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Dr. P. Sanjeeva Rao served as Scientist-G / Advisor at the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, New Delhi, dealing with the `Earth System Sciences'. He obtained his MSc (1982) and PhD (1988) degrees in Meteorology from Andhra University, Visakhapatnam. During 1986 to 1992, he undertaken experimental research, as the first Agrometeorologist, at the Rubber Research Institute of India, Kottayam. Since early 1992 to mid-1997 associated with the National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF), DST, New Delhi as Senior Scientific Officer-1 in developing location specific `Agromet Advisory Services' to the farmers, utilizing the Numerical Weather Prediction (NWP) models. During 1997 to 2015, he served the DST as the Principal Scientific Officer, Scientist-F and Scientist-G. Later, continued his association with the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), New Delhi and Koneru Lakshmaiah Education Foundation, Vijayawada until October 2022. His expertise includes scientific research planning, execution, national coordination, technology development and capacity building activities. He published over 30 research papers in high impact peer-reviewed national & international scientific journals of repute and over 25 papers in the proceedings, book chapters, etc. towards dissemination of the new Knowledge.

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) awarded Dr. Rao a six-month training fellowship to undertake 'Biophysical modeling' at the University of Guelph, Guelph, Canada. The Government of India deputed Dr. Sanjeeva Rao as a member of the 'Indian Scientific Delegations' to Bangladesh, Italy, China, Tibet, United Kingdom and United States of America to exchange the latest developments in 'Monsoon Prediction and Climate Research Programs' and evolve the international collaboration. Considering the significant contributions to the National S&T Ecosystem, Dr Sanjeeva Rao has been elected as the Fellow of the AP Akademi of Sciences, Amaravati; Fellow of the Indian Geophysical Union, Hyderabad; Fellow of the Society of Earth Sciences, Lucknow; Life Member of the Indian Meteorological Society, New Delhi; and Life Member of the Association of Agrometeorologists, Anand. Also, the Ministry of Science and Technology awarded a 'Certificate of Honor' for rendering 25 years of memorable public service to the Government of India.