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Shailaja D Sharma works in the area of history and philosophy of mathematics at NIAS. She was previously engaged with the programme for Education of the Gifted and Talented (NIAS-EGT), and has drafted the Mathematics Curricular Framework for the programme.

Shailaja D Sharma received a Ph.D. in Mathematics from IIT, Bombay (1990) in the area of Combinatorial Block Designs. She returned to academia in 2015 after a corporate career, and currently teaches Mathematics and Statistics at Azim Premji University.

Her ongoing projects include editing of a volume of essays on the computational aspects of Indic mathematics and scientific thinking (jointly with K Gopinath, IISc) and translation of a 17th century Malayalam astronomical work (jointly with Venketeswara Pai, IISER).

Previously, she held technical and management positions at the World Bank and Royal Dutch Shell. In those roles, she was associated with many projects in the area of business and sustainability and has written extensively on these topics in popular media. In particular, she was associated with Future Agenda, a global scenario building workshop initiative as well as Institute of Directors, where she was founder-editor of a journal on corporate governance for a brief period. She also launched several social responsibility initiatives, in particular the Safe Fleets road transport safety programme which was subsequently incorporated in the CII quality institute.