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I am a dedicated researcher with a passion for understanding the complexities of plant biology. My research portfolio includes 25 peer-reviewed journal articles, 11 book chapters, and 1 authored book, alongside presentations at 9 conferences and facilitation of 2 workshops and 3 webinars. My work on the reproductive biology, genetic diversity, and phytochemical analysis of *Betula utilis* in the North West Himalayas has led to the identification of significant habitat and altitudinal impacts on plant traits. With 111 amplified alleles and significant findings in triterpenoid quantification, my contributions are reflected in 215 citations and an h-index of 9. I am committed to advancing scientific knowledge and making meaningful contributions to the field

# RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

## Ph.D. Botany 04/12/2018

Department of Botany, Punjabi University Patiala-147002

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## Project Fellow (DBT Major Project) 30/06/2017

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## M.Sc. Botany 19/70/2011

Department of Botany, University of Kashmir- 190006 Specialization: *Aerobiology.*

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## Project Fellow in DBT Major Project

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# HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

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# PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. Kaur R., Devashree, Y., Kumar, R., Gupta, Saurabh., **Wani, M.S**., Vijay Singh. 2022. Genotoxic effect of fruit extract of wild and cultivated cucurbits using *Allium cepa* assay. *International Journal of Vegetable Science.*

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1. Sharma, N., Singh, B., Gupta, R.C., **Wani, M.S.\*** 2022. Intra-specific variability in anti-diabetic activity and UPLC quantification of oleanolic acid from two morphotypes and three cytotypes of *Achyranthes* *aspera*. *Journal of Biologically Active Products from Nature.*

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1. Tantray, Y.R., Jan, I., **Wani, M.S**., Singhal, V.K., Gupta, R.C. 2021. Chromosome numbers and meiotic behavior in some species of Asteraceae from high altitudinal regions of Kashmir Himalayas. *Journal of Asia-Pacific Biodiversity.*

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1. Tantray, Y.R., **Wani, M.S**., Saroj Kumar, Ishrat Jan., Singhal, V.K., Gupta, R.C. 2021 Variation in phytochemical content in polyploid populations of *Hyoscyamus pusillus* thriving at different altitudes in cold deserts of Ladakh, India. 2021. *Analytical Chemistry Letters*.11, 1-14.

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1. Sharma, N., Singh, B., **Wani, M.S**.,\* Gupta, R.C., Habeeb, Talaat H. 2021. Determination of the volatile composition in essential oil of *Azadirachta indica* A. Juss from different areas of North Indian Plains by Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS). *Analytical Chemistry Letters*. 11, 73-82. **Cited by:14**
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1. Sharma, N., Singh, B., Bhatia, A., Gupta, R.C., **Wani, M.S**. (2020). Morphological and cytogenetic analysis of different cytotypes of *Boerhaavia diffusa* L. and their evaluation for biological activity. *Advances in Traditional Medicine*. DOI 10.1007/s13596-020-00518-7.

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3. Lone, A. H., Lal, E. P., Ganie, S. A., **Wani, M. S**., Khare, A. Effect of Sewage and Tubewell Water on Physiological and Biochemical Parameters of Vegetables. *Asian Journal of Biochemical and Pharmaceutical Research* 2016; 6: 2231-2560.
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2. **Wani, M.S**., Jan Ishrat, Tawseef Ahmad, Shoaib Ali Dar, Wani, N.A, Tantray, Y.R., Malik. Threats and consequences of untreated wastewater on freshwater environments. *In Microbial Consortium and Biotransformation for Pollution Decontamination.*
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9. A. H, Lone., **Wani, M. S**., Bhat, N. A., Munshi, A. H., Lal, E. P. (2006). Ecology and Distribution Pattern of *Platanus orientalis* L. in Kashmir Himalaya. *Conserving Biological Diversity: A Multiscaled Approach*, 321-332.
10. *Betula*: Ecology and Uses (*Nova Science Publishers*).**Wani, M. S**, Younas Rasheed, Gupta, R.C, Ishrat Jaan
11. Genus *Lactuca*-Its Uses and Cultivation (*Nova Science Publishers*). **Wani, M. S**, Gupta, R.C, Ishrat Jaan.

# BOOK

# *Ethnobotany, Phytochemistry, and Pharmacology of Woody Angiosperms of Northwest Himalayas.* Mohammad Saleem Wani, Younas Rasheed Tantray, Afaq Majid, 2023.

# Plant Physiology and Metabolism. Kalyani Publishers (In Press).

# TEACHING EXPERIENCE

## Teaching Assistant Professor (Botany),

## Govt. Mohindra College, Patiala Punjab, 01/09/2017-29/01/2020

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## Govt. Degree College, Surankote, 07/09/2020-31/05/2021

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1. Simultaneous Estimation of Four Triterpenoids, Betulin, Lupeol, Oleanolic Acid, and Betulinic Acid, from Bark, Leaves, and Roots of *Betula utilis* D. Don Using a Validated High Performance Thin-Layer Chromatographic Method. 2019. Plant and Microbial Research: Present Scenario, Punjabi University Patiala.
2. Genus *Quercus*: An Overview. 2nd International Conference on Recent Advances in Engineering Science and Management, 2017. IETE Institute of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers, Chandigarh, India.
3. Development and Characterization of SSR Markers in Himalayan Birch (*Betula utilis* D. Don). Biodiversity and Climate Change: Challenges and Prospects, 2017. Department of Environmental Sciences, Govt. S.A.M. Degree College, Budgam (J & K).
4. Evaluation of Genetic Diversity in Himalayan Endangered tree species *Betula utilis* using RAPD and ISSR markers. Swarna Jayanti National Conference on Biodiversity and Sustainable Utilization of Plant Resources, 2017. Department of Botany, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra.
5. Evaluation of Genetic Diversity in Himalayan Endangered tree species *Betula utilis* using RAPD and ISSR markers. National Symposium on Evaluation and Conservation of Plant Germplasm, 2017. Department of Botany, Punjabi University Patiala.
6. Phytochemical Screening of Bark of *Betula utilis* D. Don. An Important Medicinal Plant of Kashmir Himalaya. Basic and Applied Research in Plants and Microbes, 2016. Department of Botany, Punjabi University Patiala.
7. Reproductive strategies of *Betula utilis* D. DON along the altitudinal gradients of Kashmir Himalaya. 11th JK Science Congress, 2015. Scientific, Social & Economic Dimensions of Climatic Changes. Department of Botany, University of Kashmir
8. Climatic change and its impact on Flowering of *Betula utilis* D. Don growing in Kashmir Himalaya. Environment and Human Health organized by National Environmental Science Academy in association with Department of Botany, Jamia Hamdard, 2012.
9. Distribution Patterns and Morphometric of *Juglans regia* at Different Altitudes of Kashmir Himalaya. 8th J and K Science Congress 2012 on Science, Technology and Regional Development: Opportunities and Challenges. University of Kashmir.
10. Attended a 3 day workshop on Reproductive Biology of Flowering Plants for their Conservation and Improvement Sponsored by Department of Science and Technology Ministry of Science and Technology and University of Delhi, 2013.
11. Basic Molecular Techniques in Biological Research-Oct, 2019, Punjabi University Patiala.

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1. Drug Discovery from Biodiversity: Targeting Iron. Department of Botany Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra. June19th, 2020.
2. Establishing a Sustainable Entrepreneurship Ecosystem in Institutions of Higher Learning. DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY. Central University of Kashmir. Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India. June 24th, 2020.
3. Forest, Environmement and Wildlife- Status and Development in the 21st Century. Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences. August 04, 2020.

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