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Awards	• CSIR Technology Award-2021 "Certificate of Merit' for the Development of high Reb-A Stevia variety 'Him Stevia' and process technology at CSIR-IHBT, Palampur
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Membership of Societies	<ul> <li>Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources (Life Member)</li> <li>The Indian Society of Forage Research (Life Member) Indian Society of Ornamental Horticulture</li> <li>Canadian Society of Horticultural Science (Regular Member)</li> <li>National Society of Plant Science (Life Member)</li> <li>Society for Horticultural Research and Development / Current Horticulture (Life Member)</li> </ul>