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At the Mumbai University she has supervised 15 Ph.D. theses and 8 M.Phil. dissertations. She is currently supervising 1 more Ph.D. thesis and one M.Phil. dissertation.

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