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Joined Dept. of Bio-Sciences, M.D.University in 1991 and presently serving the Dept. of Botany as Professor and Chairperson. Have 25 years of teaching and research experience, Specializes in the field of pollen/fungal allergy, also working on medicinal applications of nanocurcumin and antimicrobial and anti oxidative activity of weeds and other plant species.

Projects completed:

U.G.C minor research project on “Fungal Allergens of Rohtak city.”

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