

Biography



Dr. Vishwa Mohan Katoch, PhD, FNASc, FAMS, FASc,
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Joined Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) for Talent Search Schemes (TSS) Fellows; posted at JALMA Agra in 1978, Director of this Institute in December 2001- Nov 2008 ; Served as Founder Secretary of Department of Health Research (DHR) & Director-General, ICMR ; Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt of India, from 18th Nov 2008 to 28th February, 2015.

Developer of modern methods of rapid diagnosis of TB, leprosy , DNA chips; DNA fingerprinting methods etc.; contributed to expansion of mandate of JALMA from leprosy to all mycobacterial diseases.

As the founder Secretary of new department, played important role in developing and implementing five new schemes to accomplish nine new business – (i) establishment of multi-disciplinary research units (MRUs) in government medical colleges (with focus on NCDs, RCH, gender issues etc; (ii) Model Rural Health Research units (MRHRUs three partners - medical college, state services and ICMR/ other apex institutes for taking the technology to people- (iii) Virology Research Laboratories in states and medical colleges (iv) Scheme for Human Resources for Health Research focus on medical colleges ; (v) Grant in Aid scheme for projects focused on intersectoral collaboration and coordination.

Contributed over 315 research papers in Indian and foreign journals.

Recipient of various national & international awards and Fellow of all national science academies of country: National Academy of Sciences (FNASc); Fellow of National Academy of Medical Sciences (FAMS); Fellow of Academy of Sciences, Bangalore (FASc); Fellow of Indian Academy of Science (FNA)