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At IIMA, he taught courses in Agricultural and Food Policy, Commodity Trading and Risk Management, Agricultural Futures and Options and International Trade to PGP-FABM and Doctoral students and Executive Education Programmes.

He was International Consultant to Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), FAO Regional Office for Near East and North Africa, in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia during Oct. 2015 to Jan. 2016 and Advisor to USAID's Economic Reforms Project in the Central Asian Countries in Tashkent, Uzbekistan in 2005.

Prof. Sharma has been consultant to many national and international organizations in agri-food, rural and development sectors. He has been involved in agri-food policy formulation, analysis and advice to the Central and various State Governments. He has been a Member/Chairman of several National and State Level Committees including Ad-hoc Task Force (ATF) on Performance Monitoring and Evaluation System constituted by Performance Management Division, Cabinet Secretariat; Advisory Committee, College of Agricultural Banking, Reserve Bank of India; Member, Board of Governing Council, Agricultural Skill Council of India (ASCI); Advisory Group on Agriculture and Food Processing; Working Groups and Mid-Term Review (MTR) Committees of Five Year Plans, Long-term Fertilizer Policy Committee, Empowered Committee on Agri-Infrastructure Development, etc.

He has published widely in national and international journals. He has about 10 books and more than 100 research papers on issues related to food and agribusiness sector to his credit. His publications include books on Linking Smallholder Producers to Modern Agri-Food Markets: Case Studies from South and South-East Asia; Economic Reforms and Indian Fertilizer Industry; Glimpses of Indian Agriculture: Macro- and Micro Aspects, Edible Oils and Oilseeds Economy of India, Trade Liberalization and Indian Dairy Industry, State of the Indian Farmer (Animal Husbandry): A Millennium Study, Fertilizer and Food Subsidies. He has received several awards and recognitions.