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**Educational Background:**

M. A.: Utkal University, Oriya language and literature  
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**Professional and Literary Experience:**

- Lecturer for 5 years(1987-1992), Delhi University
- Senior Lecturer for 6 years(1992-1998), Delhi University
- Reader for 8 years(1998-2006), Delhi University
- Professor since 2006, Delhi University
- Lecturer in ERLC, Bhubaneswar
- Prepared Teaching-Learning materials for second language Trainees and for Folk Lore and for Oriya language and literature Programme under National School of Open Learning, New Delhi
- Working on a Ongoing Major Research Project of UGC since 2006
- Supervised a number of doctoral level research work in Tribal culture, literature and comparative literature and in folklore.
- Member of professional societies like Comparative Literature Association of India.
- Awarded Career Award 1994 by University Grants Commission
- Honoured by the ZSAS, Karbi Anglong, Assam for the Research work on Karbi Culture and Folklore, 2008
- Published three books (Tribes of India: Identity, culture and Lore, Essays on Narratives in Oriya, Indian Folklore)
- Authored over lot of research articles on tribal literature and culture, and comparative literature.