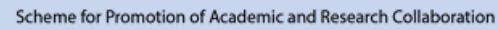




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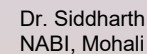
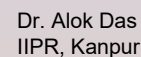
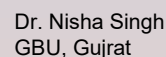
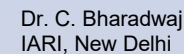
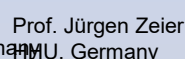
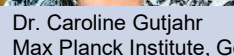
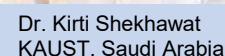
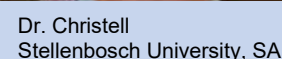
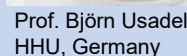
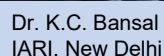
## About the Conference

## Patron



## Event Details

## Invited Speakers



## Registration fee

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/ Innovators	Rs. 1500	Rs. 2000	2500
Master/Bachelors students	Rs. 1000	Rs. 1500	2000
Industry and Corporate sector	Rs. 5000	Rs. 6000	7000



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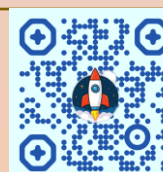
## Important Dates

Deadline for Early-bird registration and fee payment	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2025
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**Last date for late registration and fee payment** 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026

**Registration Form link**

<https://forms.gle/8mnnXrbafkmv9XTM6>



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Major themes of the conference	
<input type="checkbox"/> Stress physiology and resilience mechanisms	<input type="checkbox"/> Phenotyping and biostimulants
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## 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: <https://forms.gle/8mnnXrbafkmy9XTM6>
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