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Education:

- Ph.D Agriculture (Plant Breeding and Genetics) from MPUAT, Udaipur
- M.Sc. Agriculture (Genetics and Plant Breeding) from DBSKKV, Dapoli
- B.Sc Agriculture from DBSKKV, Dapoli

Professional History:

- Senior Scientist AICRP on Agroforestry at College of Forestry, Dapoli (Since March 2021)
- Associate Professor at College of Agriculture, Dapoli (April 2018- Feb. 2021)
- Assistant Professor at College of Agriculture, Dapoli (Oct. 2003- April 2018)

Academic Achievements:

- ICAR (NET) qualified in 2001
- Best Poster Presentation Award -3 in National Seminar.

Publications:

- Published 68 Research Papers, 2 Book Chapter, 63 Abstracts in seminars

Externally funded Projects

- Principal Investigator for “Mass multiplication of Manga Bamboo by (*Dendrocalamus stocksii*) by micro propagation techniques to supply quality planting material to farmers in Konkan region” with worth 25.00 Lakhs.

Institute Development:

- Development of Laboratory at Department of Agricultural Botany, COA, Dapoli.
- Establishment of nursery, Goat rearing unit at AICRP Centre, DBSKKV. Dapoli.
- Development of water facility through Bore well at AICRP Centre, DBSKKV. Dapoli.
- Generation of fund through conducting different product testing trials (Rs. 21.00 Lakhs)

Research Technology:

- 3 Varieties of Finger millet, 1 Variety of Little millet and 1 Variety of Lablab bean were released
- 2 Recommendation namely:-
 - i) *Melia dubia* as a potential tree in Konkan
 - ii) Development of *Dendrocalamus stocksii* Munro based agroforestry practices for the tropical humid regions.

Extension Activity:

- 8 Radio Talks, 1 Television Talks, 10 Popular Articles
- More than 10 training programs organized for farmers
- Organized SCSP and TSP Program and different activities given by ICAR (AICRP on Agroforestry).