

## **About Dr. Praful Kumar**

Dr. Praful Kumar was born in 1990 at Kabirdham District of Chhattisgarh State in India. He is currently working as an Assistant Professor (Guest Teacher on a contractual basis) in the Department of Plant Pathology at the College of Agriculture and Research Station, Bemetara under the affiliation of Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, India. Since September 2019 he has been involved in teaching. Prior to this, Dr. Praful Kumar did his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Raipur, Chhattisgarh in 2014. He completed his Master of Science (Agriculture) in Plant Pathology from Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth, Akola, Maharashtra in 2016, and was awarded Ph. D (Agriculture) in Plant Pathology from Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Raipur, Chhattisgarh in 2019. Not only that, but he qualified for ICAR-NET in 2016. His interesting research areas are bio-control agents, mushroom cultivation, phytopathogens, diseases of field and horticulture crops, and their management. He has published 8 research papers in National and International journals, more than 10 popular articles in different reputable magazines, 10 abstracts in different seminars and conferences, and 1 book chapter. He has participated in more than 10 National and International seminars, webinars, conferences, symposiums, conventions, workshops, and Training. He has been awarded the “Young Professional Award” in 2018 and the “Young Scientist Award” in 2021.