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Education

M.Sc. Botany (2004, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra),

Ph.D. (26 August, 2009, Punjabi University, Patiala)

Title of Ph. D Thesis: Exploration of Cytomorphological Diversity in Grasses from Haryana and adjoining Shiwalik Hills.

Professional Experience:

- Assistant Professor in Botany, Department of Botany, M.M. Modi College, Patiala.
 (11 August, 2018 to till date).
- Assistant Professor in Botany, Department of Agriculture, G.S.S.D.G.S. Khalsa College, Patiala (1 July, 2013 to 9 August, 2018).
- Assistant Professor in Botany and as Head, Department of Agriculture at Dolphin (PG) College of Life Sciences, Chunni Kalan (Fatehgarh Sahib) (1 Nov, 2012 to 30 June, 2013).
- Assistant Professor in Botany at Public College, Samana (Patiala) (20 July, 2011 to 31 Oct, 2012).
- Research Fellow at School of Agricultural Biotechnology, Punjab Agricultural University, (24 May, 2010 – 20 May, 2011).
- Project Fellow (UGC/ASIST) Department of Botany, Punjabi University Patiala (15 June, 2007 – 10 Feb, 2009).

Teaching Interests:

- Cytology and Genetics
- Plant Taxonomy
- Plant Ecology
- Plant Physiology

Research Interest:

Plant Cytogenetics, Plant Taxonomy and Plant Ecology

Publications

- Raghbir Chand Gupta, Rajdeep Singh Dhaliwal and Akshita Gupta. Structural hybridity in golden tickseed (*Coreopsis tinctoria* Nutt.). *Ind. J. Bot. Res.* (2008) Vol.4 (1): 161-163.
 - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-Lw7rl_93pHTGAWONBGd2ZsU4EwERK1k/view
- Akshita Gupta, Rajdeep Singh Dhaliwal and Raghbir Chand Gupta. Meiotic studies on some populations of *Phalaris minor* Retz. from Haryana and adjoining Shiwalik hills. *Bionature*. (2008) 28 (1): 17-23. ISSN: 0970-9835. http://globalpresshub.com/index.php/BN/article/view/351
- 3. Puneet Kumar, Rajdeep Singh Dhaliwal & **Akshita Gupta**. Invasion of Alien Plant Species: A Threat to Native Flora. *Ind. J. Bot. Res.* (2008) **4** (1): 137-142. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-Yak1l8PB7srxp4bxjAQlac8bKZCyTwa/view
- 4. Dhaliwal Rajdeep Singh, Puneet Kumar & **Akshita Gupta**. Phytoremediation: A Scientific Approach to Tackle Pollution. *Ind. J. Multi. Res.* (2008) **4** (1): 45-48. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-LQQJJYgjb6JBUmVHM5Ls9dkldHcBKR7/view
- Raghbir Chand Gupta, Rajdeep Singh Dhaliwal and Akshita Gupta. Morphocytogenetic studies on autotriploid of Coreopsis tinctoria Nutt. J. Cytol. Genet. (2008) Vol.10 (NS) 2: 23-27.
 - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-ZHA-gSK1YV1ygJpzvYR7Tio1r8bg55P/view
- 6. **Akshita Gupta** and Raghbir Chand Gupta. Population Cytogenetics IV. Variability in *Sorghum halepense* (I.) Pers. from Haryana. *Bionature* (2008) **28** (2): 85-89. ISSN: 0970-9835.
 - http://globalpresshub.com/index.php/BN/article/view/395
- 7. **Akshita Gupta,** Rajdeep Singh Dhaliwal and Raghbir Chand Gupta. Genetic diversity in wild oat (*Avena sativa* L.) populations from Haryana (India). *Indian Journal Botanical Research* (2010) 6 (1&2): 69-74.
 - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-ZTIkOBoq4oamflqS_OyKvhk0jXHkxID/view
- 8. **Akshita Gupta**, Rajdeep Singh Dhaliwal and Raghbir Chand Gupta. Prevalence of Supernumerary chromosomes in Indian Grasses. *Bionotes* (2010) **12**(2):56.

- https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-ZiMCtY4m6ASkTncgQTvLIraBGEiLT6B/view
- 9. **Akshita**, Rajdeep Singh Dhaliwal and Raghbir Chand Gupta. A note on high frequency of Polyploidy in Family Gramineae. *Bionotes* (2010) **12**(4): 120-121. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-ZuBDDIAMT3I0to9zZW6Czk5V1cidpSs/view
- Harpreet Kaur, Akshita Gupta, Santosh Kumari and Raghbir Chand Gupta. Meiotic studies in *Poa annua* L. from altitudinal ranges of North India. *Cytologia*. (2010) 75 (3): 313-318.
 - https://www.jstage.jst.go.jp/article/cytologia/75/3/75_3_313/_article/-char/en
- 11. Akshita, Rajdeep Singh Dhaliwal and Raghbir Chand Gupta. Cytological study on three cytotypes of Bermuda grass (*Cynodon dactylon* (I.) Pers.) from Haryana and Shiwalik Hills. *Journal of Basic and Applied Biology* (2011) 5(1): 7-12. http://www.cbioresearch.in/Journal%205(12)%202011/JBAB,%20Vol%205,%20No%201%20&%202%20(2011),%20pp.7-12%20Dhaliwal.pdf
- Akshita Dhaliwal, Rajdeep Singh Dhaliwal and Raghbir Chand Gupta. Cytological Study in Wild oat (*Avena fatua* Linn.) populations from North West India. *Bionature* (2012) 32(2): 37-42.
 http://globalpresshub.com/index.php/BN/article/view/550
- Raghbir Chand Gupta, Akshita Gupta and Navjot Kaur. Meiotic Studies in Some Members of Tribe Andropogoneae (Poaceae) from Semi Desert Area of North India. Cytologia (2017) 82(2):105-113.
 - https://www.jstage.jst.go.jp/article/cytologia/82/2/82_MS1861/_article/-char/en
- Raghbir Chand Gupta, Akshita Gupta and Navjot Kaur. Cytological Diversity in Some Members of Tribe Agrostideae and Eragrosteae (Poaceae) from Haryana and Adjoining Shiwalik Hills Cytologia (2017) 82(5): 501-505. https://www.jstage.jst.go.jp/article/cytologia/82/5/82_MS1979/_article/-char/en
- 15. **Akshita Dhaliwal**, Navjot Kaur and Raghbir Chand Gupta. Cytology of Some Grasses from Haryana and Shiwalik Hills. *Cytologia* (2018) **83**(1): 22-30. https://www.jstage.jst.go.jp/article/cytologia/83/1/83_D-17-00011/ article/-char/en
- Akshita Dhaliwal, Rajdeep Singh Dhaliwal, Navjot Kaur and Raghbir Chand Gupta.
 Cytomorphological Study in Genus Cenchrus L.: An Important Medicinal Plant from

- North India (Family: Poaceae). *Cytologia* (2018) **83**(1): 45-52. https://www.jstage.jst.go.jp/article/cytologia/83/1/83_D-17-00024/_article/-char/en
- Raghbir Chand Gupta, Akshita Dhaliwal and Navjot Kaur. Cytological Study in Some Members of Tribe Paniceae (Poaceae) from Haryana and Adjoining Shiwalik Hills. Cytologia (2018) 83(1): 73-79.

https://www.jstage.jst.go.jp/article/cytologia/83/1/83_D17-00020/_article/-char/en

Book/Book chapter

- 1. Rajdeep Singh Dhaliwal and **Akshita Dhaliwal**. 2012. (In Punjabi) "Jeev Vibhinta De Hot Spots". *In* Vatavaran Samasyava. Publ. Lok Geet Prakashan, Chandigarh. Pp. 89-98. ISBN: 978-93-5068-098-8.
- Rajdeep Singh Dhaliwal and Akshita Dhaliwal. 2016. Study on Economically Important Grasses of Tribe: Andropogoneae (Family: Poaceae). *In* proceeding National Conference on "Recent Trends in Environment, Science and Technology" March 11, 2016. Pp 197-199. ISBN: 978-93-84935-82-5.
- Akshita Dhaliwal, Rajdeep Singh Dhaliwal and Raghbir Chand Gupta. 2018.
 Cytological study on two species of Cymbopogon Spreng.: A Grass with Medicinal Importance. In book Emerging Trends and Challenges in Bio-sciences Publ. Daya Publishing House, New Delhi. Pp. 73-77. ISBN: 978-93-5124-988-7.

Conference / Seminars

A) Resource Person / Invited Lectures:

Chaired a technical session on the theme "Agriculture & Food Production System" and acted as Judge in Poster Presentation Session in 19th APG International Conference on Sustainable Agriculture, Food Security and Environment at GSSDGS Khalsa College, Patiala from on 2-3 Nov, 2018.

B) Paper presented:

 Research Paper entitled "Cytological studies in some grasses from Haryana" in Tenth All India Conference on Cytology and Genetics held at Visakhapatnam from 8th-10th December, 2005.

- 2. Research Paper entitled "Chromosomal diversity in some grasses from Haryana" at National Symposium on Germplasm Evaluation: Present Trends held at Botany Department, Punjabi University Patiala from 23rd -25th January, 2006.
- 3. Research Paper entitled "Cytogenetical studies in some Aneuploids of *Coreopsis tinctoria* Nutt." at 9th Punjab Science Congress held at Guru Nanak Dental College, Sunam from 7th-9th February, 2006.
- Research Paper entitled "Meiotic abnormalities in different populations of *Phalaris minor* from Haryana and adjoining Shiwalik Hills" at National Symposium on Plant Cytogenetics: Recent trends held at Department of Botany, Punjabi University, Patiala from 15th-16th February, 2008.
- 5. Research Paper entitled "Cytological study in wild oat (*Avena sativa* L.) population from North West India" at 12th Punjab Science Congress held at PAU, Ludhiana from 7th-9th February, 2009.
- 6. Research Poster entitled "Anthropogenic Impact on Climate Change and Ecosystems" at National Conference on Environmental Degradation and its impact on Mankind held at Punjabi University, Patiala from 19th- 20th Nov, 2010.
- 7. Research Paper entitled "Presence of Apomixis in Grass Family: Need for Molecular Analysis" at UGC sponsored National Conference on Recent Trends in Biotechnology held at DAV College, Amritsar on 1st Sep, 2010.
- 8. Research Poster entitled "Chromosomal diversity in Bermuda grass (*Cynodon dactylon* (L.) Pers.) with in different environmental conditions" at International Conference on Environmental Challenges: A Global Concern held at Kanya Maha Vidyalaya, Jalandhar from 15th- 16th Oct, 2010.
- 9. Research Poster entitled "Molecular mapping of QTL's for heat tolerance components from cultivated and wild wheat germplasm" at International Conference on: "Preparing Agriculture for Climate Change" organized by Crop Improvement Society of India at PAU, Ludhiana, from 6th-8th February, 2011.
- 10. Research Paper entitled "Ecological Importance, Genetic Diversity and Utilization of Grasses in India" at National Seminar on 'Ecological Crisis' at

- Department of Distance Education, Punjabi University, Patiala from 8th-9th September, 2011.
- 11. Research Paper entitled "Genetic Diversity in Family Gramineae: A study from North West India" at National Conference on Impact of Science and Technology on Societal Development at SUS Group of Institutions, Tangori, Mohali: Punjab from 3rd-5th November, 2011.
- 12. Research Poster entitled "Chromosomal Diversity & Abnormal meiotic course in *Cenchrus* species" at 4th International Conference on: Life Science Research for Rural & Agricultural Development (ICLRAD-2011) held at Central Potato Research Station, Patna from 27th-29th Dec, 2011.
- **13.**Research Paper entitled "Cytological Analysis of Family Gramineae from Ecologically fragile Shiwalik Hills & adjoining areas" at 4th International Conference on: Life Science Research for Rural & Agricultural Development (ICLRAD-2011) held at Central Potato Research Station, Patna from 27th-29th Dec, 2011.
- 14. Research Paper entitled "Cytological study in Wild Oat (*Avena fatua* Linn.) populations from North West India" at National Symposium on Plant Cytogenetics: New Approaches held at Department of Botany, Punjabi University, Patiala from 23rd-24th Feb, 2012.
- 15. Research Poster entitled "New chromosome reports for Setaria verticillata (L.) P. Beauv. from India" at National Symposium on Plant Cytogenetics: New Approaches held at Department of Botany, Punjabi University, Patiala from 23rd-24th Feb, 2012.
- **16.** Research Poster entitled "Existence of enormous genetic variability in Grass family and need for its conservation" at National Conference on Plant & Microbial Biodiversity, Present Scenario, Threats & Conservation Strategies held at Department of Botany, Panjab University, Chandigarh from 1st -2nd March, 2012.
- 17. Research Paper entitled "Cytomorphological study in genus *Cenchrus* L. (Family: Poaceae)" at 17th Punjab Science Congress organized by Punjab Technical University, Kapurthala from 14th -16th Feb, 2014.

- 18. Research Paper entitled "Cytological studies in Grasses from Haryana and adjoining Shiwalik Hills: Tribe Andropogoneae" during the National Symposium on "Emerging Trends in Botanical Sciences" organized by Department of Botany, Punjabi University, Patiala from 17th -18th February, 2014.
- **19.** Research Paper entitled "Chromosomal Diversity in Family Gramineae: A study from North India" during the National Conference "SCIENCE COLLOQUIUM" Emerging Trends in Basic & Applied Sciences organized by DAV College, Jalandhar (Pb.) from 6th -7th March, 2014.
- **20.** Research Poster entitled "New Chromosome report for *Digitaria ciliaris* (Retz.) Koel. From India" at 17th Punjab Science Congress organized by Punjab Technical University, Kapurthala from 14th -16th Feb, 2014.
- **21.**Research Poster entitled "Cytological investigations in *Imperata cylindrica* from Haryana, India" at National Symposium on "Emerging Trends in Botanical Sciences" organized by Department of Botany, Punjabi University, Patiala from 17th -18th February, 2014.
- **22.** Research Poster entitled "Chromosomal Diversity in Bermuda grass (*Cynodon dactylon* (L.) Pers.)" at National Conference on "Perspectives & Trends in Plant Sciences & Biotechnology" organized by Department of Botany, Panjab University, Chandigarh & Society for Plant Research, India from 21st -23rd February, 2014.
- **23.**Research Poster entitled "Cytological Investigations in wild oat (*Avena fatua* Linn.) Populations from North India" at 19th Punjab Science Congress organized by SUS Group of Instituitions, Tangori, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) from February 7-9, 2016.
- **24.** Research Poster entitled "Cytomorphological study in *Dichanthium annulatum* (forssk.) Stapf." at 19th Punjab Science Congress organized by SUS Group of Institutions, Tangori, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) from February 7-9, 2016.
- 25. Research Paper entitled "Cytological investigations in Dichanthium annulatum (forssk.) Stapf. From Haryana, India." During UGC sponsored National Conference on Recent Developments on Stress Tolerence and Plant

- Biotechnology (NCSTPB-2016) organized by Lyallpur Khalsa College, Jalandhar (Pb.) from February 11-12, 2016.
- 26. Research Paper entitled "Meiotic Studies in some Populations of Setaria verticillata (L.) P. Beauv. From Shiwalik Hills" During UGC sponsored National Conference on Recent Developments on Stress Tolerence and Plant Biotechnology (NCSTPB-2016) organized by Lyallpur Khalsa College, Jalandhar (Pb.) from February 11-12, 2016.
- 27. Research Paper entitled "Study on Economically Important Grasses of Tribe: Andropogoneae (Family: Poaceae)" during National Conference on "Recent Trends in Environment, Science and Technology" RTEST-2016 organized by University School of Sciences, Rayat Bahra University on March 11, 2016.
- 28. Research Paper entitled "Cytology of a medicinal important grass: Veteveria zizanoides (I.) Nash." during National Conference on 'Basic and Applied Researches in Plants and Microbes' organized by Department of Botany, Punjabi University, Patiala from 3 5 November, 2016.
- 29. Research Paper entitled "Cytological studies on some species of Tribe-Paniceae (Family- Poaceae)" during National Conference on Biodiversity and Sustainable Utilization of Plant Resources organised by Department of Botany, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra from February 17-18, 2017.
- 30. Research Paper entitled "Prevalence of Supernumerary Chromosomes in Indian Grasses" in XXXX All India Botanical Conference and National Symposium on "Evaluation and Conservation of Plant Germplasm" at Department of Botany, Punjabi University, Patiala from 15-17th September, 2017.
- **31.**Research Paper entitled "Cytomorphological Study in Genus Sorghum Moench. (Family: Poaceae)" in XXXX All India Botanical Conference and National Symposium on "Evaluation and Conservation of Plant Germplasm" at Department of Botany, Punjabi University, Patiala from 15-17th September, 2017.
- 32. Research Paper entitled "Cytological Diversity in Some Members Of Tribe Agrostideae And Eragrosteae (Poaceae) From Haryana And Adjoining Shiwalik Hills" in RACES 2018 UGC sponsored 9th National Conference on

- Recent Advances In Chemical, Biological & Environmental Sciences at Multani Mal Modi College, Patiala from 9-10th February, 2018.
- **33.**Research Paper entitled "Polyploidy: An Evolutionary Phenomenon in Family Poaceae" in *One Day National Seminar* on "Emerging Trends and Challenges in Biosciences" at G M N (P.G.) College, Ambala Cantt on 10 March, 2018.
- 34. Research Paper entitled "Impact of Growth Regulators on Growth and Yield of Potato" in *One Day National Seminar* on "Emerging Trends and Challenges in Biosciences" at G M N (P.G.) College, Ambala Cantt on 10 March, 2018.
- **35.**Research Paper entitled "Cytology of some Grasses from Haryana and adjoining Shiwalik Hills" in National Conference on "Research In Plant Sciences for Sustainable Development" at Department of Botany and Environmental Science, Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University, Fatehgarh Sahib on 16-17 March, 2018.
- 36. Research Paper entitled "Effect of Dehaulming on Potato Seed Production" in National Conference on "Research In Plant Sciences for Sustainable Development" at Department of Botany and Environmental Science, Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University, Fatehgarh Sahib on 16-17 March, 2018.
- 37. Research Paper entitled "Vetiveria Zizanoides (L.) Nash: An Important Medicinal and Aromatic Grass for Soil and Water Conservation" at 19th APG International Conference on Sustainable Agriculture, Food Security and Environment held at GSSDGS Khalsa College, Patiala from 2nd -3rd Nov, 2018.
- **38.** Research Paper entitled "Cytological Variability In Sorghum halepense (L.) Pers. Populations from Haryana" in UGC sponsored 10th National Conference on Recent Advances in Chemical & Environmental Sciences RACES-2019 at Multani Mal Modi College, Patiala from on 11-12 April, 2019.

C) Attended

1. **8th Punjab Science Congress** organized by Punjab Academy of Sciences held at Department of Zoology, Punjabi University Patiala from 7th-9th February, 2005.

- National Symposium on "Researches in Fungal Biology: Emerging trends" organized by Department of Botany, Punjabi University, Patiala from 30th – 31st January, 2007.
- 3. **National Seminar** on "**Scaling new zeniths in Biosciences**" held at H.M.V. College Jalandhar on 26th November, 2009.
- 4. Attended UGC sponsored **National Seminar** on "**Emerging Trends in Medical Biotechnology (ETMB-2010)**" held at Doaba College, Jalandhar on 4th Sep, 2010.
- 5. **National Symposium** on "**Fundamental and Applied Phycology**" held at Department of Botany, Punjabi University, Patiala from March 25-26th, 2013.
- 6. **Khalsa College Global Punjabi Conference** held at GSSDGS Khalsa College, Patiala from 21-22 Feb, 2018.

Workshops and training courses

- Attended training course on "Plant Tissue Culture & its Implications" sponsored by National Bioresource Development Board, DBT Govt. of India, New Delhi at IHBT, Palampur (H.P.) from September 4th – 15th, 2006.
- Attended "Patent Awareness" workshop on Patent Awareness organized by PSCST held at Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology, Patiala on 30th September, 2005.
- 3. Attended two day "National workshop on Plant Taxonomy" under taxonomy capacity building scheme (AICOPTAX) sponsored by MOEF, New Delhi, held at Department of Botany, Punjab University Chandigarh from 9th -10th December, 2006.
- Attended Workshop on "Environment from to Solutions (EPS-2010)" at Chitkara Institute of Engineering & Technology, Punjab University Campus, organized by the Dept. of Applied Sciences, in collaboration with Nature Foundation, India on 21st Oct, 2010.
- 5. Attended two day "Workshop cum Training Programme on High Performance Thin Layer Chromatography (HPTLC)" organized by STEP, Thapar University, Patiala from November 21-22, 2011.

- **6.** Attended "Workshop on Scientific Photography" organized by STEP, Thapar University, Patiala on November 26, 2011.
- **7.** Attended "Workshop on Research Methodology" organized by SMSS, Thapar University Patiala, Punjab on December 17, 2011.
- 8. Attended one week UGC sponsored "Workshop on Analysis of Biological Data" organized by Department of Botanical and Environmental Sciences, GNDU, Amritsar form August 27-September 2, 2012.
- Attended two weeks DBT sponsored "Hands on Training Workshop on Molecular Biology & Cytogenetic Techniques" organized by Punjab State Council For Science & Technology, Chandigarh and Genetic Centre, GMCH, Chandigarh form December 3-15, 2012.
- 10. Attended three day workshop on "RAP a STEP (Research as Pedagogy a Science Teacher Education Program)" at Punjabi University, Patiala from 29 Sep 1 Oct 2016.

Achievements, Awards and Recognitions

- Awarded Young Scientist Award by Academic Council International Consortium of Contemporary Biologists and Madhawi – Shyam Educational Trust in the field of Botany during 4th International Conference on: Life Science Research for Rural & Agricultural Development (ICLRAD-2011) held at Central Potato Research Station, Patna from 27th-29th Dec, 2011.
- Awarded Best Research Poster Award by Punjab Academy of Sciences in Life Sciences during 17th Punjab Science Congress organized by Punjab Technical University, Kapurthala from 14th -16th Feb, 2014.
- Awarded Third Prize in Oral Presentation of Research Paper entitled "Cytology of some Grasses from Haryana and adjoining Shiwalik Hills" in National Conference on "Research in Plant Sciences for Sustainable Development" organized by Department of Botany and Environmental Science at Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University, Fatehgarh Sahib on 16-17 March, 2018.
- Organized National Environment Awareness Campaign 2011-12 on "Forests
 And Biodiversity Conservation" sponsored by MOEF, Govt. of India. (Regional

- Resource Agency: PSCST, Chandigarh) at Public College, Samana (Patiala) on 17-18th Feb. 2012.
- Organized Academic visits of B.Sc. Agriculture and Community College students to various places (IMD, Punjabi University Patiala, Polyhouses, Herbarium, Museum, Photo gallery, Botanical Gardens, Plant Conservatory, etc).
- Organized International Day For Biological Diversity 2016 on "Mainstreaming Biodiversity Sustaining People and their Livelihood" sponsored by National Biodiversity Authority, Govt. of India in collaboration with PSCST, Chandigarh at GSSDGS Khalsa College, Patiala on 31st May, 2016.
- Organized International Day For Biological Diversity 2017 on "Biodiversity and Sustainable Tourism" sponsored by National Biodiversity Authority, Govt. of India in collaboration with PSCST, Chandigarh at GSSDGS Khalsa College, Patiala on 31st May, 2017.

Membership

- Life Fellow, ICCB-MSET, Ranchi, Jharkhand, India.
- Member Board of Studies, Community College in Green House Technology at G.S.S.D.G.S. Khalsa College, Patiala for Session 2014-16.
- Member, Under and Post Graduate Board of Studies in Agriculture, G.S.S.D.G.S.
 Khalsa College, Patiala for Session 2018-19.
- Member, Under Graduate Board of Studies in Botany, G.S.S.D.G.S. Khalsa Colle ge,
 - Patiala for Session 2018-19.
- Member Alumni Association, Department of Botany, Punjabi University, Patiala.