

# Speaker Profile



## Dr. RK Sharma

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**Dr R.K. Sharma, former Director of National Horticulture Board of Government of India, has served at various National & International levels. He had been Horticulture Advisor to the Australian High Commission for five years, and Core Expert (Horticulture, Post-harvest & Marketing) with FAO of United Nations for five years - looking after countries on the Horn of Africa. Dr. Sharma had been closely associated with the horticulture policy planning for the last 40 years with special contribution is the introduction of the 'cold chain development initiative' of Govt. of India, with special reference to the development of Technical Standards, being Committee Member-Secretary. He was also Secretary, National Oilseed & Vegetable Oils Development Board, Government of India.**

**He has published about 20 papers, edited 3 books (cold chain) and 40 technical manuals, wrote one review book (floriculture) and many articles. He is a fellow of the Global Cold Chain Alliance, US where he has attended the 'GCCA Institute'. He has worked for the many developmental and commercial projects for USDA, GIZ/GFA, FAO/UN, NIAM, NITI Ayog, Ministry of Food Processing Industries and Ministry of Agriculture, Govt of India. Dr Sharma is a free-lance consultant for national and international projects, currently as International Expert with GIZ for Afghanistan economic development and Sr Advisor to New Leaf, Holland.**