


**Summer Field School [Online] on  
 MOUNTAIN ECOSYSTEMS AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT  
 Ivano-Frankivsk Region, Ukraine :: 19-28 September, 2021**

**DELEGATE PARTICIPANT'S PROFILE**

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<b>Highest Education</b>	PhD
<b>Personal Statement</b>	<p>I am formally a Botanist, holding a Ph.D in Botany with specialization in Plant Virology. From 2000-2008, I have served in the Ministry of Education, State of Eritrea, finally as Director of Research at Eritrea Institute of Technology. Back home in India, I have joined higher Education Department in 2009 as Assistant Prof. and currently posted at Govt. PG College Rajouri. I have volunteered online for about 30 development organizations including a dozen UN office/organizations worldwide between 2003-2008 and was winner of online volunteer of year award in 2005 by UNV.</p> <p>I have dozens of publications to my credit including Research articles, book chapters, books, popular articles, and edited about 100 issues of newsletters/ magazines for several organizations. I have competed I have participated and presented my research findings in over 150 national and international conferences, seminars etc. I have completed 4 minor projects of Environment Conservation of WWF between 2012-2016. I am seeking all kinds of opportunities that enable me to contribute towards the novel</p>

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	act of environment and habitat protection. I am very passionate to explore and adapt to new places and attain advantageous acquaintance and contribute back-home in environmental conservation. I would like to enhance my skills and knowledge by joining this program which will further assist me to personal and professional capacity. I assure the organizers that I shall be an asset to the program and to the mission of managing the mountain ecosystems.
<b>Paper/Presentation Title (Unpublished work)</b>	<i>Managing Pir Panjal Ecosystems for Better Tourism and Economic Development</i>
<b>Keywords (3-5)</b>	Pirpanjal; Western Himalayas; Ecosystem; Tourism; Economy
<b>Abstract (100-300 words)</b>	Pirpanjal is range of mountains and plains in Western Himalayas dividing the Jammu and Kashmir geographically. The region is characterized by beautiful alpine meadows, mountains, lakes, waterfalls, and confer and oak forests in north and temperate to sus-tropical livelihoods in south. The twin District of Rajouri and Poonch bordering Pakistan in north-western Jammu Division are connected by historic Mughal Road passing from this region to Kashmir. The alpine meadows and mountains are seasonal home of nomadic and tribal population from entire region who pass summer along with sheep and cattle in this region. However, due to lack of road connectivity, harsh environmental conditions and other hardships this region has not been explored to its fullest and brought on tourism map. It has huge tourism potential and can serve as economy booster for people of region. An attempt has been made to bring the amazing seven lakes and other spots to light and help manage the ecosystems, conserve the natural habitats therein sustainably and attain economic development through tourism and other initiatives at same time.
<b>More Information (weblinks)</b>	<a href="https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Mohd-Ashaq">https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Mohd-Ashaq</a> <a href="https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=hIp9w30AAAAJ&amp;hl=en">https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=hIp9w30AAAAJ&amp;hl=en</a>