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Educational Qualifications

- PhD (Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry) Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, India (2021)
- M.Sc. (Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry) Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, India (2015)
- B.Sc. Agriculture (Hons.) Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya, Mohanpur, Nadia, W.B., India (2013)

Professional Experience

- ❖ Scientist (Sr. scale) at ICAR-NBSS&LUP, RC Kolkata from 23-01-2026 to till date
- ❖ Scientist (Sr. scale) at ICAR-NRCO, Pakyong, Sikkim from 02-07-2022 to 22-01-2026.
- ❖ Scientist at ICAR-NRCO, Pakyong, Sikkim, from 10/10/2018 to 01-07-2022
- ❖ Scientist at ICAR-NAARM, Hyderabad from 02/07/2018 to 29-09-2018

Research Areas

- ❖ Soil fertility dynamics and nutrient management — including nitrogen mineralization, phosphorus fixation, potassium dynamics, and utilization of alternative nutrient sources for sustainable crop production.
- ❖ Advanced fertilizer technologies and precision nutrition — development and evaluation of controlled-release fertilizers, nutrient-enriched composts, and integrated nutrient management strategies for field crops and orchids.
- ❖ 7.5 years of experience in the field of orchid nutrition and potting media research
- ❖ Orchid genetic improvement and breeding
- ❖ Orchid production, protection, and precision cultivation
- ❖ Conservation biology and biodiversity management of orchids
- ❖ Orchid value chain, stakeholder capacity building, and commercialization

International Experience - Nil

Awards

- **Zonal Award** from the North Zone of India by the Indian Society of Soil Science, for best presentation of M.Sc. dissertation (2016), at the C.S. Azad university of Agriculture and Technology, Kanpur.
- **Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship** by University Grants Commission, for the year 2015-16 to pursue my Ph.D. Degree
- **Junior Research Fellowship** by Indian Council of Agricultural Research in Soil Science for Master's Degree Programme
- **Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students** by Government of India, Ministry of Human resource development, Department of higher education during B.Sc.(Ag.) Hons
- **Best poster Award** by International plant nutrition institute at international conference on "Advances in potassium research for efficient soil and crop management" at NASC complex, New Delhi, on 28th and 29th August 2017
- **Best poster Award** by Uttar Banga Krishi Viswavidyalaya, during National seminar on 'Horticulture for sustainable Development, Nutritional & livelihood Security' during 26th-27th May, 2022

- **Best poster presentation Award** by Indian Society of Soil Science during 82nd Annual Convention of the Society on 13th December 2017 at Kolkata
- **Best Poster Presentation Award** during 10th Indian Horticulture Congress- at College of Veterinary Science Campus, Assam Agricultural University, Khanapara, Guwahati, Assam, 06-09th November, 2023
- Ranked first in the Indian Agricultural Research Institute Entrance Examination for the Discipline of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry for the Doctoral Degree Programme.

Honours/Recognitions

- Acted as vigilance officer of ICAR-NRC for Orchid during 2025-2026.
- Reviewer of Journal of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition, Scientific Reports etc.
- Acted as Member of Ph.D. Co-guide of a student of Sikkim University.
- Acted as Supervisor of institute orientation training of two of ICAR-NRCO during 2022 and 2025.
- Acted as Assistant Centre Coordinator to conduct online exam for Combined NET-2025 and Preliminary Examination for ARS, SMS (T-6) and STO (T-6) – 2025 at Gangtok centre
- Acted as Observer to conduct online exam for Online NET-2023, SMS (T-6) and STO (T-6) Examination-2023 at Gangtok centre

Ten Best Research Papers along with NAAS Rating-2026

Sl. No.	Publication	NAAS Rating
1.	Biswas, S.S.* , Biswas, D.R., Ghosh, A., Sarkar, A., Saha, M., Roy, T., Ghosh, G.K., Das, A. and Basak, B.B., 2026. Redefining P Fertilization in Wheat, Soil P Biogeochemistry and Ecosystem Resilience With PSB-Activated Low Grade Rock Phosphate. Journal of Environmental Chemical Engineering, p.121342.	13.2
2.	Biswas, S.S.* , Natta, S., De, L.C. and Das, S.P., 2024. Maximizing <i>Zygopetalum maculatum</i> orchid yield through calcium nutrition: Unveiling calcium content and dynamics across different plant parts at different growth stages of the orchid. Scientia Horticulturae, 333, p.113244.	10.2
3.	Biswas, S.S.* , Natta, S., Kalaivanan, N.S., Chandan Gowda, H., De, L.C. and Das, S.P., 2025. Potassium application enhances vegetative and reproductive yield of <i>Zygopetalum maculatum</i> and reduces post-flowering K depletion from storage organs of the orchid. Scientific Reports, 15(1), p.10907.	9.90
4.	Biswas, S.S.* , Natta, S., Kalaivanan, N.S., De, L.C., Ghosh, A., Sarkar, A. and Das, S.P., 2025. Enhanced <i>Cymbidium</i> 'PCMV' hybrid orchid yield through calcium nutrition: Deep insight into Ca dynamics among different plant parts at its various growth stages. Journal of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition, 25(1), pp.680-692.	9.10
5.	Biswas, S.S.* , Biswas, D.R., Sarkar, A. and Ghosh, A., 2023. Oxalic-acid-treated waste mica, a potent natural supplement to K fertilizers for growing wheat and rice in inceptisol. Journal of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition, 23(1), pp.581-593.	9.10
6.	Biswas, S.S.* , Biswas, D.R., Ghosh, A., Sarkar, A., Das, A. and Roy, T., 2022. Phosphate solubilizing bacteria inoculated low-grade rock phosphate can supplement P fertilizer to grow wheat in sub-tropical inceptisol. Rhizosphere, 23, p.100556.	9.50
7.	Ghosh, A., Kumar, S., Manna, M.C., Singh, A.K., Sharma, P., Sarkar, A., Saha, M., Bhattacharyya, R., Misra, S., Biswas, S.S. and Biswas, D.R., 2019. Long-term in situ moisture conservation in horti-pasture system improves biological health of degraded land. Journal of environmental management, 248, p.109339.	14.4
8.	Sarkar, A., Biswas, D.R., Datta, S.C., Roy, T., Moharana, P.C., Biswas, S.S. and Ghosh, A., 2018. Polymer coated novel controlled release rock phosphate formulations for improving phosphorus use efficiency by wheat in an	12.8

9.	Inceptisol. Soil and Tillage Research, 180, pp.48-62. Singhal, V.K., Ghosh, A., Singh, A.K., Singh, Y., Biswas, S.S. , Ojha, D. and Bhattacharyya, R., 2025. How grasses stabilize soil organic carbon in aggregates of semi-arid ecologically restored land: Evidence from ¹³ C natural abundance. Catena, 249, p.108627.	11.7
10.	Ghosh, A., Biswas, D.R., Bhattacharyya, R., Das, S., Das, T.K., Lal, K., Saha, S., Alam, K., Sarkar, A. and Biswas, S.S. , 2023. Recycling rice straw enhances the solubilisation and plant acquisition of soil phosphorus by altering rhizosphere environment of wheat. Soil and Tillage Research, 228, p.105647.	12.8

➤ **Other important achievements**

- ❖ **Co-developer of five registered orchid genetic stocks with high nutraceutical value**, formally documented under national accession systems, and **INGR number-Indian National Germplasm Registration number** (INGR24076, INGR24077, INGR24075, INGR24078, INGR25102).
- ❖ **Co-developer of 22 officially released orchid hybrids** (7 *Paphiopedilum*, 8 *Cymbidium*, 1 *Dendrobium*, 6 *Phalaenopsis*) through ICAR-NRC for Orchids and approved by the State Variety Release Committee (SVRC),

Total Publications (Peer-reviewed journals only): 40

International:33

National:07

Google Scholar link:

https://scholar.google.co.in/citations?hl=en&user=BVxlzD4AAAAJ&view_op=list_works&sortby=pupdate

Research Gate link:

https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Siddhartha-Biswas-9?ev=hdr_xprf