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He is an active member of various societies and associations. He has many publications, reports and studies to his credit on various topics such as control of drought and desertification, climate change and sustainable utilization of water resources.

His professional duties include identifying policy tools for achieving high water productivity in irrigated agriculture, developing and evaluating research-based guidelines for water policy reforms, evaluating various incentives to conserve water for farmers as well as cooperatives, and identifying promising strategies for groundwater recharge. His professional interests are sustainable groundwater development, landscape ecology, climate change adaptation, rural development and sustainable livelihood.

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