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Dr. Mrs. Sushma has received more than **25** awards/honors for her outstanding academic work including **"IUCEE Institutional Leadership Award** for her excellence in Engineering Education during ICTIEE 2020 and **"2019 IFEEES Duncan Fraser Global Award"** with a cash prize of \$1000 USD for excellence in engineering education. She has received **the ISTD's Emerging HRD Thinker's gold medal** for her research paper.

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Dr. Mrs. Sushma holds the post of Principal/Director for more than **16** years. Under her leadership, she has transformed an affiliated Engineering college into an Autonomous Institute with excellent credentials. She has contributed to **144+** research papers and has two patents provisionally registered. **She has delivered more than 120+ expert talks on diverse topics in India and outside India. Also, worked as a panellist in many workshops and webinars organized by IUCEE, IFEEES, and GEDC etc.** Under her guidance, **4** students have completed Ph.D. and **7** are pursuing it. She has guided more than **70+** UG & PG students in their projects.

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