

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	Invited Speakers							
Prof. Anand Bhalerao Hon'ble Vice Chancellor CURAJ	Dr. K.C. Bansal IARI, New Delhi	Prof. Björn Usadel HHU, Germany	Dr. Christell Stellenbosch University, SA	Dr. Kirti Shekhawat KAUST, Saudi Arabia	Dr. Caroline Gutjahr Max Planck Institute, Germany	Prof. Jürgen Zeier MPU, Germany	Prof. Santanu Paul Calcutta University	Dr. V Chinnusamy IARI, New Delhi
Prof. Sanjib Kumar Panda CURAJ, Ajmer Convener	Prof. Petra Bauer HHU, Germany Co- Convener	Prof. Jürgen Zeier MPU, Germany	Prof. Santanu Paul Calcutta University	Dr. Alok Das IIPR, Kanpur	Dr. Vinay Kumar CU Punjab	Dr. Siddharth NABI, Mohali	Dr. C. Bharadwaj IARI, New Delhi	Dr. C. Bharadwaj IARI, New Delhi
Event Details								
Day1								
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							

Registration fee

Award



Award for Young Scientist and Poster

Categories	Early Bird Registration	Late Registration	Spot Registration	Convener	Prof. Sanjib K Panda
Faculty, Scientists	Rs. 4000	Rs. 5000	6000	Co-Convenor	Prof. Petra Bauer
Post-Doctoral Fellow	Rs. 2000	Rs. 3000	4000	Organizing Committee:	Dr. Dipak Gayen Dr. Akhil Agrawal Dr. Tarun Kumar Bhatt
Research scholars/PhD students/ Innovators	Rs. 1500	Rs. 2000	2500	Local Committee	Prof. Pradeep Verma Prof. Pawan K. Dadhichi Dr. Hemant Daima Dr. Jay Kant Yadav
Master/Bachelors students	Rs. 1000	Rs. 1500	2000	National Advisory Committee	Prof. Gyana Ranjan Rout Prof. Bhaben Tanti Prof. Lingaraj Sahoo Dr. Pratap Kumar Pati
Industry and Corporate sector	Rs. 5000	Rs. 6000	7000	International Advisory Committee	Dr. Mather A. Khan Dr. Takehiro Kamiya Dr. Ricardo F. H. Giehl Dr. Tom Schreiber Prof. Bettina Hause Dr. Martina Ried-Lasi

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

Important Dates

Registration Form link

Deadline for Early-bird registration and fee payment 15th Jan 2026
Last date for late registration and fee payment 31st Jan 2026

<https://forms.gle/8mnnXrbafkmy9XTM6>



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

<input type="checkbox"/> Stress physiology and resilience mechanisms	<input type="checkbox"/> Phenotyping and biostimulants
<input type="checkbox"/> Genomics and transcriptomics	<input type="checkbox"/> Microbial interactions and soil health
<input type="checkbox"/> Genome editing (e.g., CRISPR/Cas9)	<input type="checkbox"/> 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: <https://forms.gle/8mnnXrbafkmy9XTM6>
- 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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