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Prof. (Dr.) Sushil Kumar Gupta

Born on 9th September, 1967 in J&K; Graduated from Himachal Pradesh Agriculture University, Palampur (H.P.), in 1988; completed M.Sc. (Forestry) and PhD (Forestry) from Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Solan (H.P.) in 1991 and 1999, respectively.

Administrative Roles:

- ❖ Director Research, SKUAST-Jammu from 13th December, 2023 till date.
- ❖ Dean, Faculty of Horticulture & Forestry, SKUAST Jammu, from 17th August, 2022 to 12th December, 2023 **(Additional Charge)**.
- ❖ Registrar, SKUAST Jammu, from 6th December, 2021 to 14th July, 2024 **(Additional Charge)**.
- ❖ University Examination Cell, SKUAST Jammu, Additional Charge, from 1st August, 2020 to 5th December, 2021 **(Additional Charge)**.
- ❖ Dean, College of Forestry VCSGUUHF, Bharsar, Uttarakhand, 15th May, 2018 to 14th May, 2019 **(On Deputation)**.
- ❖ Head, Division of Agroforestry, Faculty of Agriculture, SKUAST-Jammu, from 31st January, 2012 to 3rd February, 2015 and 31st October, 2017 to 14th May, 2018.

Experience:

Over 33 years, including 12 years of administrative experience.

Research Achievements:

Successfully executed extramural projects (17 nos.) amounting to ₹ 25.81 crores funded by various national & international organizations. Participated in various national & international symposiums/conferences/workshops and seminars. Also organized several national/international symposiums/conferences/workshops and capacity building programmes for national agricultural research extension systems (NARES). Books Published: 03 (Authored Textbooks:02, Edited books:01); research papers in high-impact journals:

61 (National (44) and International (17)); Training manuals (02); Popular articles (07); Reviews (02); Book Chapters (16); Compendium/Souvenir Chapters & Conference Proceedings (30); Extension bulletins/ pamphlets (14); Ph.D. students guided (3) and M.Sc. student guided (4).

Awards and Recognitions:

- ❖ Recipient of Best Faculty Award in the 4th Academic Brilliance Awards-16 by Education Expo, Research and Branding Company, Noida, (Delhi NCR).
- ❖ Appreciation letter from Department of Forests, J&K; Vice-Chancellor SKUAST-Jammu for contribution in landscaping and beautification.
- ❖ Member in Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology (CSTT), Ministry of HRD, GOI for coordinating the compilation work of Fundamental Glossary of Agriculture in English-Hindi-Dogri;
- ❖ Appreciation letter from 26 Rajput Pin-912126 c/o 56 APO Army Unit, for establishing Survival Park at Satwari during 2017.
- ❖ Special Recognition Award on the occasion of 10th Seminar on Agriculture and More: Beyond 4.0 organized by MOBILIZATION in 2022.
- ❖ Certificate of Merit for securing 1st position in Ph.D. (Forestry) during 1997-98.
- ❖ Gold Medal by Himotkarsh Parishad, Una (H.P.) for securing 1st position in Ph.D. (Forestry).
- ❖ Awarded Certificate of Honour in B.Sc (Hons) Agriculture in 1988.

International links for Research/Academic purposes:

- ❖ Memorandum of understanding (MoU) for exchange of faculty, students and collaborative research with Kansas State University (USA), University of Central Florida (USA); IPB University, Bogor (Indonesia) and ICRISAT, Hyderabad (India).
- ❖ Member of the university level delegation for exploring the collaborations in research and academics with Western Sydney University, Sydney, University of Melbourne, Melbourne and University of Western Australia, Perth.

Elected Fellow of Science Academics/Societies:

Life member of Range Management Society of India, IGFRI, Jhansi since 1992; Indian Society of Tree Scientists, UHF, Solan since 1995; Zonal counsellor for North zone in the Indian Society of Tree Scientists, UHF, Solan since 2014; Life member of Indian Society of Agroforestry, NRCAF, Jhansi since 2009; Indian Ecological Society, PAU, Ludhiana since 2017, Society for Integrated Development of Agriculture Veterinary and Ecological Sciences (SIDAVES), Jammu since 2017 and Society for community Mobilization for Sustainable Development IARI New Delhi since 2021. Treasurer of the Indian Ecological Society, Jammu Chapter from

2017 to 2022. Present, Indian Ecological Society, Jammu Chapter since 2022; Member Society of Life Sciences, Jammu since 2010.

Chief Editor, Fellow & Member:

Chief Editor of Editorial Board of the Students' Magazine "ANNUPURNA", SKUAST-Jammu; Fellow of Range Management of Society of India, IGFRI, Jhansi; Advisor/Subject Expert in Union Public Service Commission, New Delhi since 2015; Executive Council of Central University of Jammu as Visitor's nominee; Finance Committee and Court of the Central University of Jammu as nominee of the Executive Council, Academic Council & Board of Management, VCSGUUHF, Bharsar, Utrakhand; National Core group on BSMA on Forestry Constituted by the ICAR for the revision of Course Curriculum and Academic guidelines; Member Secretary Academic Council & Board of Management, SKUAST Jammu as a Registrar; Board of Studies, Faculty of Agriculture, Faculty of PG Studies and Academic Council SKUAST-J since 2001 by virtue of provision of Section 18(4) of the Act; National expert for the translation of "Fundamental Glossary of Agriculture in Dogri" by Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology, Min. of HRD, GOI; National expert for the translation of "Fundamental Glossary of Botany in Dogri" by Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology, Min. of HRD, GOI; National expert for the Development of Definitional Dictionary of Agriculture Sciences by the Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology, Min. of HRD, GOI; Expert Member to the CSTT Comprehensive Glossary Volume XVII Agriculture Science (A-Z) published by CSTT, MHRD, GOI in 2018; Expert Member to the Glossary of Applied Agriculture published by CSTT, MHRD, GOI.

Technologies Developed:

Standardized the production technologies of Kala-zeera (*Buniumpersicum*) in the Paddar Valley of Kishtwar district; Recommended 05 clones of poplar viz., S7C15, G3, S7C8, S7C4 and G48 for cultivation in the sub-tropical irrigated belt of Jammu; Established a silvi-pastoral model on alternate land use systems based on tree species like *Grewiaoptiva*, *Albizialebeckand* and *Leucaena leucocephala* for the kandi areas of Jammu region.

International visits for Research/Academic Purposes:

Visited University of Valladolid, Spain as visiting Professor from 01.09.2023 to 15.09.2023. Member of delegation for Research Collaboration and Exchange of Faculty and Students along with Dual Degree Programmes between SKUAST - Jammu and University of Western Sydney, University of Melbourne & University of Western Australia visited Australia from November 12-27, 2023.

(Sushil Kumar Gupta)