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Dr. Sekher has more than a decade of expertise in researching the multi-dimensional issues of 'governance' in India, related to natural resource management, delivery of public services, or betterment of weaker sections. Her research and writings emphasize the fact that political issues cannot be understood without considering the wider socio-economic factors and the ground level power equations. She has been the recipient of many fellowships and research grants. This includes a Ford Foundation PhD Fellowship through Institute for Social & Economic Change, Bangalore; the International Foundation for Agricultural Research (IFAR) Fellowship; the Indo-Dutch (IDPAD) and Shastri Indo-Canadian fellowships; Sir Ratan Tata Trust (SRTT) Capacity-building small grants; and research grants from the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington DC. She was a recipient of the World Bank Robert S. McNamara Fellowship for her post-doctoral research on 'indigenous institutions and community resource management in India'. She was a visiting scholar at University of Amsterdam, University of Alberta, Indiana University, University of Sydney and University of Hohenheim, Stuttgart, Germany.

Her current research is on improving governance and gender equity in rural services, and role of institutions for food security in rural India, vulnerabilities and ethnic politics. She has authored a number of articles and research reports on related subjects, which have been published nationally and internationally.

Some of her recent publications include:

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