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Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Solan, was established on 1st December, 1985 with the objective to promote education, research and extension education in the fields of Horticulture, Forestry and allied disciplines. Late Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar, the first Chief Minister and the architect of Himachal Pradesh perceived the importance of Horticulture and Forestry to develop and improve the State economy which led to the establishment of this University. Its history lies in erstwhile Himachal Agricultural College, Solan, established in 1962 and affiliated to the Panjab University. It became one of the campuses of Agriculture Complex of Himachal Pradesh University on its formation in 1970. Consequent upon the establishment of Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishvavidyalaya in 1978, this campus became its Horticulture Complex and finally in 1985, assumed the status of a State University, being the only University in the country engaged exclusively in teaching, research and extension in Horticulture and Forestry.

The University is located at Nauni in Solan District of Himachal Pradesh, 13 km from Solan on Solan-Rajgarh Road, at an elevation of 1300 metres above mean sea level. Solan town is situated on national highway (NH-22) and is well connected by train and bus services. From this year, a new “Institute of Biotechnology and Environmental Science” has been established at Neri in Hamirpur District located on Nadaun-Hamirpur State Highway, about 6 Km away from Hamirpur town and is well connected with bus service.

The University has two constituent Colleges located at the main campus, Nauni, one for Horticulture and the other for Forestry, having 8 and 7 departments respectively besides Seed Technology & Production Centre functioning under College of Horticulture. B Sc (Honours) Horticulture and B Sc (Honours) Biotechnology degree programme(s) shall commence from this Academic Year at the “Institute of Biotechnology and Environmental Science” at Neri in Hamirpur District. In addition, there are 5 Regional Research Stations and 12 Research Sub-Stations situated in different zones of the State and four Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) at Chamba, Rohroo, Sharbo and Kandaghat.