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Dr. PVSM Gouri is a doctorate in Life Sciences and presently, working with Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Ministry of Commerce & Industry as Advisor for Organic Products since 2003. Her association with APEDA has been since the inception of the National Programme for Organic Production, initiated by APEDA. She has been involved right from formulating the National Standards for organic products to its implementation.

As APEDA works as a Secretariat for the National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP), she is involved in the implementation of this National Programme. The various activities in the implementation involves establishing equivalence with the importing countries for organic standards, the drafting of the new amendments in the standards, accreditation of certification bodies and their surveillance, maintaining the quality management system at APEDA as per ISO 17011, training of certification bodies and any other activity related to organic farming at APEDA.

She is a Criteria Committee (CC) member of International Federation for Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM), involved in the drafting of the accreditation criteria for the certification bodies. She is also an active member of the International Task Force for Harmonization (ITF) of UNCTAD, FAO and IFOAM involved for Harmonization of Organic Standards for easy implementation globally.

She has been trained in Switzerland by the International Organic Accreditation Services (IOAS), U.S. on accreditation procedures for certification bodies as per ISO 65. Her objective is to strengthen the Indian organic standards and assessment system for universal recognition and acceptance.