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5. Academic qualifications

Year	Examination passed	Name of Board/ University	Subjects	% of Marks
1979	M.Sc.	Lucknow University	Botany	70.7
1981	Proficiency	Lucknow University	French	
1986	Ph. D.	Lucknow University	Botany	

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Post held	Date	
	From	to
Research Scholar	25.11.80	23.03.81
Junior Scientific Assistant	24.03.81	18.04.84
Senior Scientific Assistant	19.04.84	20.04.88
Junior Scientific Officer	21.04.88	31.03.96
Scientist C	01.04.96	31.03.01
Scientist D	01.04.01	31.03.06
Scientist E	01.04.06	30.06.13
Scientist F	01.07.13	30.06.18
Scientist G	01.07.18	Till date

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8. Publications : More than 150 research papers in various national and international journals

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10. Members/ fellows of various Societies:

Fellow-The Palaeontological Society of India

Fellow- The Palaeobotanical Society of India

Member- International Association of Palaeobotany

Member- International Association of Wood Anatomists

- 11. Medals/Awards** Dr. P.N. Srivastava Award–2003
Team Medal Award-2008
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List of Publications

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