





Leadership and Management Team of the Year

Institution name	Vishwakarma University, Pune, Maharashtra
Submission title or project name	Vishwakarma University (VU) – Pioneering a Progressive and Participatory Developmental Model Towards Social, Economic, and Cultural Transformation
Nominee/key personnel	Mr. Bharat Agarwal, President; Prof. (Dr.) Wasudeo Gade, Vice President; Prof. (Dr.) Siddharth Jabade, Vice Chancellor; Prof. Radheshyam Jadhav, Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Media & Communication; Prof. (Dr.) Chetan Kapadnis, Director, Internal Quality Assurance Cell; Prof. Amol Randive, Director, Career Progression Cell
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Submission	Vishwakarma University (VU) engages with industry, government, social businesses, and community, through its transdisciplinary centers of excellence, and serves as a "living lab". With industry, the VU-Wilo Water Centre of Excellence has developed a Vertical Sewage Treatment Plant to serve the urban poor which is ready to be deployed at 30 locations. For the community, the Vishwakarma University Centre for Communication Development is working on 'Empowerment Communication' publishing stories of people who are fighting discrimination, and oppression in their lives. For Government, as the first private university to be selected as a partner of the State, VU will train 6000 faculty and handhold 30 Centres. For social business, VU is working with Sahyadri Farms, which is helping the collectivization of small, marginal, and landless farmers. For social inclusion, the VU Legal Aid Clinic, provides pro-bono legal consultancy. More than 200 villagers and 1800 students from urban schools have benefited.