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Dr Rajesh Thadani, a Post-Graduate of School of Environmental Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in year 1992, pursued his academic interests from University of Yale, New Heavens, USA and obtained degree of Master of Forest Science (MFS), MPhil, and PhD from there. He started his career as a hard core researcher in forest ecology and natural resource management, and later expanded his domain to include concerns of forest dependent rural community, regional developmental issues, policy matters related to ecosystem service flows of Himalayan Forests and biodiversity, their valuation, and compensation. He is an adjunct faculty an instructor of School of Environmental sciences of the Yale University, advisor to Ratan Tata Trust Mumbai and Managing Director of M G Sahani & Co Ltd, New Delhi. He has been actively associated with many international institutions and NGOs working in the Himalayas and using his international exposure to espouse the cause of Himalayan rural communities and environment in various forums and policy platforms. He is in the governing board of many NGOs including CHIRAG & Himmothan in Uttarakhand, NEIDA (Nagaland) and CInI (Central India). He has written several articles and research papers related to forest ecosystems, and their sustainability and management, and have also co-authored books on biodiversity, and carbon trading and co-benefits. He has also been the Director of Carbon Disclosure Project India.