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A Fisheries Graduate from the College of Fisheries, Mangalore under the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru (1970-76 in Karnataka). The Doctoral Degree was obtained from the Cochin University of Science and Technology in the year 1993.

Initially worked as an Extension Specialist in spreading Aquaculture Technology in various districts of Karnataka. Later, as Senior Fisheries Scientist, involved in research and development with funding support from various National and International organization, specially from Indian Council of Agriculture Research, Department of Bio-Technology and European Commission. Through these projects published 74 research papers/ chapters in books/ short notes etc. Also published 32 books/ chapters/ bulletins/ manual/ action plans etc. in the areas of fishery biology, fresh water aquaculture, cage culture, fish processing and transportation, fresh water prawn culture, brackish water and marine shrimp farming etc. Serving as Member of 8 Professional bodies and as reviewer of research papers of three international journals. Contributor in release of AMUR variety of common carp for cultivation in India. I was awarded with, Junior and Senior Fellowship of Indian Council of Agriculture Research, and also received Young Scientist Award in 1987 by Asian Fisheries Society and the Best Extension Worker Award in 1987 by the University of Agriculture Science, Dharwad. Served as Chairman of various National Committees for preparing 12th Action plans, evaluating research programmes, promotion of cage culture in reservoirs, preparation of guidelines for various schemes of Aquaculture, Group Insurance, developing guidelines for release of exotic fish species for culture. Worked as Chief Scientific Officer, Senior Executive Director and Chief Executive of NFDB, Dean of Post Graduate Studies. Vice Chancellor (2014-2017) of University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shimoga, Karnataka and at present working as Vice Chancellor of National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM) (Deemed to be University), Kundli, Sonapat (Haryana) since July 2017. Organized 2 National workshops and 3 International workshops. Visited 12 countries and gained good international exposure.