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Academy of Scientific and  
Innovative Research (AcSIR),  
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### EDUCATION:

- 2007 Ph.D in Botany**  
Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany, Lucknow, India and Department of Botany,  
University of Lucknow, Lucknow, India  
*Thesis Advisor:* Dr. Amalava Bhattacharyya, BSIP, Lucknow, India  
*Thesis Title:* Analysis of climatic changes in Northeast Himalaya and its  
comparison with Western Himalaya during Late Quaternary
- 2001 M.Sc in Botany**  
University of North Bengal, Darjeeling, West Bengal, India
- 1998 B.Sc in Botany (Honours), Zoology and Chemistry**  
Kalimpong College, Kalimpong, West Bengal, India
- 2009 Professional course in Geology (April–July)**  
BSIP, Lucknow in collaboration with Palaeontological Society of India, Lucknow
- 2008 Diploma in French**  
University of Lucknow, Lucknow, India
- 2007 Proficiency in French**  
University of Lucknow, Lucknow, India
- 1999 Diploma in Computer Education**  
Aptech Computer Education, Kalimpong, West Bengal, India
- 1999 Diploma in Environment Management and ISO 14000/14001**  
National Institute of Labour and Management (NILEM) Adyar, Chennai, India

### APPOINTMENTS:

- 01/01/2021 – Scientist 'E',**  
**Till date** Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences, Lucknow, India
- 01/01/2017 – Scientist 'D',**  
**31/12/2020** Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences, Lucknow, India
- 01/01/2013 – Scientist 'C',**  
**31/12/2016** Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences, Lucknow, India
- 15/09/2008 – Scientist 'B',**  
**31/12/2012** Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany, Lucknow, India

29/03/2007 – **Birbal Sahni Research Associate,**  
14/09/2008 Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany, Lucknow, India

22/08/2003 – **Senior Research Fellow,**  
28/03/2007 Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany, Lucknow, India

01/01/2003 – **Junior Research Fellow,**  
30/06/2003 Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany, Lucknow, India

21/05/2002 – **Junior Research Fellow,**  
31/12/2002 Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany, Lucknow, India

01/09/2001 – **Project Assistant,**  
28/02/2002 University of North Bengal, Darjeeling, India

#### RESEARCH INTEREST:

- Dendroclimatology
- Climate reconstruction and climate variability study over the Common Era
- Past Drought, Floods, River flow reconstruction and Glacier fluctuation
- Climate Field Reconstruction
- Holocene Palynology and Modern Pollen-Climate calibration
- Instrumental climate data analysis

#### HONOURS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

2019 **President**, Asian Dendrochronological Association – (2019-2021)  
**Treasurer**, Association of Quaternary Researchers (AOQR) – (2019-2023)  
**Governing body Member**, Association of Quaternary Researchers (AOQR)  
**Founder Member**, Association of Quaternary Researchers (AOQR)  
**INSA Bilateral Exchange Fellowship**: Visited Tree-ring and Environmental Change Group, Xishuangbanna Tropical Botanical Garden (XTBG), CAS, P.R. China; July-August, 2019 (1 month).

2018 **Visiting Scientist**: Tree-ring and Environmental Change Group, Xishuangbanna Tropical Botanical Garden (XTBG), CAS, P.R. China; Jan.-Feb. 2018 (15 days).

2016 **Diamond Jubilee Medal**: for publishing papers of high quality in refereed journals during the two years preceding the year of the award.

2014 **Fellow**, East Himalayan Society for Spermatophyte Taxonomy  
**Sharda Chandra Memorial Gold Medal**: jointly with co-authors of paper entitled “*Analysis of vegetation and climate change during Late Pleistocene from Ziro Valley, Arunachal Pradesh, Eastern Himalaya Region*” published in Quaternary Science Reviews 101, 111-123,  
**Paper of the Month Award**: for August-September, 2014 at BSIP, Lucknow: For paper entitled “*Analysis of vegetation and climate change during Late Pleistocene from Ziro Valley, Arunachal Pradesh, Eastern Himalaya Region*” published in Quaternary Science Reviews 101, 111-123, 2014 (**co-author**)

**Paper of the Month Award:** for December, 2014 at BSIP, Lucknow: For paper entitled “Spring temperatures in the far-western Nepal Himalaya since A.D. 1640 reconstructed from *Picea smithiana* tree-ring widths” published in *Climate Dynamics* 45, 2069-2081, 2015 (**correspondence author**)

- 2008 **B.S.Venkatachala Memorial Gold Medal:** for the best research work done among the Young Scientists of the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany, Lucknow, India.
- 2006 **Young Scientist Award and Second-Best Presentation:** by Department of Science and Technology for the research contribution on Palaeoclimate studies (16<sup>th</sup> December, 2006). Department of Geology, University of Jammu, Jammu, India

#### IN-HOUSE PROJECTS AT BSIP, LUCKNOW:

- April, 2021–  
March, 2025** Project: *Late Pleistocene–Holocene vegetation and climate reconstructions for the Himalayan region: understanding the dynamics and forcing mechanisms*  
Working as a core team member  
Status: Ongoing
- Project: *Quaternary Monsoon/ Climate reconstruction through high resolution multi-proxy studies of Lacustrine archives from central India (Core Monsoon Zone and Indo-Gangetic Plain)*  
Working as an associate member  
Status: Ongoing
- April, 2019–  
March, 2021** Project: *Tree-ring based climate reconstruction of the Eastern Himalaya: A spatio-temporal perspective of multi-decadal variability*  
Status: Completed
- April, 2017–  
March, 2019** Project: *Spatio-temporal reconstruction of temperature and hydroclimatic variability in eastern and western Himalaya based on tree-rings*  
Status: Completed
- April, 2012–  
March, 2017** Project: *Tree-ring analysis from high altitude areas of Himalayan region: A comparative approach with emphasis on the eastern sector* (Project number: 10.2 under XII Five Year Plan (2012-2017))  
Status: Completed
- April, 2007–  
March, 2012** Project: *Analysis of climatic changes based on multi proxy data during Holocene from peninsular and Himalayan region* (Project number: 10.2 under XI Five Year Plan (2007-2012))  
Status: Completed

#### EXTRAMURAL / SPONSORED PROJECTS:

- Co-Principal Investigator** Project: *Response of forest ecosystem to climate change in the Karnali region of Nepal Himalaya*  
Sponsor: Tribhuvan University, Kirtipur, Nepal.  
Principal Investigator: Narayan Prasad Gaire, Patan Multiple Campus, Tribhuvan University, Lalitpur, Nepal.  
Status of the project: Ongoing

<b>Principal Investigator</b>	Project: <i>Past climate change and tree line dynamics based on tree-ring data from the Himalayan region</i> Sponsor: SERB Division, DST, New Delhi Status of the project: Completed
<b>Member</b>	Project: <i>Tree line shift in central Nepal Himalaya and climate reconstruction of past millennia</i> Sponsor: Nepal Academy of Science and Technology, Nepal. Principal Investigator: Tree-ring society of Nepal; Status of the project: Completed
<b>Co-Principal Investigator</b>	Project: <i>Analysis of Climatic changes since LGM from South-West continental margin India using multi-proxy data: Pollen, Diatom and Tree-ring data</i> Sponsor: ISRO-GBP, India. Principal Investigator: Dr. Amalava Bhattacharyya, BSIP, Lucknow, India Status of the project: Completed

#### PARTICIPATION IN OTHER PROJECTS:

22/08/2003 –	Worked as: Senior Research Fellow (SRF)
28/03/2007	Project/ Principal Investigator: <i>Analysis of climatic changes in North-east India during last several thousand years using pollen and tree-ring data</i> / A. Bhattacharyya, BSIP, Lucknow Sponsor: Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi
01/01/2003 –	Worked as: Junior Research Fellow (JRF)
30/06/2003	Project/ Principal Investigator: <i>Analysis of climatic changes vis-à-vis glacial fluctuations using pollen and tree-ring data in Gangotri glacier area, Garhwal Himalaya</i> / A. Bhattacharyya, BSIP, Lucknow Sponsor: Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi
21/05/2002 –	Worked as: Junior Research Fellow (JRF)
31/12/2002	Project/ Principal Investigator: <i>Analysis of climatic changes in eastern Himalayan region using tree-ring data</i> / A. Bhattacharyya, BSIP, Lucknow Sponsor: Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi

#### PUBLICATIONS:

##### Publication's summary:

Total Publication **73** [Journal Articles, Reviews and Book chapters **69**; Scientific report **4**]

##### Journal Articles, Reviews and Book Chapters

- 2023 [69] Singh AK, **Shah SK**, Pandey U, Deeksha, Thomte L, Rahman TW, Mehrotra N, Singh DS, Kotlia BS. 2023. Vegetation Index (NDVI) reconstruction from western Himalaya through dendrochronological analysis of *Cedrus deodara*. *Theoretical and Applied Climatology*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00704-023-04718-4>
- [68] Mehrotra N, **Shah SK**, Kar R. 2023. Palynology: a tool to decipher the impact of anthropogenic activity on palaeo-vegetation - a review based on fossil pollen records from India. In Samanta B, Thakre D. (Eds): *Application of Palynology in Stratigraphy and climate studies*. Springer. Gewerbestrasse, Switzerland (In Press)

- [67] Babushkina EA, Zhirnova DF, Belokopytova LV, Mehrotra N, Dergunov DR, **Shah SK**, Veganov EA. 2023. Conifer quantitative wood anatomy as proxy data: application in agricultural yield reconstruction. *Trees*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00468-023-02437-x>
- [66] Pandey U, Nakatsuka T, Mehrotra N, Zhen L, Kato Y, Sano M, **Shah SK**. 2023. Tree-rings stable isotope ( $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  and  $\delta^2\text{H}$ ) based 368 years long term precipitation reconstruction of South Eastern Kashmir Himalaya. *Science of the Total Environment* 892: 164640. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scitotenv.2023.164640>
- [65] Mehrotra N, Basavaiah N, **Shah SK**. 2023. Revisit the Medieval Warm Period and Little Ice Age in Proxy Records from Zemu Glacier Sediments, Eastern Himalaya: Vegetation and Climate Reconstruction. *Quaternary* 6(2): 32 <https://doi.org/10.3390/quat6020032>
- [64] Gaire NP, **Shah SK**, Sharma B, Mehrotra N, Thapa UK, Zan ZX, Aryal PC, Bhuju DR. 2023. Spatial minimum temperature reconstruction over the last three centuries for eastern Nepal Himalaya based on tree rings of *Larix griffithiana*. *Theoretical and Applied Climatology* 152: 895-910. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00704-023-04432-1>
- [63] **Shah SK**, Berkelhammer M, Li Q, Mehrotra N, Thomte L, Shell R, Pandey U, Gaire NP, Kathayat G, Sinha A. 2023. Regional tree-ring oxygen isotope deduced summer monsoon drought variability for Kumaun-Gharwal Himalaya. *Quaternary Science Reviews* 301: 107927. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.quascirev.2022.107927>
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- [60] Pandey U, **Shah SK**, Mehrotra N. 2023. Fluctuations of Kolahoi glacier, Kashmir valley, its assessment with tree-rings of *Pinus wallichiana* and comparable satellite imageries and field survey records. In Pandey M, Pandey PC, Ray Y, Arora A, Jawak SD, Shukla UK (Eds): *Advances in Remote Sensing Technology and The Three Poles*, John Wiley & Sons Ltd: 203-212. <https://doi.org/10.1002/9781119787754.ch13>
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- 2022 [58] Mehrotra N, **Shah SK**, Basavaiah N, Kar R. 2022. Middle to Late Holocene climate, vegetation and sea-level changes in NW Tripura, northeast India, based on palynological and mineral magnetic evidence. *Journal of Paleolimnology* 68: 297-313. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10933-022-00249-6>

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- 2020 [50] Thomte L, **Shah SK**, Mehrotra N, Bhagabati AK, Saikia A. 2020. Response between tree-rings of *Pinus kesiya* and daily climate – A study from Manipur, Northeast India. *The Palaeobotanist* 69: 27-34. <https://doi.org/10.54991/jop.2020.28>
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- [04] Group Leader/ Instructor for field week of project *Dendroclimatology and Dendrohydrology* during 10<sup>th</sup> World Dendro Conference; June 2-22, 2018
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- [01] Training Workshop on “*Concepts in Quaternary climate studies with emphasis on Dendrochronology and Palynology*” held at Srinagar, Garhwal Himalaya, Uttaranchal; organized by BSIP, Lucknow, India; 2009

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