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Dr. Vinod Paul served on the faculty of the Department of Paediatrics, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, from 1985 to 2020, and was Head of the Department for nearly a decade. He is a globally recognised medical scientist and a public health exponent.

Government of India appointed Dr. Paul as a Member of the National Institution for Transforming India, the NITI Aayog, in August 2017 where he leads the Health, Nutrition and HRD verticals. He has played a pivotal role in formulating the Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY, the Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centre Scheme and POSHAN Abhiyaan.

Prof. Paul also served as the Chairman of The Board of Governors in supersession of the Medical Council of India in 2018-20. This tenure was recognised for a record increase in undergraduate and postgraduate medical seats and introduction of telemedicine guidelines, district residency scheme and a plethora of other reforms.

Dr. Paul is a part of the core team of the Union Government for Covid-19 pandemic response. He chairs the Empowered Group on Medical Infrastructure and COVID Management Plan, the National Task Force on COVID-19 (ICMR) as well as the National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC).

Prof. Paul has over 400 scientific publications and an *h*-index of 62 to his credit. He featured among the world's top 2% scientists in the field of paediatrics according to a study conducted at Stanford University in 2020. He is a Fellow of all the three Science Academies of the country, and a recipient of the pre-eminent Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Centenary Award for Excellence in Biomedical Research by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

Dr. Paul was conferred with the prestigious Ihsan Dogramaci Family Health Foundation Prize by WHO at the 2018 World Health Assembly for his globally recognized service in the field of family health.