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Prof Deepak Pental has served as Director of the University of Delhi South Campus from 2000-2005 and as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Delhi from 2005-2010. Prior to that he was Professor of Genetics, University of Delhi South Campus, before which he worked with the Tata Energy Research Institute.

His research interests are in breeding of mustard and cotton. He has published more than sixty research papers in peer reviewed journals and his work has led to major breakthroughs in hybrid seed production technologies. He is an elected member of all the major Science Academies of India. Prof Pental has keen interest in policy issues related to higher education and agriculture.

He did his B.Sc. (Hons. School) and M.Sc. (Hons. School) from the Department of Botany, Panjab University and subsequently PhD from Rutgers University, USA. He was a Postdoctoral and University Research Fellow at the University of Nottingham from 1978-84.