.

TIFR had appointed him the Convener of Homi Bhabha Birth Centenary Commemorations Committee from 2008-11. The Alumni Association of TIFR awarded him its Excellence award in 2018.

A noteworthy initiative commenced by him as VC, PU in 2012, which caught the national attention, has been the nucleation of Chandigarh Region Innovation and Knowledge Cluster (CRIKC).

He was selected to serve as the Raja Ramanna Fellow of DAE in Panjab Engineering College (PEC, Deemed to be University), Chandigarh in 2019. He continues to be Honorary Professor in Department of Physics and Member, BOG of PEC. His responsibilities at PEC envisage promotion of inter-disciplinary research and strengthening of entrepreneurial activities.

He has been a member of IUPAP Commission (C-14) on Physics Education since 2022. The Society for Promotion of Science and Technology in India (SPSTI) designated him as its Vice President in 2020.

His current interests include the history of higher Education and scientific research in India.

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