

Bhaskar was born and brought up in New Delhi, India. He did his schooling from Sardar Patel Vidyalaya, New Delhi where he nurtured a strong interest in debating, quizzing, story-telling, street theatre and dramatics. He was deeply influenced by the theatre of Habib Tanvir and activism of Moloyshree Hashmi. Proximity to important political events in the nation's capital during the 80's and 90's influenced in him a strong desire to connect to the society and youth. He went on to receive his B.Sc.(H) in Chemistry from St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi and M.Sc. from IIT Kanpur. He pursued doctoral studies at Carnegie Mellon University and received his Ph.D. in 2004. He subsequently worked as a post-doctoral fellow at Georgia Institute of Technology and as an Assistant Professor at Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri USA. He joined IIT Gandhinagar in December 2011. As a faculty in the disciplines of Chemistry and Biological Engineering, his research interests span several areas of chemical and biological sciences. Research in his group revolves around the main themes of development of drugs for specific targets, reagents for imaging and staining applications and agents for detection of environmental hazards. He considers safeguarding of the environment as being key to sustainable development and channels a component of his research in that direction. His group has recently filed a patent on a user-friendly method of detection of pesticides and herbicides in food and water. He teaches a range of subjects including Chemistry for technology undergraduates, Analytical Sciences, Advanced Biochemistry and Biotechnology for both undergraduates and postgraduates. In addition to his teaching and research responsibilities, he has served as Associate Dean, Academic Affairs in the past.

He continues to seek opportunities in Ahmedabad and at IITGN for fulfilling his hobbies and hopes to engage in public service in the political sphere at a later stage in life.