

A photograph of Dr. Prashant Bhalla, a man with glasses wearing a dark blazer over a light-colored shirt, standing next to a wooden bookshelf filled with books. He is leaning against the shelf with his right hand.

# “Fostering life-long learning experiences”

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**M**anav Rachna Educational Institutions are the brainchild of my father, late Dr. O P Bhalla, an educationist and a philanthropist. He believed in the importance of providing quality education and insisted on developing a student's all-round personality. We thus established Manav Rachna that focuses on the creation of better human beings through sports, academics, people skills and other extra-curricular activities. We strongly believe that education alone can change the lives of generations.

Over these 22 years, one of the greatest challenges has been to find the right team and the right people and inculcating in them the 'Manav Rachna' way of life! We have been able to address this through a very strong hiring mechanism, structured orientation and training programs. Among our faculty are professionals from the industry, bureaucracy, defense as well as other experts who are passionate being a teacher and play a critical mentorship role at Manav Rachna.

The second challenge was to understand the expectations of the industry and evolve a robust industry connect. In a way, we have come a long way through an effective communication with various stakeholders. We have on our board eminent

industry leaders, have academic collaborations with some of the best corporate houses, industry-integrated courses, and joint R&D initiatives.

We have been striving to and succeeded in creating a global level institution. Our institutions today find a place among the best institutions of the country with NAAC 'A' Grade accreditation; approval by NBA & AICTE and a place in the prestigious NIRF rankings 2019. We are also Founder Member of the College Board's Indian Global Higher Education Alliance.

Strong academics, research, employability, skill development, value system, community connect and collaboration are the edifice of education at Manav Rachna. With 80+ start-ups incubated at our campuses, we are encouraging students become job creators.

Sustainability is another key focus area for us. Under the Manav Rachna Life Skills Program, we have assigned a CLAN to each student. This enables them to take responsibility of projects, demonstrate their capabilities of managing and bringing big projects to successful completion. Healthy rivalry is important to set benchmarks for performance levels. 📌