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She advanced her academic endeavours in educational management and administration by completing a Postgraduate Diploma in Educational Management and Administration (PGDEMA) from IGNOU, where her dissertation focused on gender sensitization. Furthermore, she pursued studies in gender topics and obtained a certificate from the Centre for Women's Studies at the University of Allahabad. Over the years, she has integrated gender perspectives into her research publications, teaching practices, and institutional work, aligning them with national priorities such as gender inclusion, equity, and empowerment.

Her contributions extend beyond research to include content development for national-level online education platforms, like SWAYAM and SWAYAMPBHA. She has developed modules, video lectures, and e-content addressing issues of equity, inclusive learning, feminist pedagogical approaches, diversity, and representation for IGNOU, NCERT, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Uttarakhand Open University, Central University of Punjab etc. She has shared her thoughts and critical reflection in more than thirty (30) national and international conferences and delivered lectures in faculty development programs at various colleges and universities.