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Ongoing Research Projects

- All India Co-Ordinated Research Project on Biological Control of insect pests funded by ICAR for ₹ 40 lakhs/annum (Principal Investigator/Co-PI: Dr Subhash Chander Verma (PI) and Dr Vishav Gaurav Chandel (Co-PI)).
- Enhancing Farm Income Through Climate Resilient Subhash Palekar Natural Farming System in Horticulture Ecosystems funded by Department of Agriculture, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh for ₹ 30 lakhs/annum from 2019 to ongoing (Principal Investigator /Co-PI: Dr Subhash Chander Verma).
- Comparative Analysis of Natural and Conventional Farming Practices in Apple in Himachal Pradesh funded by Department of Agriculture, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh for ₹ 9.00 lakh (Principal Investigator /Co-PI: Dr Subhash Chander Verma).
- Studies on the effect of natural farming practices on crop productivity under Horticulture based cropping system. Funded by Director of Research, UHF Nauni-Solan Grant ₹ 20 Lakhs. (Principal Investigator Dr Subhash Chander Verma).

Important Research Publications

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