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Brief Profile:

Dr. Keyur Darji boasts an impressive 11-year association with GTU, where he initially joined as a Research Associate in 2013 and swiftly climbed the ranks. In 2015, he assumed the role of Deputy Director in the Department of International Relations (DIR), the university's flagship department dedicated to managing and promoting internationalization initiatives. His dedication and leadership culminated in his promotion to the Directorship of DIR in August 2021.

In addition to his primary responsibilities in DIR, Dr. Darji strategically oversees industry-academia collaborations at GTU. He plays a pivotal role in reviewing and approving all Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) for the university and actively participates in key committees, contributing to various university initiatives.

Dr. Darji brings a wealth of experience to GTU, with a diverse professional background that includes serving as a Regional Head in Cipla Limited and ICICI Prudential GIC Limited. Prior to joining GTU, he also held a professorial position at a Management Institute. Throughout his 19-year career, Dr. Darji has showcased his academic prowess by publishing numerous research papers in both national and international conferences and journals. His leadership extends to heading various national and international academic events.

A Chemical Engineer by graduation, Dr. Darji furthered his education with an MBA and a Ph.D. in Marketing and Consumer Behavior. His expertise lies in international relations in higher education, fostering industry-academia alliances, implementing administrative reforms in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), and contributing to the fields of teaching and research in management studies.