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Born in Bihar with schooling in different parts of India and Bhutan, I completed my higher education from Banaras Hindu University.

Since recent past, I am working with faculties from Michigan State University, USA and Institute of Agricultural Sciences, BHU towards establishing Gender Responsive Agriculture and Development centre at the Banaras Hindu University.

I received the "Leadership Training Award for Asian Women in Agriculture R&D" at the International Rice Research Institute, Philippines. Simultaneously, I led the social science component of the project "Cereal Systems Initiative for South Asia"- an International project in collaboration with the IRRI, Philippines funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the World Bank and the USAID in the eastern UP hub. I received the UGC- Research Award (2014-16), for working on CSR and women empowerment. Earlier, I completed a UGC major research project on Women Call Centre employees. I had also completed two pioneering short-term projects at the Centre for Women's Studies and Development, FSS, BHU on Female Foeticide and the Domestic Violence. So far, I have published several research papers and three well received books.

I am actively engaged in research in the areas of Women and globalization, Corporate Social Responsibility and Women Empowerment, Violence against women, International migration of women and their marginalization, various aspects of the Women-Technology interface including women in call centres and the impoverishment of women due to the application of new agricultural technologies. I am also a member, editorial team and reviewer for some reputed journals.