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Ranjit Kumar Verma joined the research group of E. B. Singh in 1983 after joining the University Department of Chemistry, Magadh University as a lecturer where he was subsequently elevated to the post of Reader in 1986 and later he became Professor (1993). Prior to that, he taught undergraduate students for 6 years at H. D. Jain College, Ara, which is now a part of V. K. S University (India). Prof. Verma (M.Sc., Ph.D.) formed a small thermal group at Bodh Gaya and has popularized this field in the area. His research interests are thermal analysis and particularly its applications in solid-state kinetics. He has also presented nearly 60 papers at national and international conferences.

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He has been a referee for 11 journals including *J. Therm. Anal. Calorim.*, *J. Indian Chem. Soc.*, *Indian J. Chem.*, *Sensor Lett.*, *Spectrochim. Acta*. He has been an author for the Chemistry text book for senior secondary students (NCERT—which is the main body for curriculum and text book development in India) and for the e Book on Inorganic Chemistry developed under the National Science Digital Library project of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR, Govt of India). He was the Convener of the Verma Committee for Educational and Administrative Reforms, which suggested wide ranging curricular development in his university.

Ranjit Verma has been

- The Hony. Editor (Inorganic and Analytical), *J. Indian Chem. Soc.* since 2007
- Associate Editor, *J. Indian Chem. Soc.* (1995–1996; 1999–2000)
- Scientist-in-charge (Sectional President), Inorganic Chemistry Section, 37–39th Annual Conventions of Chemists (India, 2000–2002); Council Member (1997–1999, 2003–2005): Indian Chemical Society
- Executive Committee Member (2006–2008), Council Member (2008–2011): Indian Science Congress Association
- Vice President of Indian Council of Chemists (2004–2005, 2006–2010) and Indian Association of Chemistry Teachers (2005–2011)
- Member, IPC, International Conference on Coordination Chemistry (1998)

He is chairing the ICTAC Education Committee/WG and has served as a member of the ICTAC Scientific Award Commission and also as an Affl. Councilor. Currently, he is on the executive committee of Indian Thermal Analysis Society.

List of five most important publications:

- (a) R. K. Verma, L. Verma, M. Ranjan, B. P. Verma, S. C. Mojumdar: *Thermal analysis of 2-oxocyclopentanedithiocarboxylato complexes of iron (III), copper (II) and zinc (II) containing pyridine or morpholine as the second ligand*, J. Therm. Anal. Cal., 94 (2008) 27
- (b) R. K. Verma, L. Verma, A. Bhushan, B. P. Verma: *Thermal decomposition of complexes of cadmium (II) and mercury (II) with triphenylphosphanes*, J. Therm. Anal. Cal., 90 (2007) 725
- (c) R. K. Verma, L. Verma, M. Chandra, A. Bhushan: *Non-isothermal dehydration and decomposition of dl-lactates of transition metals and alkaline earth metals- a comparative study*, J. Therm. Anal. Cal., 80 (2005) 351
- (d) R. K. Verma, L. Verma, M. Chandra: *Thermoanalytical studies on non-isothermal dehydration and decomposition of dl-lactates of a series of transition metals*, Indian J. Chem., 42(A) (2003) 2982
- (e) R. K. Verma, L. Verma, M. Chandra, B. P. Verma: *Kinetic parameters of thermal dehydration and decomposition from thermoanalytical curves of zinc dl-lactates*, J. Indian Chem. Soc., 75 (1998) 162