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### Ongoing Research Projects

- Validation of DUS characterization of *Dahlia variabilis* L. funded by PPV&FRA, GOI, New Delhi amounting to ₹ 20.25 lakhs from 2018 to 2025 (Principal Investigator)
- Evaluation of winter annuals at Khairi Farm for seed production (New initiative) under state funded project (Principal Investigator)
- Quality nursery production of sub-tropical fruits and flowers at RHRTS, Dhaulakuan under state funded project under special grant to university for Rs 14.00 Lakhs from 2023-24 (Co-Principal Investigator)

### Important Research Publications

- Thakur P, Shah, AH, Adhikari, Y, Kumar, M and Verma, S. 2022. Dahlia cultivation in India and abroad: A Review. *International Journal of Plant and Soil Science*. **34** (19):240-251.
- Kumar R, Thakur P, Gupta YC, Joshi AK, Sharma P, Sharma A and Singh S. 2021. Evaluation of dahlia (*Dahlia variabilis* L.) cultivars for growth and flowering characteristics under sub-montane, sub-tropical, low hill zone of HP. *International Journal of Farm Sciences*. **11**(1- 2):19-23.
- Dhiman SR, Gupta YC, Thakur P, Kashyap B, Sharma M. 2018. Effect of different blackout materials on off-season pot mum production of chrysanthemum (*Dendranthema grandiflora* L.) *Indian Journal of Agricultural Sciences*. **88** (4): 601-605.
- Sangma M P, Dhiman SR, Thakur P and Gupta YC. 2016. Effect of covering materials on off-season flower production in Chrysanthemum (*Dendranthema grandiflora*). *Indian Journal of Agricultural Sciences*. **86** (4): 522-526.
- Thakur P, Nichal V, Dhiman S.R. and Gupta Y.C. 2015. Effect of growing media, pinching and paclobutrazol on growth and flowering of *Barleria cristata* L. as pot plant. *Indian Journal of Agricultural Sciences*. Vol **85** (6): 833-837.
- Sharma P, Thakur P, Dhiman SR and Gupta YC. 2013. Effect of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium on growth and flowering of *Barleria cristata* Linn. *Indian Journal of Horticulture*. **70** (3): 442-447.
- Kashyap B, Sharma Y.D, Dhiman S.R. and Thakur, P.2010. Effect of bio-regulators on growth and flowering of gloxinia (*Sinningia speciosa* Hierm.). *Indian Journal of Horticulture*. **67** (1):137-139.

- Thakur P, Sharma YD, Chauhan NS, Dhall, SP and Kashyap B and Thakur A. 2009. Vegetative propagation of native ornamentals of Himachal Pradesh in India. *Acta Horticulturae*. **774**: 369-374.
- Thakur P, Sharma YD, Chauhan NS, Dhall SP and Thakur A. 2009. Computerized database of important native landscape plant species in Himachal Pradesh, India. *Acta Horticulturae*. **769**: 407-414.
- Thakur P, Sharma, KR, Mary PD and Thakur A 2007. Studies on stem structure of *X Laburnocytisus adamii* (Poit) Scheid. *Current Science*. **92**(4):437-440.

## Awards & Recognitions

- Received **SERS-Scientific Educational Research Society's Women Scientist award** in the field of Floriculture and Landscaping during 2<sup>nd</sup> International e-conference on Advances in Agriculture, Technology and Allied Sciences for sustainable development, organized by Graphic Era Hill University, Dehradun on October 9-10, 2022
- Received **letter of Appreciation** in the field of Floriculture and Landscape Architecture for the successful organization of National Workshop on floriculture w.e.f February 25-26, 2020 at Shri Guru Govind Singh Ji Govt College, Paonta Sahib.
- Received **Certificate of Appreciation** for delivering excellent lecture on '*Utilization of native and naturalized plant parts for making dry flowers*' in National webinar on "Recent Trends in Floriculture and Landscape Industry" organized by Department of Floriculture & Landscape Architecture, College of Horticulture, Sardar Krushinagar Dantiwada Agricultural University, Jagudan held on October 15, 2020
- Received **Certificate of Appreciation** by The Honourable Vice-Chancellor, Dr HC Sharma on June 12, 2019 for Excellent work done in Floriculture and Collection of Wild Flora at the research station.
- Received **Best Poster Award** during 'National Workshop on Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants and NTFPS' in 'Silviculture Conference-2014' w.e.f Nov 24-28, 2014 organized by Forest Research Institute, Dehradun, UK
- Received **Best Publication Award** by SADHNA UHF, Nauri for the year 2012 in the form of gold medal, a plaque and a certificate on April 28, 2013.
- Received **Best Poster Award** during National Symposium on Agro-forestry in 21st century organized by Department of Forestry and Natural resources, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, Punjab w.e.f February 11-14, 2003.

## International Exposure

- Presented two research papers on native flowers in XXVII International Horticulture Congress (IHC) at Seoul, Korea (13-19 August, 2006)
- Participated in 10th International Turfgrass Research Conference at Llandudno, Wales, United Kingdom (10-16 July, 2005)