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1.	B.Sc.	1987	Allahabad University	Botany, Zoology, Chemistry
2.	M.Sc.	1989	Allahabad University	Botany, II nd Position
3.	Ph.D.	2008	Lucknow University & CSIR-CIMAP	Botany Ph.D. Thesis Title: "Study on genetic architecture of opium poppy (<i>Papaver somniferum</i> L.) in relevance to yield improvement".

Academic/Research Experience/Employment:

Sl. No.	From	To	Name of Organization	Position held
1.	August 4, 1995	August 3, 2000	CSIR-CIMAP, Lucknow	Scientist-B
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3.	August 4, 2004	August 3, 2008	CSIR-CIMAP, Lucknow	Scientist-E1
4.	August 4, 2008	August 3, 2013	CSIR-CIMAP, Lucknow	Principal Scientist (Sci.-EII)
5.	August 4, 2013	August 3, 2019	CSIR-CIMAP, Lucknow	Senior Principal Scientist (Sci.-F)
6.	August 4, 2019	Continued	CSIR-CIMAP, Lucknow	Chief Scientist (Sci.-G)

Area of Specialization: Crop improvement through plant breeding approaches and development of seed quality standards in Medicinal and Aromatic Plants.

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Honours/ Awards/Recognitions received:

- ❖ **Life Time Award** for outstanding contribution in the field of Genetics & Crop Improvement given by S&T, SIRI, Thorrur, Mahabubabad, **Telangana** (11-12th November, 2017).
- ❖ **Distinguished Scientist Award** for outstanding contribution in the field of Genetics & Crop Improvement given by S&T, SIRI, Warangal, **Telangana** (9-10th September, 2017).
- ❖ **IBS Fellow** (Fellow of the Indian Botanical Society) in recognition of his outstanding achievements and contributions to the field of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants.
- ❖ **SAB Fellow** (Fellow of Society for Applied Biotechnology) in recognition of his outstanding achievements and contributions to the field of agricultural biotechnology given by Society for Applied Biotechnology, **Tamil Nadu** (November, 2014).
- ❖ **I S S Fellow** (Fellow of Indian Society for Spices) for R & D Contributions in the field of Spices, Medicinal and Aromatic Plants. Indian Society for Spices, Kozhikode, (2013), **Kerala**.
- ❖ **Fellow of ISCON (FNRS)**, BHU, Varanasi (1998).
- ❖ **Menthol mint CSIR Technology Award** (1999) for development of high yielding varieties Himalaya and Kosi as one of the team members.
- ❖ **CIMAP Day Award 2005** for significant contribution towards enabling CIMAP to achieve EOAI-SOM Award 2003 – 2005 for the development and dissemination of legendary variety KOSI of *Mentha arvensis* as one of the team members.
- ❖ **Golden Peacock Eco - Innovation Award 2008** for carrying out a holistic green path for better health under a visionary leadership as one of the team members.
- ❖ **CSIR Award for S & T Innovation for Rural Development** for the year 2008 is conferred jointly on Central Salt & Marine Research Institute (CSMCRI), Bhavnagar for Innovation in the area of "Salt for Rural Development" and Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (CIMAP), Lucknow for "Bio-village strategy for Agri-business of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants" as one of the team members.
- ❖ **Member of Management Council of CIMAP** (2007-2009) nominated by DG, CSIR, New Delhi.
- ❖ **Member of Editorial Board** of *Journal of Medicinal and Aromatic Plant Sciences*, *Journal of Research in Agriculture*, *Journal of Research in Biology*, *Journal of Plant Development Science*, *Journal of Research in Plant Sciences*, *MAPs Dew and Aus Boond* (published by Director, CSIR-CIMAP, Lucknow).

- ❖ **Member**, Variety Releases Committee of the CSIR-CIMAP (2015-2018).
- ❖ **Member** committee of Recruitment for scientific and technical staff in CSIR-CIMAP, CSIR-CDRI, CSIR-IHBT, CAPE, etc.
- ❖ **Member** committee for Selection and Assessment of JRF/SRF/RA and Project Assistant in CSIR-CIMAP.
- ❖ **External Examiner of PG/UG students** in Allahabad University, Mahatma Gandhi Central University East Champaran, BBAU Lucknow and Lucknow University.
- ❖ **Ph.D. Guide** for CSIR-JNU Ph. D. programme and AcSIR academy.
- ❖ **Ph.D. Examiner** recognized by BBAU, AcSIR Academy, AMITY University, Allahabad University, Mahatma Gandhi Central University, etc.
- ❖ **Member of Advisory Committee** of International Society for Conservation of Natural Resources (ISCON), Department of Botany, B.H.U., Varanasi, U.P.

Life Member of the following Professional Bodies, Societies and Academies:

- i. **The National Academy of Sciences**, Allahabad
- ii. **Indian Society of Genetics and Plant Breeding**, New Delhi
- iii. **Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources**, New Delhi
- iv. **Indian Society of Plant Breeders**, Coimbatore
- v. **Indian Society for Species**, Calicut
- vi. **Indian Science Congress Association**, Kolkata
- vii. **Crop Improvement Society of India**, Ludhiana
- viii. **Indian Society of Seed Technology**, New Delhi
- ix. **The Indian Botanical Society**
- x. **Horticultural Society of India**, New Delhi
- xi. **Essential Oil Association of India**, Ghaziabad
- xii. **National Academy of Biological Sciences**, Chennai
- xiii. **Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Association of India**, Anand
- xiv. **Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Society of India**, Lucknow
- xv. **Society of Ethno-botany**, Lucknow
- xvi. **MASU, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University**, Coimbatore
- xvii. **International Society for Conservation of Natural Resources**, Varanasi

Publications (* Corresponding Author)

Original Research Papers

1. Mehdi J, Husain D, Srivastava A, Gupta N, Shanker, Talha M, Lal RK, **Birendra Kumar**, Gupta AK. 2023. The genetic diversity and chemical profiling of natural populations of Indian *Cannabis Industrial Crops and Products* **203**:117187. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.indcrop.2023.117187>.
2. Ghosh D, Chaudhary N, Shanker K, **Birendra Kumar**, Narendra Kumar. 2023. Monoecious *Cannabis sativa* L. discloses the organ-specific variation in glandular trichomes,

cannabinoids content and antioxidant potential. *Journal of Applied Research on Medicinal and Aromatic Plants*: 100476 <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jarmp.2023.100476>.

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4. Prasad P, Srivastava A, Singh V, Kushwaha HK, Kishor R, Aftab N, Gupta N, Shanker K, Lal RK, **Birendra Kumar***. 2022. Genetic diversity analysis of Prishniparni, *Uraria picta* Desv.: A *Dashmoola* ingredient, to realize high yielding accessions. *The Nucleus*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13237-022-00402-6>.
5. Mahendran G, Verma N, Singh M, Shanker K, Banerjee S, **Birendra Kumar**, Rahman L. 2022. Elicitation enhances swerchirin and 1, 2, 5, 6- tetrahydroxyxanthone production in hairy root cultures of *Swertia chirayita* (Roxb.) H. Karst. *Industrial Crops and Products* **177**: 114488 (1-9). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.indcrop.2021.114488>.
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7. Singh R, Kishor R, Singh V, Singh V, Prasad P, Aulakh NS, Tiwari UK, **Birendra Kumar*** 2022. Radio-frequency (RF) room temperature plasma treatment of sweet basil seeds (*Ocimum basilicum* L.) for germination potential enhancement by immaculation. *Journal of Applied Research on Medicinal and Aromatic Plants* **26**: 100350 (1-12). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jarmp.2021.100350>.
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9. Gupta A, Singh V, Prasad P, Kumar M, Srivastava A, Singh V, Luqman S, **Birendra Kumar*** 2021. Influence of potassium and sodium chloride on germination behavior, biochemical changes and enzyme activity in two varieties of *Ocimum tenuiflorum* L. *Journal of Essential Oil-Bearing Plants* **24**(1): 110-119.
10. **Birendra Kumar***, Zaidi S, Singh V, Venkatesha KT, Ram G, Gupta AK, Kumar N, Samad A 2020. Seed germination behaviour of *Cannabis sativa* L. under different temperature regimes. *Journal of Plant Development Sciences* **12**(5): 277-281.
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20. Bharti H, Ponnuchamy M, **Birendra Kumar** 2016. Evaluation of sulphuric acid application in breaking dormancy of *Sida cordifolia* seeds--An Ayurvedic medicinal plant. *Seed Research* **44**(2): 133-136.
21. Sinha G, Mali H, Ram G, Srivastava DK, **Birendra Kumar*** 2016. Impact of salt stress on different varieties of Palmarosa during seed germination. *Journal of Essential Oil-Bearing Plants* **19**(4): 1025-1030.
22. **Birendra Kumar**, Yadav R, Singh SC, Singh HP. 2016. Seed germination behaviour of *Withania* spp. under different temperature regimes. *Journal of Crop Improvement* **30**(3): 287-292.
23. Yaseen M, **Birendra Kumar**, Ram D, Singh M, Anand S, Yadav HK, Samad A. 2015. Agro morphological, chemical and genetic variability studies for yield assessment in clary sage (*Salvia sclarea* L.). *Industrial Crops and Products* **77**: 640-647.

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30. Ekta Gupta, **Birendra Kumar***, Srivastava DK, Lal RK. 2014. Assessment of compatible substrate for varietal germination potential of Palmarosa seed. *Journal of Essential Oil-Bearing Plants* **17** (5):1034-1039.
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37. **Birendra Kumar**. 2012. Prediction of germination potential in seeds of Indian Basil (*Ocimum basilicum L.*). *Journal of Crop Improvement* **26**(4):532-539.
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39. **Birendra Kumar**, Verma SK, Singh HP. 2011. Effect of temperature on seed germination parameters in Kalmegh (*Andrographis paniculata*). *Industrial Crops and Products* **34**(1):1241-1244.
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45. **Birendra Kumar**, Verma AK, Ram G, Singh HP, Lal RK. 2009. Genotype-independent Germination-testing procedure for Isabgol. *Journal of New Seeds* **10**(3): 196 – 205.
46. **Birendra Kumar**, Gupta AK, Verma AK, Dubey A. 2008. Comparative seed germination of *Tagetes minuta*. *Journal of Tropical Medicinal Plants* **9** (1): 149 – 151.
47. **Birendra Kumar**, Gupta AK, Verma AK, Saini RK, Khanuja SPS. 2008. Comparative germination kinetics and efficiency in Marigold (*Tagetes erecta L.*) accessions over storage. *Journal of Medicinal and Aromatic Plant Sciences* **30** (2): 142 – 145.
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- i. An inter-specific menthofuran rich hybrid variety **CIMAP-Patra** of *Mentha piperita* (*M. arvensis* x *M. piperita*),
- ii. An inter-specific hybrid spearmint variety **CIM-Mohak** (*M. arvensis* x *M. spicata*) and
- iii. A menthol rich, sucker producing and erect growth habit peppermint variety **CIM-Suras**
as **Principal Plant Breeder/Principal Investigator** has been developed and released.
CIM-Patra is a unique and first inter-specific hybrid variety of *M. arvensis* x *M. piperita*

in the world having high menthofuran content and licensed to AM Todd Co. Ltd. for commercial cultivation (*CSIR News Letter 2010: Vol.60* (23&24): pp. 277).

Contribution as Active Team Member of Plant Breeder in the development of high yielding varieties (29 in numbers) of MAPs:

Menthol mint (Kosi): Half-sib progeny selection in the variety Kalka; Early maturing, oil yield (190kg/ha), oil content (0.75%), menthol content (65-75%), this variety covers more than 80% cultivated area of menthol mint,

Menthol mint (Damroo): Clonal Selection; first seed producing variety, propagated by suckers and seeds, oil yield (200kg/ha), oil content (0.6%),

Menthol mint (CIM-Unnati): Clonal Selection; early maturing, essential oil yield (190kg/ha), oil content (1.4%), menthol content (75%),

Peppermint (CIM-Indus): Clonal Selections in OPSPs; Erectoid growth habit, first peppermint chemovar having high (20-25%) menthofuran content, oil yield (72kg/ha),

Lemongrass (CIM- Suwarna): Clonal Selection; 180kg oil/ha; 0.8% oil content; 85-88% citral content; fast growing suitable for dry/marginal land,

Lemongrass (Chirharit): Clonal Selection; Frost resistant stay-green habit, Tetraploid, oil yield (261kg/ha/year), oil content (0.6%),

Java citronella (Jal Pallavi): Clonal Selection; Additional capability of growing in water logged situation, Oil yield (385kg/ha/year), oil content (0.8%),

Java citronella (CIM-Jeeva): Mutation Breeding; Semi erect; yellowish green leaves; light purple stem; plant survival 90%, Yield potential: 294 and 255 kg oil/ha/year, Oil content (%): 1.22 and 1.28 at Lucknow and Pantnagar, respectively.

Palmarosa (CIMAP-Harsh): Composite variety; 200kg oil/ha; 0.8% oil content; 85-89% geraniol.

Clarysage (CIM-Chandni): Clonal Selection in OPSPs; early maturing, white pettled flower, flower spike yield (170q/ha), essential oil yield (19.9kg/ha) with high linalool (26.2%) and linalyl acetate (52.4%).

Clarysage (CIM-Harit): Clonal Selections in OPSPs; early maturing, pale green bracteates, flower spike yield (180q/ha), essential oil yield (20kg/ha), Linalool (20-29%), Linalyl acetate (46-50%), seeds also yielding 28-30% fatty oil rich in Omega-3 fatty acid (45.7%).

Damask rose (Ranisahiba): Clonal Selection in Half-sib progeny of Kannauj rose, Profuse flowering ability and synchronous growth habit; high oil content potential (0.06%), flower yield (40q/ha).

Sweet Basil (CIM-Sharada): Clonal Selection in Half-sib progeny; An early maturing, methyl chavicol rich and high essential oil yielding strain of basil suitable for rain-fed conditions (*Ocimum basilicum*).

Sweet Basil (CIM-Surabhi): Clonal Selection in Half-sib progeny; A linalool rich, high essential oil yielding variety of sweet basil (*Ocimum basilicum*).

Sweet Basil (CIM-Snigdha): Clonal Selection in Half-sib progeny; A methyl cinnamate rich and high essential oil yielding variety of basil (*Ocimum basilicum*).

Lemon scented Basil (CIM Jyoti): Half sib selection; 150kg oil/ha; 0.9% oil content; 68-75% citral content.

Chamomile (CIMAP-Sammohak): Mutation breeding; 7.53q dry flower/ha; 6.63kg blue oil/ha; 0.9% oil content (dry flower); 12.98% chamzulene.

Chamomile (CIM-Ujwala): Mutation Breeding; dry flower yield (7.0-7.50q/ha), oil yield (6.0-6.5kg/ha), matricaria acid methyl ester content (76-80%).

Patchouli (CIM-Utkrisht): Intensive Breeding; Dark green with light purple tinged, dry herb yield (63q/ha), oil yield on dry weight (110kg/ha), oil content (1.70%), patchouli alcohol (43%).

Vetiver (CIM-Smriddhi): Cline Breeding; A high root yielding (35q/ha), oil yield (35kg/ha) khusilal rich (31%), Khusol (19%).

Pili Satavar (CIM-Sunahari): Half-sib family selection; dry root yield (97.5q/ha), saponin content (11.0%).

Brahmi (CIM-Jagriti): Clonal Selection; Thick green stem; small sized leaf; prostrate-semi erect; Dry herb yield: 41q/ha; Bacoside-A yield: 85kg/ha.

Vach (CIM-Balya): Clonal Selection; Erect; broad and light green leaves; Typical, cylindrical and light cream rhizomes; Dry rhizome yield: 9-11 t/ha; Oil content (%): 0.60-0.65.

Fennel (CIM-Sujal): Clonal Selection; Erect; dark green leaves; seed yield: 9.73q/ha; oil content: 2.35%; oil yield: 22.87kg/ha; anethol content (75-80%); fenclione content: 8.08%.

Stevia (CIMAP-Madhu): Half sib mating followed by clonal selection; 43q dry herbs/ha; 12.57% stevioside; 5.80 rebaudioside.

Opium poppy (CIMAP-Ajay): Hybridization; 9.5q seeds/ha; 8.50q straw/ha; 1.024% morphine, 0.055% codeine and 0.21% thebane in CPS (conc. Poppy straw).

Kewanch (CIM-Nirom): Mutation Breeding; hair less and high yielding pods.

Ashwagandha (CIMAP-Chetak): Half sib selection; Nagori type; 11.77q dry roots/ha; 0.40% total withanolide; 1.223% withaferine content in leaves.

Ashwagandha (CIMAP-Pratap): Half sib selection; 34.8q dry roots/ha; 0.31% total withanolide; 0.72% withaferine content in leaves.

Ashwagandha (CIM-Pushti): Inter-specific hybridization between Nagouri and Kashmiri; Withanolide-A content (0.713mg/g dry weight basis), Aithanolide-B content (0.460mg/g dry weight basis), root yield (9.0-10.0q/ha), leaf blight tolerant with good root textural quality have been developed and released for commercial cultivation.

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Sponsored Project Handled as a Principal Investigator/Co-PI/Active Member

1. Asheesh Concentrates International LLP, Mumbai industry sponsored project entitled "Identification and selection of THC and CBD, cannabinoid terpene and THCa rich strain/line/genotype of *Cannabis spp.*". (GAP-430; Project duration: 3 years; Project cost: **138.115** lakhs). Position: **Principal Investigator**.
2. NMPB sponsored project entitled "Ex-situ conservation and QPM production of medicinal and medicinally important aromatic plants (M & MIAPS) in ganga grams of Pryagraj, U.P. (GAP-506; Project duration: 3 years; Project cost: **31.25** lakhs). Position: **Principal Investigator**.
3. NMPB sponsored project entitled "Inventorization of medicinal and medicinally important aromatic plants (M & MIAPs) and its conservation in selected four Ganga Grams of Kanpur Nagar district of Uttar Pradesh". (GAP-368; Project duration: 3 years; Project cost: **23.628** lakhs). Position: **Principal Investigator**.

4. NMPB sponsored project entitled “Conservation and genetic improvement of Prishnparni (*Uraria picta*)-a critically endangered Dashmool drug”. (GAP-356; Project duration: 3 years; Project cost: **27.954** lakhs). Position: **Principal Investigator**.
5. NMPB sponsored project entitled “Identification of *Swertia chirayita* genotype (s)/strain (s) performing well under lower Himalayan altitude of Uttarakhand”. (GAP-340; Project duration: 3 years; Project cost: **27.45** lakhs). Position: **Principal Investigator**.
6. UPCST sponsored project entitled “Seed storage impact on longevity in Palmarosa (*Cymbopogon martinii*) seed”. (GAP-288; Project duration: 2 years; Project cost: **5.44** lakhs). Position: **Principal Investigator**.
7. UPSBB sponsored project entitled “Inventorization of aromatic plant species, their status and assessment of area under cultivation of essential oil bearing crops in five districts of upper Gangetic plains”. (GAP-275; Project duration: 2 years; Project cost: **12.95** lakhs). Position: **Principal Investigator**.
8. UPCST sponsored project entitled “Optimization of seed rate for commercial cultivation of seed propagated Palmarosa (*Cymbopogon martinii*) crops”. (GAP-200; Project duration: 2 years; Project Cost: **4.08** lakhs). **Position: Principal Investigator**
9. NMPB sponsored project entitled “Morpho-anatomical and quality attributes characterization in *Sida cordifolia* L. for high root biomass yielding genotypes”. (GAP-507; Project duration: 3 years; Project Cost: **33.94** lakhs). **Position: Co-Principal Investigator**.
10. NMPB sponsored project entitled “Dissemination of Vetiver (*Chrysopogon zizanioides*) agro-technologies in flood prone and contaminated area of Ganga River of Uttar Pradesh”. (GAP-369; Project duration: 3 years; Project Cost: 55.506 lakhs). **Position: Co-Principal Investigator**.
11. NMPB sponsored project entitled “Assessment of hazardous metals (As, Cd and Pb) translocation and accumulation in Kalmegh (*Andrographis paniculata*): Implication of genotype selection for minimal risk to human health”. (GAP-390; Project duration: 3 years; Project Cost: 38.206 lakhs). **Position: Co-Principal Investigator**.
12. DBT sponsored project entitled “Molecular, epidemiological and diversity analysis of Begomovirus(es) of Mentha towards development of diagnostics for better management”. (GAP- 233; Project duration: 3 years; Project cost: **28.30** lakhs). **Position: Co-Principal Investigator**.
13. NMPB Sponsored “Quality planting material production to six important medicinal plants”. (GAP-123; Project duration: 3 years; Project cost: **20.00** lakhs). **Position: Co-Principal Investigator**.
14. Ministry of Finance, Revenue Department sponsored project entitled “Improvement of latex-less and low alkaloid variety of *Papaver somniferum* L. towards development of phenotypically distinct variety for commercial exploitation as nutritive seed crop”. (GAP-421; Project duration: 5 years; Project cost: **238.0** lakhs). **Position: Active Member**.

15. DBT Sponsored project entitled “Field demonstration of improved agrotechnology of rose (*Rosa damascena*) and pyrethrum (*Chrysanthemum cinerariefolium*) in Uttarakhand”. (GAP-55; Project duration: 3 years; Project cost: **12.00** lakhs). **Position: Active Member**
16. DBT sponsored project entitled “Organization of training-cum-demonstration programme for popularization of improved varieties of menthol mint developed by CIMAP among the SC/ST communities of Lucknow district”. (GAP-35; Project duration: 2 years; Project Cost: **22.00** lakhs). **Position: Active Member.**

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