

## Biography



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I am an academic activist. I am a Professor in the Department of History and Women's Studies, in the School of Social Sciences in the University of Hyderabad. The highlights of my career are, Publication, Editing, Research Guidance, Coordination of a large number of Projects and Consultancies, Monitoring and Collaborating with NGO's. I have a large amount of experience working with the National Government, State Government and International Organizations. A historical sensibility and a combination of two major perspectives-cultural studies and feminism, influences my work which covers diverse areas. I am also an active interlocutor of teaching and learning practices, its reconstitution within the classroom, University structures and through national and international professional bodies.

At a more grass-root/civilian level, I have made consistent efforts at recruiting and empowering women by being involved with various NGO's in different capacities. I have been the founder member of Streemela, a society for the development of women and SEED (Society for Empowerment through Environment Development); and Women's Association of Hyderabad ( WAH) . I have focused on issues related to the minority Muslim community in India and Muslim women; and, has been involved with the Roda Mistry College of Social Work in designing a syllabus for the inclusion of HIV and AIDS at their undergraduate teaching level. I have worked as a national core resource group member of a women's empowerment national program-called the Mahila Samakhya in India- and was nominated to direct this program at the all-India national level and at the states of Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Uttrakhand , Bihar, Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand. While being involved in these programs, I have provided programmatic participatory support to sector mangers at village, district and state level dealing with women's education, employment, and empowerment.

Throughout my career, I have gained an extensive network of academic and activist friends in India, USA, Canada, U.K. Ireland, Scotland, France, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Nigeria, Hong Kong, China, Japan and Australia. I have also been actively involved in the promotion of feminist and gendered perspectives through the Feminist Knowledge Network (Canada). These linkages have assisted her greatly in creating many strong bonds and networks regionally and globally to bring feminist scholars and activists together across cross-national and cross-cultural perspectives. To sum up, my key intellectual effort in academia, professional service, and activism has been to transgress and bridge borders key among them being between disciplines, periods, theory- praxis, and between the Global South and North. Undoubtedly, these aspects have not only rendered (but will continue to render) me as an active member, contributor, and an activist in the academia and the NGO world, with attention to issues of gender.

