

**CURRICULUM VITAE  
OF  
Dr. Pradeep Kumar Sharma**



1. **Present position** : Vice Chancellor, Maharaja Suhel Dev State University, Azamgarh (Uttar Pradesh)
2. **Parental affiliation:** Professor on leave / lien from Department of Genetics and Breeding, Ch. Charan Singh University, Meerut- 250004
3. **Email:** [pks264@rediffmail.com](mailto:pks264@rediffmail.com)
4. **Academic Qualifications:** M.Sc. Ag., M.Phil., Ph.D. & N.E.T. in Genetics and Plant Breeding (throughout first class)
5. **Academic positions held since November 1995 (Teaching & Research Experience as):**
  - 5.1. Professor (March 2010 to Date)
  - 5.2. Reader/Associate Professor (March 2002 to March 2010)
  - 5.4. Assistant Professor/Lecturer, R.A. and Part-time lecturer (November 1995 to March 2002)
6. **Academic administrative positions held:**
  - 6.1. Vice Chancellor (for last > 1 year till date)
  - 6.2. Dean, Faculty of Agriculture (for 3 years)
  - 6.3. Head of Department (for ca. 11 years)
  - 6.4. Chief Warden (for > 6 years)
  - 6.5. Warden (for > 8 years)
  - 6.6. Convener of Research Degree Committee (for ca. 11 years)
  - 6.7. Convener of Board of Studies (for ca. 11 years)
  - 6.8. Member of University Executive Council (Two terms, 2 years)
  - 6.9. Member of University Academic Council (for > 15 years)
  - 6.10. Member of University Examination Committee (for 3 years)
  - 6.11. Member of University Admission Committee (for 3 years)
  - 6.12. Convener/member of Department Committee (for > 11 years)
7. **Other assignments undertaken:**
  - 7.1. Coordinator of Central Evaluation in University
  - 7.2. Senior Superintendent of examinations of University Teaching Departments
  - 7.3. Member of Institutional Ethical Committee
  - 7.4. Member of Inspection Panels for granting affiliation to colleges
  - 7.6. Coordinator of Scrutiny in University examinations-evaluations
  - 7.7. Member of various other committees—Enquiry committees, Students' disciplinary committee, Convocation committees, Examinations unfair means committee, etc.
  - 7.8. Observer in UP- C.P.M.T., UP State B.Ed. entrance test, UGC NET exams.
  - 7.9. Expert /technical member on various Boards/Commissions of State and Centre
8. **Students guided and supervised (contribution to research & HR development):**
  - 8.1. For Ph.D. degree 22
  - 8.2. For M.Phil. degree 84

8.3. For M.Sc. Ag. degree 13

**9. Govt. Funded Research projects undertaken:**

**Five** DBT and ICAR-NASF, Govt. of India funded (with grant in crores) major network research projects (2 as PI and 3 as Co-PI) in the area of marker assisted breeding and epigenomics of wheat.

**10. Publications:**

**95** (including 85 research papers in national and international journals of repute (refereed/SCOPUS indexed), 02 popular articles and 3 book chapters) and **48 abstracts** in national and international conference proceedings. **Quality Indicators of research papers—Citations >1470, i10 >38, h-index >24, Impact factor—largely between 1.0 and 5.5.**

**11. Visits Abroad:**

11.1. Scottish Crop Research Institute (now, JHI), Dundee, Scotland, UK **(1 year)**

11.2. Rothamsted Research Institute, Harpenden, England, UK **(3 days conference)**

**12. Awards / recognitions :**

12.1. BOYSCAST Fellowship (DST, GOI) awarded for research-cum-advanced training at SCRI (now The James Hutton Institute), Dundee, Scotland, UK (2003-04)

12.2. Best poster award in 2016 in a national symposium at IARI, New Delhi.

12.3. Rastriya Gaurav award by India International Friendship Society, New Delhi in 2018

12.4. Best Performer Teacher award jointly by Govt of Uttar Pradesh and CCS University, Meerut in 2021

12.5. Reviewer Excellence Award by ARCC Journals in 2023

12.6. Several major grant-in-aid network research projects were sanctioned by Govt. of India (DBT and ICAR-NASF) for advanced research in wheat.

**13. Other academic activities/ interactions :**

13.1. Organized/attended many national and international conferences/symposia and workshops.

13.2. Involved as convener /member of BoS in revision of syllabi of various degree programs and in formulation of new syllabi to introduce new degree programs, as per CBCS of UGC.

13.3. Made nine MoUs with national and international institutes.

13.4. Member/life member of several academic bodies, such as Indian Society of Genetics and Plant Breeding, Association of Microbiologists of India, Current Science Association, Member of Institutional Animal Ethical Committee (IAEC).

13.5. Delivered invited lectures in Universities /institutes, presented papers/ reports of research projects, chaired technical sessions in national and international conferences.

**14. Research interests/ research work carried out:**

- Characterization of genetic variability and genetic diversity in wheat; Study of gene effects for various economic/ agronomic traits; Selection of desirable and correlated traits, Study of effects of heat stress selection of heat tolerant genotypes in wheat; Study of heterosis; Analysis of multi-location yield trials and GE interaction; Study of allelic variation of ribosomal DNA loci and their role in adaptation and evolution of barley using RFLP markers.

- **Transcriptomics and molecular breeding in wheat:** Interval and association mapping of QTLs for various quantitative traits/ micronutrient traits; marker assisted breeding (marker assisted selection, gene introgression, pyramiding of genes) for rust diseases, drought tolerance and quality/protein content traits.
  - **Bioinformatics (*in-silico* analyses):** Mining of orthologs for important traits, genome wide identification and analyses of gene families and candidate genes in wheat; development of QTL-database (WheatQTLdb, 2021)
- 15. Teaching subjects / Specialization:**  
 Plant Breeding, Biometrical genetics, Molecular genetics, Crop Biotechnology, Genomics and epigenomics, Molecular basis of quantitative inheritance, and Mutation research in crop improvement and genomics, Molecular breeding (MAS, gene introgression, pyramiding of genes, QTL mapping and GWAS).
- 16. Fifteen important (recent) research publications**
- 16.1. Meta-QTLs for multiple disease resistance involving three rusts in common wheat (*Triticum aestivum* L.). *Theor. Appl. Genet.* 2022(135(3)). IF 5.565
  - 16.2. Meta-QTL analysis for stripe rust resistance in wheat. *Scientific Reports* 11(1) (2021). IF 5.113
  - 16.3. An update on resistance genes and their use in the development of leaf rust resistant cultivars in wheat. *Frontiers in Genetics* 2022(13): 816057. IF 4.90
  - 16.4. Single-trait, multi-locus and multi-trait GWAS using four different models for yield traits in bread wheat. *Molecular Breeding* 41(8) (2021) IF 2.750
  - 16.5. WheatQTLdb: A QTL database for wheat. Orcid id: <https://orcid.org/0000-0001-7638-6171>. *Mol. Genetics and Genomics* 296(5) (2021). IF 3.257
  - 16.6. Introgression of a drought insensitive grain yield QTL for improvement of four Indian bread wheat cultivars using marker assisted breeding without background selection. *J. of Plant Biotech. & Biochem.* 2021(30) IF: 1.238
  - 16.7. Complex relationship between DNA methylation and gene expression due to *Lr28* in wheat leaf rust pathosystem. *Molecular Biology Reports* 47(2): 1339-1360 (2020), IF 2.107
  - 16.8. Large-scale stage-specific regulation of gene expression during host-pathogen interactions in CSP44 bread wheat carrying APR gene *Lr48*. *Functional Plant Biology* 47(3): 203-225 (2020) IF 2.491
  - 16.9. H3K4/K9 acetylation and *Lr28*-mediated expression of six leaf rust responsive genes in wheat (*Triticum aestivum*). *Mol. Genetics and Genomics* 249(1): 227-241 (2019) IF 2.734
  - 16.10. Further studies on sugar transporter (SWEET) gene in wheat (*Triticum aestivum* L.). *Mol. Biol. Reports*: 46(2):2327-2353 (2019), IF 2.107
  - 16.11. A study of transcriptome in leaf rust infected bread wheat involving seedling resistance gene *Lr28*. *Functional Plant Biology* 45(10):1046-1064 (2018). IF 2.491
  - 16.12. Genetics of Fe, Zn,  $\beta$ -carotene, GPC and yield traits in bread wheat (*Triticum aestivum* L.) using multi-locus and multi-trait GWAS and post-GWAS. *Euphytica* 214(11): 219 (2018). IF:1.546
  - 16.13. Transcription activator-like effector nucleases (TALENs): an efficient tool For plant genome editing. *Engg. Life Sci.*, 16, 330-337 (2016). IF: 2.119
  - 16.14. Heterosis for yield component traits and protein content in bread wheat under normal and heat-stress environment. *Cereal Research Commun.* 2014(42)(1): 151-162 (2014) IF: 0.708
  - 16.15. Tomato leaf curl Joydebpur virus: a monopartite begomovirus causing severe leaf curl in tomato in West Bengal. *Archives of Virology* 158(1): 1-10 (2013). IF: 2.111

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