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I was introduced to Dr. Hema Purandare, when I was a participant of the summer course at Madras veterinary college around the year 1991. I was doing there my Ph.D. studies on deputation as a faculty from Gujarat Agricultural University. She was invited as a faculty of the said summer course. During my Ph.D. research at Madras Veterinary College, she had extended her lab services from Mumbai to help me out during my Ph.D. research. During that period I could see her laboratory working. Her resolve to offer best possible genetic services to her patients were inspiring.

After I left the Gujarat Agricultural University and joined Bombay Veterinary College as Assistant Professor in 1993 she was always helpful for my Master degree students during their research on Animal Genetics. She had trained my students very well and now they are prospering in the field of Animal and human genetics nationally and internationally. One student has become successful entrepreneur in the field of Animal and Human Genetics.

Since we have proposed to set up a Genetic Investigation Laboratory in Bombay Veterinary college in 2010 -2013 period when I was officiating there as Professor and Head of Animal Genetics and Breeding Department, we requested her to guide us. The said laboratory is one of the best Animal Genetics laboratory of India and she helped us in every possible way during this period.

She helped us in all possible way through her laboratory facilities to our MVSc and PhD students in their thesis work on Animal cytogenetics during total period from 1993 to 2016.

I wish her all the best.

  
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