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CAREER:

- Dr. Virinder Sharma is presently Full-time Member (Technical) in the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM).
- Dr Sharma is an International Development Specialist with more than 30 years of professional, technical and management experience in the Asian Development Bank (ADB), Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)/Department for International Development (DFID) of the UK Government and Govt. of India.
- Expertise includes policy designing, strategic planning, governance reform, fund mobilization and implementing programs on Urban Development, Climate Change, Environment, Renewable Energy, Health, Biodiversity and Rural livelihoods.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- As Program Manager, led the ADB administered multi-donor \$150m Urban Climate Change Resilience Trust Fund (UCCRTF) supported by UK FCDO, Swiss SECO and The Rockefeller Foundation. As FCDO Senior Climate Change Adviser, seconded in the ADB Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department in Manila as Principal Urban Development Specialist from 2015-2022.
- Led a team of 10 technical professionals managing implementation of 45 projects in 25 Asian cities across 8 countries (Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Nepal, Vietnam, Myanmar, Indonesia and Philippines).
- Served as Deputy Head Sustainable Economic Development in DFID Kenya and Chair of the Kenya Environment, Water and Natural Resources Donor Coordination Group.
- Served as Principal Scientific Officer to the HP State Government; and
- Independent Director-Board of Directors Shimla Jal Prabandhan Nigam Limited (SJPNL).
- Worked in India, Kenya and Philippines and has international experience of leading multi-sector teams for designing and implementing complex and innovative development projects in several countries in the UK, Australia, South Asia, South East Asia and Africa.

EDUCATION:

- M.Sc. and M. Phil. Bio-Sciences from Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla (Triple Gold medalist). Ph. D. in Environmental Sciences from Panjab University, Chandigarh and New Castle upon Tyne University, UK.
- Member of Planning Commission Task Force in India and Govt. of India Ministry of Environment and Forests Technical Committees. Received the India National Integration Award for Environment Protection in 2000.
- Chartered member of UK Institute of Biology and Associate Environmental Auditor of UK Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA). Published one book on Himalayan biodiversity, 28 Scientific Research articles, contributed to number of Technical Reports and popular articles.