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Dr. R K Sharma is currently working as Librarian in the United Nations Information Centre for India and Bhutan (UNIC), New Delhi for the past 24 years. A practicing Library & Knowledge Management expert for over 35 years. He is the nodal expert on Digital Library for the UN System in India.

Dr. Sharma holds a PhD degree in Library & Information Science and has undergone several advanced training programmes in Library & Information Management in India and abroad. Prior to the UN, he was Librarian at the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP), New Delhi. Earlier, he had worked with the Delhi University Library System before joining NIPFP.

He is widely travelled and as a Fulbright Scholar, he was trained at the Graduate School of Library & Information Science, Simmons College, Boston, USA. He has been honoured with several awards – DLA Shanta Vashist Outstanding Library Leadership Award 2018; Life Time Achievement Award-2018; Distinguished Service Award-2018; VishwaLaxmi Best Management Librarian Award-2018; & Indian Library Leaders, SRFLIS- Professional Excellence Award-2014.

Presently, he is holding position of President of the Delhi Library Association; Member, Delhi Library Board (Min. of Culture); Director, SLA (USA)-Asian Chapter; Member, Governing Body of Arya Bhatta College (Delhi University); Member, National Selection Committee, Tagore National Fellowship (Min. of Culture); Special Invitee to the Delhi University Library Review Committee.

As an active senior professional, he has served on many selection committees as a library expert. He has also organized several seminars, conferences and workshops and chaired several technical sessions at the national and international seminars, conferences and workshops.

He is also a member of the editorial advisory board of two professional journals - *Library Herald* and *GyanKosh*. He has served as an Associate Editor of the DLA's quarterly journal *Library Herald* (2008-2012). He was Chair – Editorial Board, Asian Chapter of Special Library Association (SLA-USA) for one year (2013). Dr. Sharma is a member/life member of various national and international professional associations like AMLA, ASIALA, DLA, ILA, LPA, MANLIBNET, SLP, SLA-USA.