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### **Ongoing Research Projects**

- Skill Up-gradation for Improved Livelihood through Agri-Interventions in Tribal Areas of HP funded by ICAR for Rs 70.00 Lakhs from 2021 to 2023 (Co-PI).
- Niche Area Development and Skill Upgradation for Diversified Agriculture in Tribal Areas of HP funded by ICAR for Rs 32.00 Lakhs from 2022 to 2023 (Co-PI).
- Promotion and conservation of *Apis cerana* in the potential pockets of Kinnaur district of Himachal Pradesh funded by NABARD for Rs 15.64 Lakhs from 2023 to 2024 (Co-PI).

# **Important Research Publications**

- Kumar L, Verma SC, Sharma, PL, Dutt B, Thakur AK. 2018. Essential oils as grain protectants against pulse beetle (*Collosobruchus chinensis* L.) infecting pea seeds. *Indian Journal of Entomology* **80**(2): 239-243.
- Saheb Pal, Sharma HR, Thakur AK and Dogra RK. 2018. Association of Seed Traits with Fruit Yield in Cucumber (Cucumis sativus L.). International Journal of Current Microbiology and Applied Science 7(02): 2692-2696.
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- Mehta DK, Kanwar HS, Thakur AK, Thakur S and Thakur KS. 2014. Standardization of Seed Hydro-priming Duration in Bitter Gourd, *Momordica charantia* L. *International Journal* of Bioresource and Stress Management 5(1):98-101.
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- Shukla YR, Thakur AK and Joshi A. 2009. Effect of inorganic and bio-fertilizers on yield and horticultural traits in tomato. *Indian Journal of Horticulture* **66**(2): 285-87.
- Thakur, AK and Kohli UK. 2005. Studies on genetics of shelf life in tomato. Indian Journal of Horticulture 62(2): 163-167.
- Thakur AK, Kohli UK and Manish Kumar. 2004. Inheritance of resistance to bacterial wilt in tomato. Indian Journal of Genetics and Plant Breeding 64(1):79-80.

#### **Books and manuals**

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- Seed enhancement in bell pepper. LAP, Germany. p101.
- Rana RK, Singh R, Thakur AK, Chahal VP and Singh AK (Eds). 2019. *Contemplating Agricultural Growth through Farmers' Frugal Innovations*. ICAR-ATARI-1, Ludhiana, Punjab: p160.
- Maiti RK, Rodriguez HG, Ghosh B, Sarkar NC, Mandal D, Meena R, Thakur AK, Ramanjaneyulu AV (Eds), 2018. Research Trends in Bioresource Management and Technology. American Academic Press, USA. p408.
- Maiti, R.K., Rodriguez, H.G., Thakur, A.K., Sarkar, N.C.(Eds), 2017. Applied Botany. American Academic Press, USA. p236.
- Maiti RK, Kumari A, Thakur AK and Sarkar NC (Eds). 2016. *Bioresource and Stress Management*. Springer, Germany. p276.
- Thakur AK, Vikram A, Kohli UK. 2013. *A manual on heterosis and diallel analysis- Half diallel mating in tomato*. LAP, Germany. p138.

# **Awards & Recognitions**

- Young Scientist Award by Ratikanta Maiti Foundation, Kolkata in 2013.
- Outstanding Professional Award and ISHA Founder Fellow Award by Indian Society of Hill Agriculture, Ranichauri, UK in 2011.
- Certified Crop Advisor by American Society of Agronomy, USA in 2011.
- Best Editor Award by Ratikanta Maiti Foundation, Kolkata in 2017.