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Nationality - Sri Lankan

Sex - Female

Civil status - Married

Current Employment - State Minister of Primary Health care, Epidemics and Covid.
 Disease Control

Academic/Professional Qualifications

1. MBBS (Sri Lanka) - Degree in Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) from the Faculty of Medicine, Colombo, Sri Lanka. Passed out in 1985 obtaining a Second Class honours.

Placed 21st in the all island merit order.

Subjects done

Medicine, Surgery, Pediatrics, Gynaecology and Obstetrics.

2. Postgraduate qualifications

Master of Science (MSc) in Community Medicine from the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo Sri Lanka.
 Got through the exam in the first attempt in 1994.

3. Doctor of Medicine in Community Medicine from the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Passed the examination in the first attempt in 2000. This course is equivalent to the PhD and consists of three parts.

Important Posts held

- Nov 20 – to the date : State Minister of Primary Health care, Epidemics and Covid Diseases Control.
- Dec 20 – to the date : Chairperson of Women parliamentarians caucus
- Aug 20 – Nov 20 : The State Minister of Prison Reforms and Prisoners Rehabilitation
- Mar 15 – July 15 : Deputy Minister of Higher Education
- Sep 15 – May 19 : State Minister of City Planning and Water Supply
- 2000 - 2009 : Consultant Community Maternal Physician in Maternal Health and Child Health - Family Health Bureau

Political Career :

After 24 year career as a Medical Doctor attached to the Ministry of Health, , where I was able to serve the people of Sri Lanka I resigned from my post to become a full time Politician to serve the Community in a different manner in 2009 after the assassination of my beloved husband, who was a dedicated and renowned politician in Sri Lanka, in the year 2008,

I contested the parliamentary elections and was elected to the 7th Parliament in 2010.

I was an active member of the parliament and held many posts being the chairperson of the Public Petition Committee and subcommittee to investigate issues related to women.

I also served as a member of many parliamentary select committees on Health, Education, Child Development & Women's Affairs, Investment Promotion, Foreign affairs, etc. I was also a member of the parliamentary select committee to propose recommendations for the constitutional amendments committee to study and propose recommendations on Chronic Kidney disease in Sri Lanka,

I was re-elected to the 8th Parliament after the General elections which were held in August 2015 and was initially appointed as the Deputy Minister of Higher Education

during the 1st National government formed in January 2015 and then as the State Minister of **City** Planning and Water Supply in September in 2015. I was the chairperson of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) women's wing a post which I have been holding since **2014**.

I was a member of the Parliamentary Sectoral Oversight Committee on Women and Gender, the Deputy Chairperson of the constitutional assembly, the chairperson of the caucus for children and the deputy chairperson of the women's caucus of the 8th Parliament.

I was re-elected to the 9th Parliament after the General elections which were held in August 2020 and was initially appointed as the State Minister of Prison Reforms and Prisoners Rehabilitation. I am the chairperson of Women parliamentarians caucus. Currently I am appointed as the State Minister of Primary Health care, Epidemics and Covid Diseases Control.