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Experience:

Chiranjiv Singh, former Ambassador of India to UNESCO in Paris, joined the Indian Administrative Service in 1969. He retired in 2005 as Development Commissioner of Karnataka and Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. of Karnataka. During his career he held various positions in the central and state governments, some of which are: Principal Secretary, Finance Dept.; Development Commissioner Northern Karnataka; Principal Secretary, Agriculture; Secretary, Culture and Tourism Depts.; Director General Administrative Training Institute, Mysore; Director Mines and Geology; Director, Information, Culture, and Tourism; Govt. of Karnataka; Special Assistant to the Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation, Food and Civil Supplies and Rural Development, Govt. of India; Chairman of Naval and Air Force Establishment Committees in the Ministry of Defense. Govt. of India; Additional Director General of Tourism, Govt. of India; Chief Executive of the National Council of Hotel Management and Catering Technology Institutes. Was also on the governing bodies of the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore; and Institute of Social and Economic Change, Bangalore.

Since his retirement he is associated with numerous non-governmental organizations working in the fields of rural development, environment and culture. For his services rendered to the state he was awarded the "Rajyothsava Award" in 2005 by the Government of Karnataka. At Present he is President of the Alliance Française, Bangalore.