



# CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF RAJASTHAN

**SPARC-2026** 



### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON

"Advancing Plant Biotechnology for Stress Resilience and Nutritional Food **Security – Chances for Legume and Orphan Crops**"

February 25-26, 2026

### About the Conference

The SPARC (Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration) plays a vital role in fostering high-quality research partnerships between Indian institutions and leading global universities. The conference is crucial for promoting global collaboration in developing climate-resilient and nutrient-rich crops. It provides a platform for scientists, academicians, and industry experts to share breakthroughs in plant biotechnology, genomics, and breeding strategies. By focusing on legumes and orphan crops, the conference highlights underutilized species with immense potential to enhance food security and sustainability. It aims to integrate advanced research with real-world agricultural needs, fostering innovation and partnerships that can address global challenges of malnutrition, climate stress, and sustainable farming.

### **Patron**



**Prof. Anand Bhalerao** Hon'ble Vice Chancellor **CURAJ** 



Prof. Saniib Kumar Panda CURAJ, Ajmer Convener



Prof. Petra Bauer HHU, Germany Co- Convener

# **Event Details**

Dayı	
Inauguration of the event	10:30 am -12:00 pm
Keynote Session-1	12:00-1:30 pm
Lunch	1:30-2:30 pm
Keynote Session-2	2:30-4:30 pm
Excursion: Pushkar	4:30 pm onwards
Day2	
Keynote Session-3	10:00 am- 12:00 pm
Keynote Session-4	12:00- 2:00 pm
Lunch	2:00- 3:00 pm
Keynote Session-5	3:00- 5:00 pm
Valedictory	5:00- 6:00 pm

## **Invited Speakers**



Dr. K.C. Bansal IARI, New Delhi



Prof. Björn Usadel HHU, Germany



Dr. Christell Stellenbosch University, SA



KAUST, Saudi Arabia



Dr. Caroline Gutjahr



Prof. Jürgen Zeier Max Planck Institute, Germany



Prof. Santanu Paul Calcutta University



Dr. V Chinnusamy IARI, New Delhi



Dr. C. Bharadwaj



Prof Tatiana Hildebrandt University of Cologne, Germany GBU, Gujrat



Dr. Nisha Singh



Dr. Alok Das IIPR, Kanpur



Dr. Vinay Kumar CU Punjab



Dr. Siddharth NABI. Mohali

### Registration fee

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Categories	Early Bird Registration	Late Registration	Spot Registration	
Faculty, Scientists	Rs. 4000	Rs. 5000	6000	
Post-Doctoral Fellow	Rs. 2000	Rs. 3000	4000	
Research scholars/PhD students/ nnovators	Rs. 1500	Rs. 2000	2500	
Master/Bachelors students	Rs. 1000	Rs. 1500	2000	
Industry and Corporate sector	Rs. 5000	Rs. 6000	7000	



**Award for Young Scientist and Poster** 

\*Registration fee include Registration Kit, Breakfast, Tea and Lunch. Accommodation will be provided on the first come first serve basis

Deadline for Early-bird registration and fee payment 31st Dec 2025

Last date for late registration and fee payment

15th Jan 2026

**Registration Form link** 

https://forms.gle/8mnnXrbafkmy9XTM6



### **Organizing Committee**

-	Convener	Prof. Sanjib K Panda
	Co-Convener	Prof. Petra Bauer
	Organizing Committee:	Dr. Dipak Gayen
		Dr. Akhil Agrawal Dr. Tarun Kumar Bhatt
	Local Committee	Prof. Pradeep Verma
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Venue: School of Life Science, CURAJ



The Central University of Rajasthan (CURAJ), established in 2009 by an Act of Parliament (No. 25 of 2009), is one of India's leading central universities. Situated at Bandarsindri, Ajmer, Rajasthan, the university aims to provide high-quality education, research, and innovation across diverse disciplines including Science, Engineering, Technology, Humanities, and Social Sciences. CURAJ has a picturesque and eco-friendly campus spread over 518 acres, equipped with modern academic infrastructure, advanced research laboratories, digital classrooms, a rich central library, and residential facilities for students and faculty. The university has been accredited with an "A++" Grade by NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council), reflecting its commitment to academic excellence and institutional quality. It has also been recognized under Category—I by the University Grants Commission (UGC), which places it among the top-performing universities in India with high academic and research standards. CURAJ Rank 89 under National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), University, highlighting its growing reputation in teaching, learning, and research. With strong emphasis on interdisciplinary research, CURAJ hosts numerous projects funded by DST, DBT, UGC, ICSSR, and other national agencies. It also fosters innovation and entrepreneurship through its incubation and skill development programs. Driven by the vision of fostering academic excellence, inclusiveness, and sustainable innovation, the Central University of Rajasthan continues to evolve as a Center of excellence in higher education and research at both national and global levels.

Major themes of the conference			
☐ Stress physiology and resilience mechanisms	☐ Phenotyping and biostimulants		
☐ Genomics and transcriptomics	☐ Microbial interactions and soil health		
☐ Genome editing (e.g., CRISPR/Cas9)	☐ Translational agriculture, agri-tech startup, and business		

### **Guideline for Abstract Submission**

- Format for Abstract: In MS Word not exceeding 300 words (unstructured).
- Font: Times New Roman, Text should be justified (single spacing, margin: L2", R1").
- Title: Capital and bold with font size 14
- Author/s name: Surname followed by initials with space and without points between surname and initials. If authors are more than one then name should be separated by coma (Example: Mohanty A, Kerkar S and Garg).
- Affiliation: Authors name should be followed by institutional affiliation. If more than one institute is involved it should be indicated by superscript roman numerals. E-mail ID of corresponding author only to be provided.
- Presenting authors should be indicated by \*
- Key words: 5-6 words in Italics, bold with font size 10.
- Poster Presentation: Poster (36inch x 48inch; portrait) should be in one piece either in flex or laminated paper.
- Oral Presentation: Presentations should be prepared in power point. Time limit: 10 (8+2) minutes.
- The organizing committee will send the acceptance letter for poster or oral presentation after screening of the abstracts.
- Link for Online Registration: <a href="https://forms.gle/8mnnXrbafkmy9XTM6">https://forms.gle/8mnnXrbafkmy9XTM6</a>
- Email ID: sparcuraj2026@gmail.com
- Note: Registration is valid only after payment of Registration fees. Registration fee is non-refundable
- Account details for payment: Bank A/C No.: 666710210000001; Central University of Rajasthan Merit Scholarship Bank of India, Branch: CURAJ; IFSC: BKID0006667

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