

PROFILE OF SCIENTIST/RESEARCH WORKER

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Qualification: Ph.D. in Botany, Post-Doctoral Fellow at KRIBB, S.Korea.

Area(s) of Specialization: Plant taxonomy (Angiosperms); Molecular systematics of Plants; Ethno-botany; Conservation.

Occupation/Designation: Post-Doctoral Fellow

Major Activities: Floristic survey and exploration, Plant Identification (Angiosperms), Molecular systematics of Plants, Barcoding, Herbarium maintenance and Database management.

Special Interest: Himalayan and Indo-Chinese Angiosperms.

Awards/Recognitions:

1. Received '**Best Poster Presentation Award-2012**' during the 6th KRIBB Poster Festival organized by the Korea Research Institute of Bioscience & Biotechnology, S. Korea, held on 13th December, 2012.

2. Received '**Best International Researcher Presidential Award-2011**' from the Korea Research Institute of Bioscience and Biotechnology, Daejeon, S. Korea.
3. Awarded **Korea Science & Engineering Foundation Fellowship (KOSEF)** from National Research Foundation (NRF), S. Korea for the Post-Doctoral Research (2010)
4. Awarded **Research Fellowship from Ministry of Environment & Forests**, Botanical Survey of India for Ph.D. studies. (2004) under the 'Flora of India' project.
5. Secured **top rank** (3rd rank) in University in Bachelor of Education (B.Ed) Examination (2005)
6. Secured **top rank** (3rd rank) in University in Masters (M.Sc.) Examination, Bhagalpur (2001).
7. Awarded first prize and received '**Certificate of Merit**' in Essay writing competition organized by the Botanical Survey of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India in 2009.
8. **New species discovered: 05 (Five)**
 - A. *Embelia arunachalensis*: from India.
 - B. *Dillenia tetrapetala*: from Vietnam
 - C. *Cordiglottis longipedicellata*: from Vietnam
 - D. *Capparis daknongensis*: from Vietnam
 - E. *Argostemma glabra*: from Vietnam
9. **New records reported for India: 02 (Two)**
 - A. *Ranunculus trigonus* var. *strigosus*
 - B. *Fallopia dentatoalata*
10. **New records reported for Vietnam: 02 (Two)**
 - A. *Dendrobium multilineatum*
 - B. *Jasminum extensum*