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Dr Rao is heading the Library of SPA Vijayawada since 2013. He has published more than two dozen of papers in various national and international journals, conferences and edited volumes of LISc books. He has reviewed for international journals like Electronic Library of Emerald and International Journal of Library and Information Science. He has organized many workshops, faculty development programs, seminars and conferences at local, regional, national and international level at both NIT Rourkela and SPA Vijayawada. For instances, one week Faculty Development Program (FDP) on “Communicating Research and Open-access Publishing (CROP-2019)” during June 17-22, 2019, International Conference on “Scholarly Communication, Open-access Publishing and Ethics” (SCOPE-2018) during October 25-26, 2018, Regional (*South-IV*) Workshop on “Institutional Digital Repository” (IDR-2017) in collaboration with IIT Kharagpur under National Digital Library (NDL) Project during April 21-22, 2017 and National Conference on Scholarly Communication and Intellectual Property Rights (SCIPR) – 2014 during 04-05 August 2014. He attended various international and national conferences and workshops in the field of LISc. He was a resource person for PGDLAN Course at Sambalpur University, Sambalpur, Odisha. He interviewed with Doordarshan Saptagiri Career Program, on.14.11.2019, E-TV, Andhra Pradesh regarding the Admissions into NIT+ System on June 10, 2019 <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z1kT2nvqy2U&feature=youtu.be>>, E-TV, Andhra Pradesh regarding the Inaugural Ceremony of SPA Vijayawada by Vice President & Governor on August 22, 2018. <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x72LFEoGrn8&app=desktop>>, National Digital Library of India (NDLI) as representing from Andhra Pradesh on June 21, 2018 <<https://www.facebook.com/ysraoo/videos/2375641832449676/UzpfSTeWMDAwMDExNjQ4MDg4NzozMzi00DI00TE3NTMxMzU4/>>, Monday Morning in couple of times on library developments on February 16, 2011 <<http://mondaymorning.nitrkl.ac.in/index.php/campus/interview>> and on BPCL: Rendezvous with Y.S. Rao on February 13, 2012 <<http://mondaymorning.nitrkl.ac.in/index.php/views/views/interview/1283-bpcl-rendezvous-with-ysrao>>.

Apart from his prime responsibilities, he has been assigned various academic and administrative responsibilities at SPA Vijayawada including Chief Warden from March 2020, Dy. In-Charge for JOSAA/CSAB-2014, 2017-2020 and Official for CCMT-2014 online counselling, Local Coordinator – Global Initiative for Academic Networks for the year 2017-2020 and Nodal Officer – National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) for the year 2017-2020. He was a Registrar I/C for many occasions. He was also involved in various other committees such as institute publication, website, recruitment, academic inspection, convocation., lease negotiating-2016, returning officer for student’s elections – 2017 etc.

In 2020, Dr Rao has received a “Most Dynamic Librarian Award” for excellence and leadership in Education on 20.10.2020 <<https://goldenaimawards.com/award-winners-chapter-v>> At present, he is a Member of Board of Studies of LISc, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam till 2020 and an expert member for the NIT Andhra Pradesh – Library Advisory Committee for the year 2017-18. He was a PhD Viva Voce examiner for LIS professional at JNTU Kakinada. He was a Member of International Librarians Network (ILN) for the year 2016, an Advisory Committee Member of INDEST-AICTE Consortium for NITs in the Eastern region for the year 2010-13 and Sectional Committee Member for University and College Libraries for Indian Library Association (ILA) in the year 2013-2016.