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Dr Gopal Singh Rawat has been actively engaged in eco-floristic studies in the Indian Himalayan Region since last 34 years. His research on the ecology and management of high altitude ecosystems in the Western, Central, and Eastern Himalaya has significantly contributed towards scientific understanding of these ecosystems. His other research interests include phytogeography, Ecology of Himalayan vegetation, especially the alpine rangelands, animal-habitat interactions, and management for ecosystem services. During 1988, he received a Fellowship from FAO to undergo a six months training on Habitat Evaluation Procedures at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado, and later in 1993 received a short training in Alpine Plant Ecology at the Institute for Arctic and Alpine Research, University of Colorado at Boulder, USA. Dr Rawat conducted a landscape level survey of alpine vegetation across Western Himalaya during 2004 and brought out an update on the status of alpine meadows in the state of Uttarakhand, and also a monograph on the alpine vegetation of Western Himalaya that earned him DSc degree in Botany from Kumaun University, Naini Tal. He has been teaching post graduate courses on Vegetation Ecology and Wildlife Habitat Management at the Wildlife Institute of India since 1986 and has guided over 25 PhD and 10 Masters' students on a wide range of topics. He is a member of IUCN's Commission on Ecosystem Management, and IUCN/SSC's Orchid and Medicinal Plant Specialist Groups. His research has contributed significantly towards conservation of threatened plants especially orchids and medicinal plants. During 2011 – 2014 he served as Chief Scientist Ecosystem Services at the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Kathmandu. He has published over 200 research papers and articles in various national and international journals.