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Educational qualification:

- PhD (Agriculture) in Genetics and plant Breeding from G. B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar, Uttarkhand in 1997
- M.Sc (Agriculture) in Genetics and Plant Breeding from G. B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar, Uttarkhand in 1994
- B.Sc. (Agriculture) Hons. from Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Visva-Bharati, Sriniketan, west Bengal in 1992

Past Employment:

- Asstt. Botanist {West Bengal Agricultural Service (Research)} at Pulses and Oilseeds Research Station, Berhampore, West Bengal under Directorate of Agriculture, Govt. of West Bengal, from April, 1998 to March, 2003.
- Lecturer (Sr. Scale) in Genetics and Plant Breeding, Visva-Bharati from March, 2003 to April, 2007.
- Reader in Genetics and Plant Breeding, Visva-Bharati from April, 2007 to April, 2010.
- Associate Professor in Genetics and Plant Breeding, Visva-Bharati from April, 2010 to April, 2013.

Present Position

- Professor in Genetics and Plant Breeding, Visva-Bharati since April, 2013

- Head of the Department since July, 2025

Research areas:

Radiation biology, Crop Breeding & Genetics, Molecular breeding

Awards and honour:

- Recipient of S. J. Jindal Trust Merit Scholarship during Graduation [B.Sc .(Ag)Hons.]
- Recipient of Graduate Research Assistantship provided by G. B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology during M.Sc.
- Recipient of Senior Research Fellowship provided by U. P. Council of Agricultural Resesarch during Ph.D programme.
- Qualified National Eligibility Test (NET) held in October'1995 by Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board (ASRB), New Delhi.

Research publications:

- Research papers: 54
- Book Chapters: 04
- Popular article: 02

Teaching/Research/Extension/Training experience

- Intense research exposure for twenty-seven years in the field of Plant breeding
- Teaching experience for more than twenty-three years
- Resource person in different training programmes for KPS and farmers organized by KVK

Supervision of thesis research :

- i) M.Sc. : 12; Working : 2
- ii) Ph.D. : 10; Working : 1

Administrative Experience:

- HOD: i)from May,2011 to April,2014; ii) from Dec,2016 to June,2019
iii) from July,2019 to June,2022
- Chairman, University Works Committee from May,2025
- Professor-In-charge of Engineering Department, Visva-Bharati from August,2025

Workshop/Orientation course/Refresher programme: 10

Research projects

- As **Principal Investigator** in the research project entitled “Genetic improvement of sesame through induced mutation” sanctioned by Govt. of India, Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), Board of Research in Nuclear Sciences (BRNS), Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Trombay, from April’2014 to September’2018 (amount sanctioned Rs. 30 lac).

Supervision of thesis research :

- iv) M.Sc. : 11; Working : 1
- v) Ph.D. : 10; Working : 1

Others :

- Reviewer of different research papers of national and international journals
- Paper setter/examiner of different undergraduate and post-graduate courses of Genetics, Plant Breeding, Biotechnology in several SAUs like BCKV, Mohanpur; PAU, Ludhiana; UBKV, Coochbehar; CAU, Imphal and also Institute of Agriculture Science, CU
- Examiner for evaluation of M.Sc and Ph.D thesis of different Universities (BCKV, Mohanpur; UBKV, Cooch-Behar; Calcutta University, Calcutta; Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneswar, Odisha; Acharya N. G. Ranga Agricultural University, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh *etc.*) and ICAR research institutes.
- Expert member of the interview board for promotion of faculties under CAS in BCKV nad Calcutta University.
- Life member of five professional societies.