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Doctor of Philosophy degree (PhD), on the subject of ‘Role of Gram Vidhyapiths (Rural Schools) in Community Development and Future Challenges’, in the field of Political Science, from the Gujarat Institute of Development and Research, Ahmedabad, India. Known for organizing Gandhian Philosophy based long padayatra (foot marches) to spread awareness for girl child education (150 years of Gandhi) in the state of Gujarat. Currently, Member of the Rajya Sabha (Upper House of Indian Parliament), representing the state of Gujarat, India and Cabinet Minister, holding portfolio of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers, in the union government prior to this also held Road Transport & Highways, Ports, Shipping & Waterways ministries as Minister of State. Executive Board Member for GAVI and Chairperson, Stop TB Board Partnership. Credited with setting up over 8000+ Jan Aushadi Kendras (Generic and Affordable Medicine Stores) and scaling up the country's vaccination drive to achieve a billion doses in the shortest period of time. Honoured by UNICEF for contributions to women’s menstrual hygiene. In 2015, selected to represent India at the United Nations; spoke about the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.