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Dr. Paliwal was awarded the prestigious UGC Research Award for 2014–2016, during which he completed a notable project titled “*Open Schooling in Hilly Areas: A Critical Analysis of its Reach and Responsiveness*”, funded by the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), Ministry of Human Resource Development. Currently, he is involved in an ongoing project sanctioned by the National Commission for Women (NCW), New Delhi, where he also serves as an expert in project evaluation.

Dr. Paliwal is also an active research supervisor. 3 Ph.D. degrees have been awarded under his supervision, and four research scholars are currently pursuing their Ph.D. degrees under his guidance. In addition, he has successfully supervised two Post-Doctoral Fellows (ICSSR). He has organized several national and international conferences, seminars, and workshops, with funding and support from institutions such as the University of Sains Malaysia, ICSSR, NCW, and Uttarakhand Open University. His research interests include Research Methodology, Women's Health and Traditional Practices, and Marginalized Sections of Society.

Dr. Paliwal has contributed as a reviewer for reputed international journals, including the *Journal of Education, Youth and Society* (SAGE) and the *Journal of Intellectual Property Rights* (NISCAIR, New Delhi). He also serves as an Expert Panel Member for multiple State Public Service Commissions. His distinguished academic and research contributions have earned him international recognition. He was conferred the title of “Academician of Social Sciences” by the International Academy of Social Sciences (IASS), Florida, USA, and was awarded the Honorary Fellowship in Social Sciences by the Indian Social Science Association at Banaras Hindu University (BHU) in 2017.