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Brief Biography

Dr. Pankaj Thakur is an Assistant Professor at Veer Chandra Singh Garhwali Uttarakhand University of Horticulture & Forestry (VCSG UUHF), College of Forestry, Ranichauri. He has been actively engaged in academic instruction, research, extension activities, and institutional responsibilities, including serving as In-Charge University Social Media, and Placement Officer & In-Charge, Student Placement Cell, College of Forestry. Prior to join VCSG UUHF, he was Assistant Professor at Chaudhary Charan Singh National Institute of Agricultural Marketing (CCS NIAM), Jaipur, Rajasthan-India (An autonomous organization of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India). He holds a doctorate degree in Agri-Business Management from Dr Yashwant Singh Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni, Solan, India. He is the first person in the state of Himachal Pradesh to have completed a Ph.D. in Agri-Business Management. He has also completed PG diploma in Agricultural Extension Management (PGDAEM) from National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad, India. He also worked as faculty at Acharya Narendra Deva University of Agriculture & Technology, Ayodhya, (A State Agriculture University). His research and teaching interests are in the areas of Agri-ecotourism, Agribusiness, Forest Business Management, FRM, Innovation, Entrepreneurship & Venture Development, Ecosystem Services, Climate Smart Agriculture, Marketing, Supply & Value Chain Management, Livelihood, Farm Management, Extension and Sustainability. He has authored numerous research papers, which have been published in prestigious peer-reviewed journals indexed in Thomson Reuters impact factor, ABDC, SCI, Scopus & NAAS and also presented research in many national and international conferences. Additionally, he has published many popular articles in reputable magazines & newspapers. Dr. Thakur's actively engages in the research & academic community as a reviewer for esteemed publishing platforms such as Springer, Elsevier, Wiley, Frontiers media S.A. etc., Driven by a profound passion for innovation and sustainability, Dr. Thakur continues to inspire and empower students, farmers, researchers and practitioners through his exemplary research, teaching, extension and service to the agricultural community and society.

Important Research Publications

- **Thakur, P.;** Kuniyal, J.C. 2026. Agri-Ecotourism in the Himalayan Region: Advancing sustainable livelihoods, ecological conservation and community empowerment towards Viksit Bharat 2047. In Abstract Book National Seminar on Role of Himalaya in Achieving the Vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 organized by Assam University, Silchar in Collaboration with Connecting Himalaya Funded by North Eastern Council (NEC), Shillong, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DONER).
- Sharma, P., Bhardwaj, D. R., Verma, K., Sharma, V., Singh, M. K., **Thakur, P.,** & Dhiman, V.K. 2026. Agroforestry suitability and management zoning in the northwestern Himalayas using hybrid expert and machine-learning approaches. *Agroforestry Systems*, 100(3), 77. Impact Factor- 3.2). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10457-026-01655-9>.
- **Thakur, P.;** Kuniyal, J.C. 2026. Agri-Horti-Forestry Based Ecotourism as an Innovative Agribusiness Model for Sustainable Himalayan Ecosystems and Rural Livelihoods. In Abstract Book ICAHFAS-2026 13th International Conference Agriculture, Horticulture, Forestry & Allied Sciences for Sustainable Himalayan Ecosystem jointly organized by ICFRE-HFRI, Shimla, National Medicinal Plant Board, RRS, HP (Govt. of India), ISHARD Society, New Delhi. *Publisher: Just Agriculture Publications*. ISBN: 978-93-5782-338-8
- Kaushal, Y., Sharma, P., Bhardwaj, D. R., Verma, K., Sharma, V., **Thakur, P.,** & Dhiman, V. K. 2026. Climate-Driven Habitat Dynamics and Population Ecology of *Rhododendron arboreum* Sm. in Himachal Pradesh: Implications for Landscape Restoration and Socio-Economic Development. *Environments*, 13(3), 138. (Impact Factor- 4.3) <https://doi.org/10.3390/environments13030138>
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- Kuniyal, J.C.; Mehra, T.S.; Joshi, A.K.; Bijalwan, A.; Rawat L.; Negi, P.S.; Yadav, V.K.; **Thakur, P.;** Kukreti, S.B. 2025. Vision 2047. *Veer Chandra Singh Garhwali Uttarakhand University of Horticulture and Forestry, Bharsar, VCSG UUHF*, pp.1-208 ISBN: 978-81-986849-9-8
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- Bhatnagar, S.; Chaudhary, R.; Sharma, S.; Janjhua, Y.; **Thakur, P.**; Sharma, P.; Keprate, A. 2024. Exploring the Dynamics of Climate-Smart Agricultural Practices for Sustainable Resilience in a Changing Climate. *Environmental and Sustainability Indicators*. (Impact Factor- 5.5; Q1 Journal) <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.indic.2024.100535> Corresponding Author
- Lal, A; **Thakur, P.**; Nayak, L., Adavi, S. B., Behera, L., Altaf, M. A., ... & Lal, M. K. (2024). Advancing urban forest resilience: strategies, challenges, and innovations in the face of climate and environmental change. In *Urban Forests, Climate Change and Environmental Pollution: Physio-Biochemical and Molecular Perspectives to Enhance Urban Resilience* (pp. 469-480). Cham: Springer Nature.
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- **Thakur, P.**, Mehta, P.; Devi, C.; Sharma, P.; Singh, K.K.; Yadav, S.; Lal, P.; Raghav, Y.S.; Kapoor, P.; Mishra, P. 2023. Marketing Performance and Factors Influencing Farmers Choice for Agricultural Output Marketing Channels: The Case of Garden Pea (*Pisum sativum*) in India. *Frontiers in Sustainable Food System* 7:1-22. (Impact Factor- 4.7; Q1 Journal) <https://doi.org/10.3389/fsufs.2023.1270121>
- **Thakur, P.**; Mehta, P.; Sharma, P.; Divyanshu. 2022. Determinants of Farmers' Adoption Behaviour towards Farm Business Management Practices for Vegetable Farming in Mid-Hills of Himachal Pradesh, India. *Economic Affairs*. 67:117-122 <https://doi.org/10.46852/0424-2513.2.2022.19>
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Expert Lecture/Resource Person in Training/Workshop/Seminar/Webinar

- Delivered 20 expert lectures as resource person in trainings, workshops, seminars and webinars.
- Successfully organized as members/coordinator/Convenor etc. 14 trainings, conferences, workshops, and webinars, reflecting commitment to capacity building,

extension outreach, and academic networking. Involvement bridges academia, policy, and grassroots stakeholders.

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognition/Felicitation by Hon'ble Chancellor & Governor of Uttarakhand for the Preparation of University Coffee Table Book and Short Film Documentary (2025)
- Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Award for Outstanding Doctoral Research in Agricultural and Allied Sciences (2024) on the occasion of 8th National Youth Convention "New Perspectives for Sustainable Agriculture & Livelihood Security" on 22-23 August, 2024 jointly organized by Institute of Agricultural Sciences, BHU; All India Agricultural Students Association and Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) at Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India.
- Awarded "Certificate of Merit" in the Doctoral programme, by Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Solan, India during 12th Convocation, 9th December, 2023.
- Awarded "Best Ph.D. Thesis Award 2023" by the Indian Society of Agriculture and Horticulture Research Development, Chandigarh, India
- 3 Best Paper Presentation Awards at National and International conferences.
- Awarded Awaahan Award 2019 by All India Agricultural Students Association (AIASA), New Delhi, India, during National Conference organize by ICAR, AIASA and IGKV, Raipur.

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