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Personal Statement	<p>Avinash Kumar, working as Assistant Professor in the department of Higher Education, Government of Himachal Pradesh, India for the last more than 12 years, and currently posted at Government College Chamba, District Chamba, Himachal Pradesh, India. I have done my graduation (medical) from Govt. College Chamba affiliated to Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla and masters (Zoology) from the Department of Zoology, Himachal Pradesh University Shimla and qualified State Level Eligibility Test (SLET) in 2006. I have participated and presented papers in various university, state, national and international levels, seminars/conferences/webinars/workshops.</p> <p>The areas of my research interest are wildlife, pisciculture, conservation of endangered species, ecosystem study etc. I am also involved with many professional and social registered and unregistered organisations like; Prabuddh Bharat Foundation, Bauddhik Research council, Ambedkar Mission Society, BAMCEF, HP State SC/ST Government Employees Association, Shri Guru Ravidass Mahasabha, Himachal Govt. Teachers Association, Govt. College Chamba Alumni Association etc. and working across the academics.</p>
Paper/Presentation Title (Unpublished)	<i>Effect of Anthropogenic Activities and Climatic Factors on the Conservation of Endangered Faunal Diversity of Kalatop- Khajjiar Wildlife Sanctuary of Chamba District of Himachal Pradesh</i>

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Keywords	Endangered Species; Kalatop-Khajjiar Wildlife Sanctuary; Anthropogenic; Musk Deer; Himalayan Gray Langur; Griffon
Abstract (100-300 words)	<p>Chamba district is the northernmost district of Himachal Pradesh and situated at an average elevation of 1,006 meters (3,301 ft). The Kalatop-Khajjiar Sanctuary spread in 30.69 km² situated at the distance of 36 Kms from district headquarter and 10 kms from Dalhousie and 16 kms from Khajjiar the world-famous tourist destinations. The sanctuary area is well laid-out for trekking trails both at Kalatop and Khajjiar. This wildlife sanctuary is a house for Pheasants, Serow, Black Bear, Musk Deer and more than 110 species of birds. Among pheasants Koklas, Kaleej, Cheer pheasant and Monal (the state bird of Himachal Pradesh) were recorded. Some of the spices, like; vulture species – Himalayan Griffon (<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>), Musk Deer (<i>Moschus moschiferus</i>), Hiamalayan gray langur (<i>Semnopithecus ajax</i>) also called <i>Chamba Sacred Langur</i>, Large billed crow (<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>) has confirmed their presence in this sanctuary.</p> <p>Habitat degradation, over exploitation, environmental change, increased anthropogenic activities have made their survival tough and threatened and their sight is rare now. Official spotting of Musk Deer (<i>Moschus moschiferus</i>) in the sanctuary has been reported through a trap camera after about 20 years along roadside in the way to Lakkarmandi-Kalatop rest house in the month of June 2019.</p> <p>The paper is an attempt to document the efforts of wildlife department, Chamba to conserve all these species in general and the threatened species inhabiting in this sanctuary in particular. Among the efforts; installation of trap cameras, awareness and participation of local people, professional monitoring, use of social media to promote conservational practices, technological advancements, restrictions of human activities etc. are few to count. It has been noted by the researcher that with such interventions, the survival and conservation of faunal diversity of this sanctuary has increased.</p>
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