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Dr. Rafiq was awarded highly competitive and prestigious scholarships by French Government and Higher Education Commission (HEC) Pakistan to pursue his MS studies in France and PhD studies in China respectively. His research focus is the establishment of Environmental Quality Standards of different textured soils for food safety. He also studied the impact of bioavailability of heavy metals on Plants and Human health. His research articles have been published in highly reputed and scientifically recognised international journals in the field of Environmental Sciences like, *Science of the Total Environment*, *Journal of Environmental Quality*, *Ecotoxicology and Environmental safety* and *Chemosphere*. Dr. Rafiq has authored 23 research articles with a cumulative impact factor of more than 70. He is serving as referee for some prestigious journals like Environmental Pollution, Science of the Total Environment and Archives of Environmental Contamination and Toxicology. He has supervised theses 12 MS students in Environmental Sciences while three PhD students are working under his research supervision.

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