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## **On-going Research Projects**

- Development of superior clones of Bamboo in HP, Department of Agriculture, Himachal Pradesh (Principal Investigator)
- Establishment of high-density bamboo plantation, Department of Agriculture, Himachal Pradesh (Principal Investigator)
- Evaluating the performance of seaweed extract, protein hydrolysates, biochemical and botanical extract in crop growth funded by CAFRI, Jhasi (Principal Investigator)

## **Important Research Publications**

- **Bhardwaj, DR**, Salve, A., Kumar, J. *et al.* 2023. Biomass production and carbon storage potential of agroforestry land use systems in high hills of north-western Himalaya: an approach towards natural based climatic solution. *Biomass Conversion and Biorefinery* (2023). https://doi.org/10.1007/s13399-023-03952-0.
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- Navale MR, Bhardwaj DR, Bishist R, Thakur CL, Sharma S, Sharma P, Kumar D, Probo M. 2022. Seasonal variations in the nutritive value of fifteen multipurpose fodder tree species: A case study of north-western Himalayan mid-hills. *PloS One* 25:17(10):e0276689. https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0276689.
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- **Bhardwaj DR**, Banday M, Pala NA and Rajput BS. 2016. Variation of biomass and carbon pool with NDVI and altitude in sub-tropical forests of north-western Himalaya. *Environment Monitoring and Assessment* **188**(11):635. https://doi.org/10.1007/s10661-016-5626-3.
- Rajput BS, Bhardwaj DR and Pala NA. 2015. Carbon dioxide mitigation potential and carbon density of different land use systems along an altitudinal gradient in north-western Himalayas.
  Agroforestry Systems 89(3):525-36. https://doi.org/10.1007/s10457-015-9788-8
- **Bhardwaj DR** and VK Mishra. 2005. Vegetative propagation of sub-Himalayan Elm: effects of chemical treatment, collection time, type of donor and position of shoot on adventitious root formation in stem cuttings. *New Forests* **29**(2): 105-116.

## **Awards & Recognitions**

- Attended **International training** in Lakehead University, Canada w.e.f. March 11-25, 2023 under institutional development programme (IDP) ICAR NAHEP.
- **Review editor** in Frontiers in Forests and Global Change and Frontiers in Terrestrial Microbiology since 2022.
- Member of the V.P. Mohan committee constituted by the Hon'ble supreme court of India for guidance and monitoring of Silvicultural Green Felling in the state of Himachal Pradesh from 2018-2021.
- Nominated member of the State Level Bamboo Development Agency (SLBDA) since 2020.
- Gold Medal, Indian Society of Agroforestry, Jhansi, 2019
- **Second prize** for the poster presentation entitled "Impact of climate change on mountain farming systems of north-western Himalaya" in National symposium held at NRCAF, Jhansi, December, 15-17, 2008.
- **First prize** for the poster presentation entitled "Effect of smog on climate change and vulnerability of agroforestry tree species in the subtropical and temperate parts of the Indian Subcontinent" In the National Symposium held at NRCAF, Jhansi, December, 16-18, 2006.