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Born in Nagpur to professor parents, Mrs. Urdhwareshe grew up to be an NCC cadet, a State-level Bridge Champion, and an avid sports enthusiast at school and a trained Sitarist.

As a post-graduate in Electronics Engineering from the College of Engineering, Pune, Mrs. Urdhwareshe opted for a research position in instrumentation at ARAI in 1983. She is a recipient of UNDP fellowship where she learnt a systematic approach to R&D of projects, application of electronics in automotives, besides managing and leading a team at a renowned vehicle manufacturer's R&D center.

Mrs. Urdhwareshe's career grew along with the growth of ARAI. She has developed electronic controls of hydraulic testing machines which were used extensively to set up of fatigue test laboratory at ARAI. She has also contributed towards emission measurements under which the first-ever emission laboratory was formed in India, which later on has led to various emission regulations in the country.