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He holds a Bachelors degree in Mechanical Engineering from the M S University, Baroda, and a Masters in Mechanical Engineering from VJTI, Mumbai. From small beginnings, he progressed to be the Professor and Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering a position he held for 6 years at VJTI, subsequent to which he was appointed the Pro Vice Chancellor, SNDT Women's University by the Government of Maharashtra which he served for two years with distinction.

He specializes in Robotics which he taught for more than 15 years out of a rich teaching experience of more than 25 years, along with courses in Control Theory and Artificial Intelligence. He was instrumental in setting up a state of art Robotics / CAD / CAM laboratory at VJTI, providing consultancy in the area of Industrial Automation to the Industries in Mumbai and Pune. His Research interest in the area also has seen him provide expertise to DRDO and BARC projects.

A Ph D in Combustion modeling from University of Mumbai, he also had several administrative assignments that he did for the University of Mumbai, as also being the Dean, Faculty of Technology. As recognition, Government of Maharashtra conferred the best teacher award of the State in 2002.

He implemented the first e - governance project, automating the workflows, for the department of Higher and Technical Education, Government of Maharashtra in 1995. Further he provided the IT expertise for IT initiatives of several departments of Government of Maharashtra. The Citizen Facilitation Centre, Kalyan Dombivli Municipal Corporation, an e – governance initiative that won many National and International awards was also completed with his expertise amongst others. He currently is also the IT Expert for the Department of IT, Government of Maharashtra.

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