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M.Sc. (Botaany) HNB Garhwal University, Srinagar (Garhwal)	
M.Sc. (Tropical Forestry) George August University, Goettingen (Germany)	
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Professional Experience:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked as Junior Research Fellow (1982-84) and Research Assistant at Forest Ecology Branch of the Forest Research Institute Dehradun from 1984 • Guest Scientist at CSIRO Division of Forestry, Canberra (Australia) in 1992-93. Worked on growth and nutrient cycling studies in Eucalyptus forests of Australia. • Awarded German Academic Exchange Fellowship in 1994-96 for higher Studies in Tropical Forestry at George August University, Goettingen (Germany) and worked on effect of climatic factors on growth of Eucalyptus in India. • Completed one semester course in 'Forest and Climate Change' in 2000 at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland (UK) • Worked at Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat, Assam as Head Division of the Ecology and Environment and worked extensively on structure and functioning of Rainforest of North east India from 1997 to 2001 • Guest scientist at the Hamburg Institute for International Economics, Hamburg (Germany) in 2006. Worked on Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) methodologies for forestry sector • Expertise in Carbon Forestry, Climate Change mitigation and adaptation in forestry Sector, and working for implementation of carbon Forestry projects and REDD+ in India • Presently working on various policy related issues on Forest and Climate Change especially role of forests in mitigation and adaptation to Climate change. • Instrumental in developing India's policy framework for inclusion of forest conservation and Sustainable Management of Forests in the agenda of UN Climate Change negotiation. The policy approach now widely known as 'REDD-plus' • Regular faculty for forest and Climate Change at FRI (Deemed University), Visiting Faculty at Indira Gandhi National Academy, Dehradun and Central Academy for State Forest Services, Dehradun, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun • Authored 10 Books and 75 Research papers and popular articles on varied subjects of Forest Ecology and Environment, National and International issues related to forests and Climate Change published in various journal of national and International repute. 	
Other Detail:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A regular member of high level Ministerial Delegation for UN climate change negotiations as lead forestry negotiator for India since 2008. • In the year 2009 represented as member of Indian delegation for Copenhagen UN Climate Change negotiations headed by then Prime Minister Dr. Man Mohan Singh. • In the year 2015 represented as member of Indian delegation for Paris Climate Change negotiations headed by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. • Awarded National Level 'ICFRE Award for Excellence' in 2008 in the field of forestry research for his work on Forest Conservation and Climate Change mitigation • Passion for writing popular scientific articles in Hindi. Has been awarded for writing popular scientific article in Hindi under Government of India's 'Akhil Bhartiya Vaniki Sahitya PuraskarYojna' in the year 1986, 1987 and 1988 	