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Vinay Sahasrabuddhe is the President of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha and also the National Vice President of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). An activist-researcher at the core, Dr. Sahasrabuddhe happens to be the Vice President of RambhauMhalgiPrabodhini as well. RMP is South Asia's only training and research academy for elected representatives and voluntary social workers.

Having headed BJP's Training Cell for over a decade, Dr. Sahasrabuddhe currently is National In-Charge of twin departments of the party, viz Policy Research and Good Governance.

As a student activist, he had offered *satyagraha* and was behind bars during the Emergency of 1975. He was also National Secretary of the AkhilBharatiyaVidyarthiParsihad (ABVP) while being whole-timer of the Organisation. He has also worked as member on Senate and Management Council of the University of Mumbai for several years. He has also served on Boards of Governors of academies like YASHADA, (academy of development administration, Pune) and Sardar Patel Institute of Public Administration (SPIPA) as member. Between 2013-15, he was the as Vice-President of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai, a 208 year old prestigious society.

A freelance journalist since his college days, Sahasrabuddhe is a regular contributor to several Marathi and English language dailies and weeklies and a blogger as well. The University of Mumbai awarded him a doctorate in Politics in 2009 for his thesis '*Political Parties as Victims of Populism and Electoral Compulsions: A Quest for systemic Solutions.*' His research was later published in the form of a book, entitled 'Beyond a Billion Ballots.'

Dr. Sahasrabuddhe has been an active participant in Rajya Sabha with almost 100% attendance. Over last two years Parliament has appointed him to the court of Delhi University, to Indian Council of World Affairs as well as a member to the Press Council of India. His latest book 'The Innovation Republic' capturing 17 key innovations made by the Modi Govt. is receiving critical acclaims!