

Dr. M. Ponnaiya Nageshwaran
Chancellor

Dr. M. Ponnaiya Nageshwaran, Chancellor of Ponnaiyah Ramajayam Institute of Science and Technology (PRIST) Deemed to be University, assumed office in 2021 after the passing of his father, Prof. Dr. P. Murugesan. The institution was born out of his visionary thinking in 1985. Today, PRIST is counted among the top universities in the state and has won multiple awards and accolades for excellence. The faculty comprises the most reputed academicians with decades of experience in the field of higher education.

Following in his father's footsteps, Dr. Nageshwaran has continued the institution's legacy since its establishment in 2008. Having completed his Master's degree in Singapore, Dr. Nageshwaran initiated significant reforms and revitalized the institution's management. His efforts led to his appointment as Pro-Chancellor in 2016. During this period, he introduced student-friendly policies, resulting in notable advancements in administration and finance and a surge in student admissions. Today, PRIST ranks among India's top 100 institutions.

He holds the World Guinness Records title for being the 'Youngest Chancellor in the World 'and has received numerous prestigious awards, including the 'Young Educationist of the Year 'at the Times Power Women & Men 2022 awards. PRIST Deemed to be University focuses on educating students on cutting-edge technologies such as AI, data mining, and machine learning. The institution has established collaborations with universities in Singapore and Malaysia, along with various MOUs with leading organizations, offering students quality education and exposure to real-world experiences.

Guided by his father's philosophy, Dr. Nageshwaran's mission is to provide quality education at an affordable cost. Looking ahead, he aims to elevate PRIST to a model campus for excellence in education and research, seeking international accreditation and expanding global partnerships.