

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.

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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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