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After graduating in Chemistry from the Bombay University in India, Meera Venkatesh underwent one-year of intensive training in Nuclear and Reactor Sciences at the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), India. She then joined BARC as a researcher in the field of radioisotopes and radiopharmaceuticals, where she worked for 34 years before joining the IAEA in 2011. During this period, she grew from a junior researcher to a leader in the field.

During 1992-94, she was engaged as a post-doctoral research associate at the University of Missouri, USA and served as a visiting professor at the same University later in 1999.

Venkatesh led the Radioisotope and Radiopharmaceuticals Program at BARC and was concurrently the Senior General Manager at the Board of Radiation and Isotope Technology, India. She has authored over 200 publications in international journals and books and is an editor of two international journals. She has guided 17 PhD students in areas of her expertise and is passionate about promoting peaceful applications of nuclear technologies.

For her outstanding contributions in radiation and radioisotopes related technologies she received awards for excellence from the Indian Nuclear Society and from the Department of Atomic Energy, India.

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