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<p>Research Experience</p>	<p>21 years</p>
<p>Current Research Projects</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Genetic Improvement of Wheat and Barley for Higher Productivity, Quality, Biotic and Abiotic Stresses.</li> <li>• Improvement of spring wheat through introgression from winter wheat gene pool</li> <li>• National Seed Project</li> <li>• ICAR Seed Project on “Seed Production in Agricultural Crops”</li> <li>• ICAR- Consortia Reserach Platform on Molecular breeding.</li> <li>• TSP- DSR main Scheme</li> </ul>
<p>Area of Interest</p>	<p>Winter x spring wheat hybridization, rust resistance, Molecular breeding (MAS)</p>
<p>Publications</p>	<p>Research paper: 61, papers in seminar/symposia: 21, Book chapter: 12, Books: 2, Manuals: 5, Technical bulletins:</p>

	4, Popular articles: 25
Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ICAR outstanding team research award in agriculture &amp; allied sciences for the biennium 2005-06.</li> <li>• Certificate of appreciation for outstanding contribution towards coordinated work as a Zonal Coordinator of Northern Hills Zone.</li> <li>• <i>Krishi Sansthan Samman</i> under the Mahindra Samridhi India Agri Award 2012 for the newly developed technologies of dual purpose wheat and early pigeon pea variety and its extension to farmers' fields.</li> <li>• Pt Deendayal Upadhyay Rashtriya <b>Krishi Vigyan Protshahan Puruskar-2018</b> (Nodal officer KVK)</li> </ul>
Fellow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, New Delhi</b></li> <li>• <b>Indian Society of Genetics and Plant Breeding, New Delhi.</b></li> <li>• <b>Society for Advancement of Wheat and Barley Research</b></li> </ul>
Membership of Societies	<p>Life member: Indian Society of Genetics and Plant Breeding.</p> <p>Life member: Society for Advancement of Wheat and Barley Research.</p>