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Two Day International Conference

on

**Regenerative and Resilient: Shaping the Future of
Agriculture through Sustainability (RRSFAS)**

Organized by

Maya Devi University & Uttarakhand State Council for Science and Technology (UCOST), Dehradun

In association with

**ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil and Water Conservation, Dehradun &
Department of Agriculture, Government of Uttarakhand**

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Mode of Participation: Hybrid (Physical/Virtual)**

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About Maya Devi University (MDU)

Maya Devi University has evolved from the Maya Group of Colleges, which was established in 2010 and has developed a strong academic legacy over the past fifteen years. In recognition of its growth and commitment to higher education, the institution was granted university status under the Uttarakhand Private University (Amendment) Act, 2024, becoming Maya Devi University. The University is dedicated to providing quality education supported by modern infrastructure, a research-oriented academic environment, and strong engagement with industry and corporate sectors. Through its emphasis on academic excellence, ethical values, and innovation, the University aims to prepare students to become competent professionals, responsible leaders, and socially conscious citizens. Maya Devi University offers a diverse range of professional and interdisciplinary programs designed to meet the evolving demands of industry and society. The University promotes higher education in fields such as Engineering, Agriculture, Management, Applied Sciences, Pharmacy, Hotel Management, Tourism, Disaster Management, Holistic Studies, Commerce, Animation, and Computer Applications. With a strong commitment to academic excellence, research advancement, and professional development, Maya Devi University strives to create a dynamic learning environment that fosters innovation, entrepreneurship, and sustainable development.



About Uttarakhand State Council for Science and Technology (UCOST)

Uttarakhand State Council for Science and Technology (UCOST) is an autonomous organization functioning under the Department of Information Technology, Government of Uttarakhand. The Council was registered in November 2002 under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, and it commenced its operational activities in the last quarter of 2005. The General Body serves as the apex governing authority of the Council and is chaired by the Hon'ble Chief Secretary of the Government of Uttarakhand. The General Body comprises senior officials including Principal Secretaries and Secretaries from various state departments, Vice-Chancellors of universities, eminent scientists, and representatives from industry and non-governmental organizations. The Executive Committee, chaired by the Secretary of the concerned department, is responsible for overseeing the implementation of policies and programmes, while the Director General manages the day-to-day operations and administrative functions of the Council. UCOST plays a catalytic and coordinating role in promoting science and technology (S&T) with in the state of Uttarakhand. The Council actively supports research, innovation, and capacity building, and works to supplement and complement the developmental programmes of the state across various sectors. Through its initiatives, UCOST contributes to strengthening the role of science and technology in addressing regional developmental challenges and fostering sustainable growth.



About ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil and Water Conservation (ICAR-IISWC)

ICAR–Indian Institute of Soil and Water Conservation, formerly known as the Central Soil and Water Conservation Research and Training Institute (CSWCRTI), was established on 1st April 1974 with its headquarters at Dehradun. The institute was formed by integrating several Soil and Water Conservation Research, Demonstration and Training Centres established during the 1950s across India. ICAR-IISWC focuses on developing technologies and strategies to control soil erosion, land degradation, and water resource challenges through a watershed-based approach. The institute also promotes water harvesting, conservation practices, and sustainable land management, contributing significantly to national programmes and research on soil and water conservation in India.



About the Department of Agriculture, Government of Uttarakhand



The Department of Agriculture, Government of Uttarakhand traces its administrative roots to 1871 with the establishment of the Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce during the tenure of Lord Mayo. A separate Department of Agriculture was created in 1875, mainly for agricultural data collection and development initiatives. Following the Government of India Act, 1919, agriculture became a state subject, and the Department of Agriculture, Uttar Pradesh was constituted in 1919 and formally established in 1920. After the formation of Uttarakhand on 9 November 2000, the department was reorganized to strengthen agricultural development in the hill state. Subsequent reforms, including organizational restructuring and the Single Window System introduced in 2010, have aimed to improve efficiency, support farmers, and enhance food and nutritional security in the state.

About Paschim Medinipur Microbiological Innovation and Technological Advancement Society (PMMITAS)

Paschim Medinipur Microbiological Innovation and Technological Advancement Society (PMMITA) is a registered scientific society dedicated to promoting research, innovation, education, and community engagement in microbiology, biotechnology, and allied sciences. Established by scientists and educators, the society encourages interdisciplinary collaboration, scientific excellence, and capacity building among researchers and young scholars. Registered under the West Bengal Societies Registration Act (Reg. No. S0060866 of 2025–2026), PMMITA provides a platform for students, researchers, and professionals to advance scientific knowledge and address emerging societal challenges.



About Plantica

Plantica Foundation, Registered under The Indian Trust Act, 1882 and Ministry of MSME Govt. of India, located at Dehradun, Uttarakhand. Plantica Foundation is an ISO 9001:2015 certified organization for quality standards and Recognized as “Authorized Training and Research Centre” by Sri Dev Suman Uttarakhand University and Uttarakhand Open University (State Govt. University of Uttarakhand). Since its establishment in 2017, Plantica is a key player for training and capacity building in Agriculture and its applications through training, education and research in India. The training, education and capacity building programmes of the academy are designed to meet the requirements of Professionals at working levels, fresh graduates, researchers, academia, and decision makers.



About Bhor Foundation

The Bhor Foundation, established in December 2020 and based in Uttarkhand, is a social enterprise dedicated to creating "Carbon Neutral Livelihoods" through sustainable and ethical goat farming. The organization focuses on a tech-driven, symbiotic approach that engages rural communities, with a specific emphasis on strengthening gender balance and financial inclusion for farmers. By raising goats in free-range, organic environments—free from steroids, hormones, and antibiotics—the foundation aims to modernize the goat trade while ensuring high-quality products for consumers and respectful, ethical treatment for the animals.



About Institute of Agriculture Training and Research (IATR)

The Institute of Agriculture Training and Research (IATR), based in Dehradun, Uttarakhand, is a premier institution dedicated to vocational skills, education and entrepreneurship in the agricultural sector. Affiliated with the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and the Agriculture Skill Council of India (ASCI), IATR has over a decade of excellence in providing "learning by doing" environments. The institute offers a wide range of programs, including diplomas in Agriculture, Horticulture and Agro-Tourism, as well as specialized training such as Rural Agriculture Work Experience (RAWEx) and Experiential Learning Programs (ELP) for university students. Beyond education, IATR actively promotes agri-entrepreneurship, supporting farmers and Self-Help Groups (SHGs) through projects like Farm Schools and the production of organic goods like honey, mushrooms and vermicompost.



About the Conference – RRSFAS 2026

The Regenerative and Resilient: Shaping the Future of Agriculture through Sustainability (RRSFAS 2026) conference is an academic and professional platform dedicated to advancing sustainable, regenerative and climate-resilient agricultural systems. The conference aims to bring together researchers, scientists, policymakers, agricultural practitioners, students and industry experts to exchange knowledge, discuss innovations and develop strategies for building resilient food systems for the future. Agriculture today faces numerous global challenges, including climate change, soil degradation, biodiversity loss and increasing food demand. Sustainable and regenerative agricultural practices are increasingly recognized as key solutions to these challenges. Such practices focus on restoring soil health, improving ecosystem services, enhancing biodiversity, and ensuring long-term agricultural productivity while protecting natural resources. RRSFAS 2026 emphasizes the integration of regenerative agriculture, sustainability principles and resilience strategies in agricultural systems. The conference will highlight innovative approaches such as climate-smart farming, agroecology, precision agriculture, soil and water conservation and sustainable value chains. Similar International agricultural conferences often bring together experts to discuss digital agriculture, policy development, and sustainable food systems, demonstrating the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration in addressing global agricultural challenges. RRSFAS 2026 is expected to contribute to the development of sustainable agricultural strategies, improved research collaborations and practical solutions that support resilient food systems and environmental sustainability. The conference will also help strengthen global dialogue on transforming agriculture into a more productive, climate-resilient and environmentally responsible sector.

Themes & Subthemes of Conference

Regenerative Agriculture and Sustainable Farming Systems

- › Principles and practices of regenerative agriculture.
- › Soil health management and carbon sequestration
- › Conservation agriculture and agroecology
- › Organic and natural farming systems
- › Integrated crop–livestock farming systems

Climate-Resilient Agriculture and Resource Management

- › Climate-smart agriculture technologies
- › Drought, flood and heat-resilient crop systems
- › Water resource management and innovations
- › Carbon farming and greenhouse gas mitigation
- › Climate risk assessment and adaptation strategies

Agricultural Innovation, Technology and Digital Agriculture

- › Precision agriculture and smart farming
- › Artificial intelligence, IoT and big data in agriculture
- › Remote sensing, GIS and drone technologies
- › Mechanization and automation in agriculture
- › Decision support systems for sustainable farming
- › Next-gen agriculture trade in India

Biodiversity, Ecosystem Services and Sustainable Landscapes

- › Agro-biodiversity conservation
- › Pollinator protection and ecosystem services
- › Landscape restoration and sustainable land use
- › Integrated pest and nutrient management
- › Sustainable forestry and agroforestry systems

Food Security, Nutrition and Sustainable Value Chains

- › Sustainable food systems and food security
- › Nutrition-sensitive agriculture
- › Post-harvest management and food processing
- › Value addition and agri-food supply chains
- › Reducing food loss and waste

Sustainable Fisheries & Aquaculture for Food and Nutritional Security

- › Sustainable Aquaculture and Blue Growth
- › Fish Health, Disease Management and Pathology
- › Fish Genetics, Breeding and Biotechnology
- › Post-Harvest Technology, Processing and Value Addition
- › Next-Generation Aquaculture Technologies
- › Innovations in Breeding, Seed Production and Culture Systems
- › Climate-Resilient Aquaculture Technologies
- › Commercial Aquaculture and Production Systems
- › Aquaculture System Modelling and Resource Management
- › Emerging Technologies in Marine Aquaculture

Policy, Economics and Rural Development for Sustainable Agriculture

- › Agricultural policies for sustainable development
- › Green economy and circular agriculture
- › Farmer livelihoods and rural entrepreneurship
- › Inclusive agricultural development
- › Public–private partnerships in agriculture

Biofuels and Agri Waste-Based Renewable Energy for Sustainable Development

- › Biofuel production from agricultural biomass
- › Biodiesel, bioethanol and biogas technologies
- › Environmental sustainability of biofuels
- › Global prospects and challenges of biofuels
- › Biofuel economics and entrepreneurship
- › Policies and regulations for biofuels
- › Rural renewable energy and agri-waste utilization
- › Technological innovations in biofuel production
- › Supply chain and logistics of agricultural biomass
- › Integration of bioenergy with circular economy concepts
- › Role of biofuels in climate change mitigation
- › Social impacts and rural livelihood enhancement

Presentations During Conference

Abstract submission guidelines

The abstract should be in English using MS-Word (Single space; Times New Roman font; Font size-12 and should not exceed 300 words. The abstract must contain title of the paper, name(s) of author(s) followed by their affiliation and e-mail. The name of the presenting author should be underlined. Submit your abstracts at conference@maya.edu.in before 8th April 2026

Oral Presentation

From the accepted abstracts, 7–10 papers per technical session will be considered for oral presentation. 8-10 minutes would be allotted for each oral presentation. Power point presentation with not more than 15 slides of the same are required. Presenters are requested to submit their presentation files to the session conveners prior to the beginning of the session.

Poster Presentation

Poster sessions will be organized under different conference themes to encourage interaction, discussion and knowledge exchange among participants. Posters may be presented in hybrid mode (physical or virtual). Posters will be screened and grouped according to thematic areas. Each poster session will be coordinated by a Chairperson and Co-Chairperson, who will summarize the key outcomes and recommendations from the session. All the participants are required to prepare their posters that should not exceed the dimensions of approx. 1.0 m × 1.5 m; (length × width) and poster must include the title, Authors and Affiliation, Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results and Discussion and Conclusion. Use of clear images, diagrams, graphs and concise tables is strongly encouraged.

Keynote & Plenary Lectures

The conference will host plenary and keynote lectures by internationally recognized experts in the relevant fields. Invited speakers are requested to submit soft copies of their abstracts along with the registration form via email. The duration for each lecture will be 15–20 minutes, followed by discussion. All keynote and plenary sessions will provide a platform for knowledge exchange, fostering interaction between experts and participants.

Conference Presentation Award

Best Oral Presentation award (for each session)

Best Poster Presentation Award (for each session)

Note: No need to apply for these awards. Winners of these awards will be decided by the Chairperson of the respective session during the conference

Conference Prestigious Awards

To recognize excellence and encourage innovation in agricultural research, education and professional contributions, several prestigious awards will be presented during the conference. These awards aim to acknowledge outstanding achievements by researchers, academicians and young professionals who have made significant contributions to the advancement of agricultural sciences. The conference will confer honors including:

Best M.Sc. Thesis Award	Young Scientist Award	Young Women Scientist Award
Outstanding Ph.D. Thesis Award	MS Swaminathan Award	Researcher of the Year Award
Best Teacher Award	Senior Scientist Award	Best Soil Scientist Award
Best Food Scientist Award	Best Microbiologist Award	Best Plant Pathologist Award
Best Horticulturist Award	Best Fishery Scientist Award	Best Agronomist Award

*Important Note: Candidates interested in applying for the conference awards are requested to submit the Award Nomination Form (**Scan the QR Code given below**). After the nomination is reviewed and the confirmation email is received, applicants will be required to complete the payment of the award fee to finalize their application. **Award Fee: 1500 Rs per award***

Guidelines for Awards

- ▶ Applicants must be registered participants of the conference.
- ▶ Each candidate may apply for only one award category.
- ▶ The nomination form must be accompanied by a brief CV.
- ▶ Applications will be evaluated by the Selection Committee based on academic merit, research contributions, publications and professional achievements.
- ▶ The decision of the Award Committee will be final.

Important Dates

Last Date of Registration	8 th April 2026
Last Date of Abstract Submission	8 th April 2026
Last Date of Award Nomination Form	8 th April 2026



Process for Registration

- ▶ After payment, participants must complete the online registration form and upload the payment slip or screenshot as proof of payment.
- ▶ Participants can make the payment through the provided QR scanner or UPI. After submitting the registration form, no hard or soft copy needs to be sent separately.
- ▶ A confirmation email, along with the conference schedule and meeting link/ID and password, will be sent to registered participants via email.
- ▶ The registration fee is non-refundable and non-transferable.
- ▶ The certificate will be emailed to registered participants after the successful completion of the conference

Registration Fees

CATEGORY	OFFLINE (Rs)	ONLINE (Rs)	On-Spot Registration (Rs)
UG M.Sc. Students	600	500	800
Ph.D JRF SRF RA Young Professional	1000	800	1200
SMS Scientists Professors	1200	1000	1400
Industry	1500	1300	1700
Accompanying Person	600		800

Mode of Payment

Payment can be made by scanning the QR code given below or by paying through the UPI ID provided.

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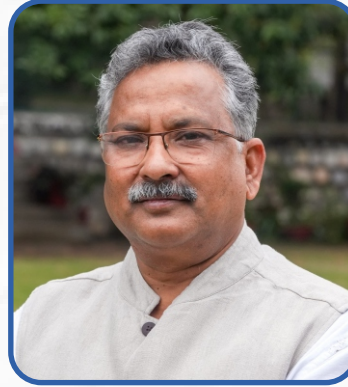
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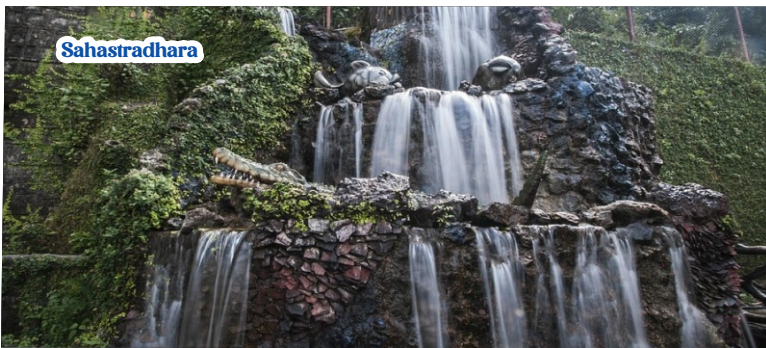
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Accommodation will be arranged by the participants themselves. Several hotels, including budget and luxury options, are available nearby for stay.

Travel Destinations at Dehradun



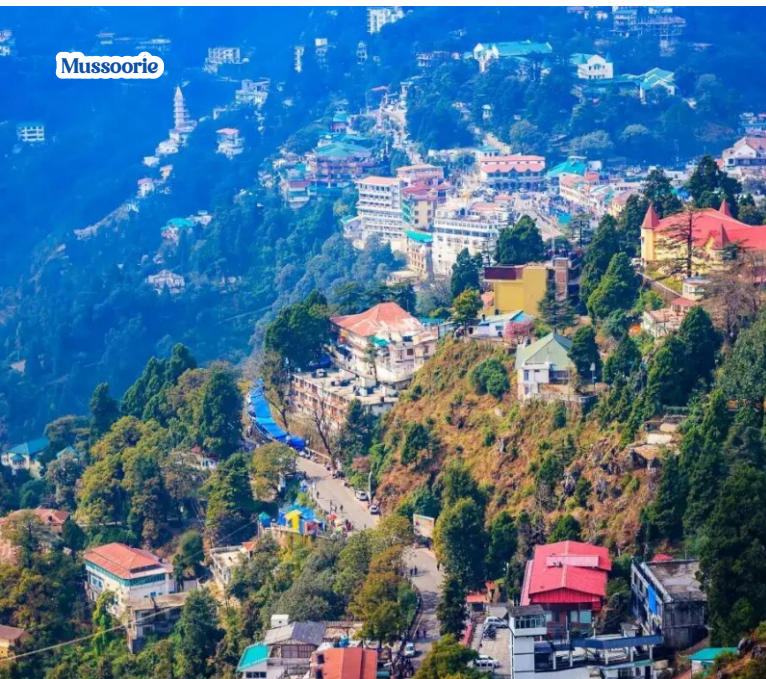
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