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Prof A K Koul is renowned botanist of the country. He Post graduated from R B S College Agra and did his PhD with leading scientist of the country Dr R L Paliwal, Director General, CIMMYT, Mexico.

Prof Koul served Agra University and Erstwhile Jammu Kashmir University in the beginning of his carrier. He however, superannuated from Department of Botany Jammu University after serving it for more than 25 years. Prof Koul is rated one amongst the best mentors in the country. He guided almost 28 students for the PhD and almost an equal number for MPhil degree. He has published over 300 research papers in journals of national and international repute.

Prof Koul has been sessional President Indian Science Congress Association, President of Indian Botanical Society and Indian Association of Angiosperm Taxonomy. He has been conferred with many awards and medals. He is a fellow of National Academy of Science (FNASc), Allahabad and member of many task force organized by DBT, DST, ICAR, and MOEF for project reviewing and policy planning.

Presently, he is the chairman of Research Assessment and Monitoring committee of BSI.