

Name : **DR. OM PAL SINGH KHOLA**
Designation : **Pr. Sci. (Agro.) & Head**
Qualification : B.Sc. (Hons.) Ag., M.Sc. (Ag.), Ph. D. (Agronomy)
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Service particulars:

- Head, IISWC, Research Centre, Chandigarh from 08.05.2019
- Head, IISWC, Res. Centre, Udhagamandalam from 02.04.2007 to 07.05.2019
- Principal Scientist from 21.03.2006
- Senior Scientist from 21.03.1998 to 20.03.2006
- Scientist (Sr. Scale) from 07.08.1994 to 20.03.1998
- Scientist from 07.08.1989 to 06.08.1994

Major Research Areas

: Development, testing and refinement of crops, cropping systems and agro-techniques for conservation of natural resources, their efficient utilization for sustainable production and improving the livelihood and economic status of farmers.

Participatory Integrated Watershed
Development

No. of Research Publications: Indian (**National**) : 22

(**International**) : 02

Visit(s) to abroad

: Attended International Training Programme on 'Sustainable Agriculture in an Environmental Perspective', Sept. 03 – Oct. 19, 2001 at Svalof Weibul AB, Svalov, Sweden. The programme was funded by SIDA. It was training cum visit programme to many Institutions in Sweden and Denmark.

Guided Post graduate/Ph. D (No. of students)

: 1 (in SWC Engg. at TNAU, Coimbatore)

Award & Recognition

: IASWC Gold Medal during 1994 by Indian Association of Soil and Water Conservationists, Dehradun, India for significant contributions in the field of Conservation and Management of Natural Resources
SCSI Leadership Award during 2006 by Soil Conservation Society of India, New Delhi, India for outstanding contribution in the areas of Research, Training, Technology Transfer and Extension leading to Soil and Water Conservation

Other important responsibility

: Member of State Level Implementation and Monitoring Committees for:
Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Soil Conservation for Enhancing Productivity of Degraded Lands in the Catchments of River Valley Projects, and
Command Area Development and Water Management Programme in Tamil Nadu

Member – Distt. /Scientific Advisory
Committees:

Biodiversity

Agriculture

Development Energy

Disaster Management

Krishi Vigyan Kendra

Completed 17 research projects, 10 as PI and 6 as Associate. These include 4 externally funded projects for ₹312 lakh

Organized 148 specialized Training Programmes of 3 to 30 days (143 as Course Director, 5 as Course Coordinator) and delivered specialized lectures in more than 264 courses

Organized 4 Conferences (at Dehradun, New Delhi, Ooty and Pune) as Organizing Secretary / Secretary General and 8 Workshops on topics of national / regional importance

Completed 3 consultancies worth ₹15.5 lakh on evaluation of watershed programmes and soil conservation / remediation measures.

Implemented 3 Model Watershed Programmes for holistic development through people's participation

Developed linkages and implemented outreach programmes of Crop Demonstrations, Farmers Participatory Action Research (FPARP), Transfer of Technology (TOT), Model Watersheds etc. for effective technology dissemination and refinement