

Born in a Farmer's family in small village of Rajasthan, he did his schooling in Government Schools at Bhagina and Kajara villages of Jhunjhunu District. After studying M.Sc in Zoology from Rajasthan University at Dungeer College, Bikaner, completed his Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph.D) from Jodhpur University in Neuro-endocrine glands of some Lepidoptera.

In his early days, he served as lecturer in Government College Jaisalmer. He was selected in Indian Forest Service in 1985, allotted Karnataka Cadre after completion of training at IGNFA Dehradun and Foundation Course at LBSNA Mussorie.

Dr. U.V.Singh worked at various capacities in Karnataka Forest Department and outside the Department. He was inducted for investigation into illegal mining in Karnataka by the then Lokayukta, Justice Shri. N. Santhosh Hegde (Former Judge, Supreme Court of India). After submitting reports on illegal mining, covering more than 25,000 pages to Lokayukta, Karnataka, subsequently in 2011, he was drafted as member for investigation into illegal mining of iron and manganese ores in India by Justice Shri M. B. Shah (former Judge, Supreme Court of India) in the Shah Commission of inquiry into Illegal mining. He has had the opportunity of drafting with humility, all the Commission reports for the States of Goa, Odisha and Jharkhand in fifteen volumes.

Dr.Singh is the member of Monitoring Committees appointed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court for Karnataka, and Goa States. He has been conferred the best Civil Service Award (2008) for outstanding services by ESSEL Groups and also best services for Citizens of Bengaluru (Government Servants Category) by Namma Bengaluru in 2011. Further, he has been conferred a vocational excellence award 2015 by the Rotary Club, Bengaluru on 27th September, 2015.

Dr.Singh has published about fifteen research papers in the International Journals, published outside the country. He has recently written a book in two volumes carrying two thousand pages each on Law of Mines and Minerals with Justice M.B.Shah (Retired Supreme Court Judge and presently Chairman of SIT on black money).

After his report on illegal mining in Karnataka, more than rupees ten thousand crores have already been recovered against the various illegal mining activities in Karnataka. Presently he is working as the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Chief Executive Officer of Karnataka State Medicinal Plants Authority, Bengaluru.

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