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Position: Group Leader

Academic education including academic degrees

2001 – 2004 Masters of Science, Biological Sciences; Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India
1999 – 2001 Bachelors of Science, Microbiology/ Biochemistry; St Xavier's College, Mumbai, India

Scientific graduation

2004 – 2009 PhD, Biology, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India

Employment

Since 2014 Independent Group Leader, Max Planck Institute of Immunobiology and Epigenetics Freiburg
2009 – 2014 Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Biosystems Science and Engineering, ETH-Zurich, Switzerland

Other activities, awards and honours

Founder member of UniCliMax initiative in Freiburg bringing together University, Uniclinic and Max Planck Institute in Freiburg.

Founding member of PROGENIE (PROteostasis Group of European New InvEstigators) – a platform of junior group leaders working on proteostasis.

2019: Alfred Tissiere Young Investigator Award from The Cell Stress Society International
2019: ERC Consolidator Award of Euro 2 million from 2019-2024.
2018 Main organizer of the First Autumn School on Proteostasis in Croatia
2010 Young Scientist award in by the Indian National Science Academy.
2010 Best PhD thesis prize for work on 'Hsp90 and Histone deacetylases in *dictyostelium*'
2004 All India 3rd rank with a percentile of 99.99 in Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE)
1998 Young Science Fellowship awarded by Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore
1996 National Talent Search Scholarship by Government of
1995 Young Scientist Gold Medal in the state level competition