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#NCPulses 2026

National Conference on

Pulses, Planet and People: Sustainable livelihood and nutritional security under changing climate scenario

10-12 February, 2026

Venue:

ICAR-Indian Institute of Pulses Research, Kanpur

Jointly Organized by

Indian Society of Pulses Research and Development (ISPRD)
ICAR-Indian Institute of Pulses Research (IIPR), Kanpur
Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi

About Conference

Pulses are vital for ensuring food and nutritional security, enhancing soil health, and promoting environmental sustainability. Rich in plant-based protein and low in fat, they diversify diets and play a key role in combating hunger and malnutrition. Their affordability, ability to thrive in marginal environments, low carbon and water footprint, and ecosystem services further underline their importance. With such multifaceted benefits, pulses contribute significantly to the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

The celebration of *World Pulses Day* on 10th February each year reinforces global and national efforts towards advancing research and development in pulses. To commemorate this occasion in 2026, the Indian Society of Pulses Research and Development (ISPRD), in collaboration with the ICAR–Indian Institute of Pulses Research (IIPR) and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), is organizing the National Conference on *"Pulses, Planet and People: Sustainable Livelihood and Nutritional Security under Changing Climate Scenario"*. This conference will bring together stakeholders to deliberate on themes such as accelerating genetic gains through conventional and modern breeding tools, NextGen omics, biotic and abiotic stress management, climate smart practices, regenerative agriculture and carbon neutral farming, farm mechanization, post-harvest processing, value addition, and strategies for improving farmers' livelihoods through greater integration of pulses. The event aims to foster national/international collaboration, enhance awareness of the benefits of pulses, and chart pathways for boosting their production, and productivity to achieve the self-sufficiency in pulses.

The organizing committee is delighted to invite you to participate in this landmark event and enrich the discussions with your valuable insights and experience.

THEMES

1. **Planning, policy and perspectives for enhancement of pulses production**

   Planning, Policies, Public private partnership, Digital governance and e-governance

2. **Conventional and innovative breeding tools for accelerating genetic gain**

   Traditional molecular breeding, Speed breeding and rapid generation advancement, Participatory and demand-driven breeding, Gene pyramiding, AI-driven crop improvement, Genetic biofortification, High-throughput phenotyping

3. **Harnessing novel diversity for future pulses**

Exploration and characterization of genetic resources, Pre-breeding and introgression of novel traits, Molecular characterization of diversity, Conservation and utilization Strategies, Climate resilience and adaptation through novel diversity

4. **Nextgen omics technology for pulses improvement**

NGS, Transcriptomics, Proteomics, Metabolomics, QTL mapping, Functional genomics and gene discovery, Genome editing, Transgenics, Regulatory frameworks

5. **Advances in abiotic stress management**

Abiotic stress tolerance, Resilient varieties, Climate adaptation, Stress-responsive traits

6. **Advances in biotic stress management**

Host resistance, Biopesticides, Beneficial insects, Nanoparticles and targeted delivery, Integrated pest management, Molecular diagnostics, Smart traps, Volatile organic compounds

7. **Climate smart agricultural practices for sustainable agri-food system**

Adaptation strategies, Mitigation practices, Resource use efficiency, Food system resilience, Precision farming, Climate resilience, Agronomic biofortification

8. **Regenerative Agriculture and carbon neutral farming**

Soil health restoration, Carbon sequestration, Agroecological practices, GHG emission, Conservation agriculture, Organic and natural farming

9. **Advances in mechanization, post-harvest management and value addition**

Farm machineries, Post-harvest losses management, Dietary diversity, Value-added products, Agri-food supply chains

10. **Efficient delivery systems for enhancing farm productivity and profitability**

Technology transfer, Seed supply chains, Market linkages, Smart data management and analytics, Digital extension and advisory services

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Registration	Life-member	Non-member	Student
On time (till 31st December 2025)	7000	8000	3000
Late registration (till 10 Feb. 2026)	8000	9000	4000

Registration fee for corporate: INR 25000.00
Accompanying person: INR 3000.00

Schedule and important deadlines

Registration: 31st Dec 2025
Registration with late fee: January 01, 2026-till onset of conference
Submission of abstract: December 31st, 2025
Notification of acceptance: January 10, 2026
Conference Date: Feb. 10-12, 2026

Mode of payment

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Abstract Preparation Guidelines

Abstracts should be prepared in Times New Roman in the following sequence: Title (14 font, bold, Sentence case), names of authors (12 font, sentence case, without a dot after abbreviated names), affiliations (12 font, sentence case), Keywords (3-5, 12 font, sentence case, alphabetically arranged), body of the text (12 font, maximum 250 words)

Abstract submission guidelines

- **Abstract submission starts on 10th October, 2025. Submit your abstract online via the conference website (ncpulses.isprd.in).**
- Abstracts submitted in English only will be reviewed.
- Abstract must be submitted by the corresponding author only.

- All abbreviations must be spelled out on first use.
- Scientific names must be italicised.
- Abstracts are to be text only. Graphs, figures, diagrams, images, etc. must not be included.
- Abstracts should be thoroughly checked for spelling and grammar.
- To ensure inclusion of your abstract in the program and abstract book, authors are required to essentially register for the conference.

Presentations

There will be four categories of presentations:

- Lead Lecture
- Invited Lecture
- Oral Presentation/Rapid Fire
- Poster Presentation

Language

English will be the official language of the conference.

Exhibition and Advertisement

An exhibition will be organized at conference venue, the details of space available and charges etc. will be made available in the second circular. Advertisement can be included in the conference publications.

Accommodation

The registration fee does not include accommodation charges. The conference venue is located at the Manchester of India. A wide range of hotels are available within a short distance from conference venue. First time visitors to Kanpur may find it more convenient to stay at the hotels which are within reasonable distance from the conference venue. The details of hotels and tariff will be shared in the second circular and conference website.

About the city

Kanpur, located on the banks of the sacred River Ganga in Uttar Pradesh, is one of India's major industrial, educational, and cultural centers. Known as the "Leather City of the World" and the "Manchester of the East," Kanpur combines a rich historical legacy with modern development, making it an ideal venue for organizing national conferences and scientific events. The city is well connected by air, rail, and road to all major destinations across India.

Kanpur offers a blend of academic and research institutions such as the Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IIT-K), Chandra Shekhar Azad University of Agriculture and Technology (CSAUAT), and National Sugar Institute (NSI), making it a hub for innovation

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and intellectual exchange. Prominent local attractions include the Allen Forest Zoo, Moti Jheel, Phool Bagh, Nana Rao Park, JK Temple, and the Ganga Barrage, all of which showcase the city's natural beauty and historical significance.

Kanpur is strategically located in proximity to several prominent cultural and historical cities of North India. Allahabad (Prayagraj), famous for the Triveni Sangam and Kumbh Mela, is about 200 km away. Ayodhya, the birthplace of Lord Rama and a major spiritual destination, lies approximately 210 km from Kanpur. The ancient city of Varanasi, known for its ghats and temples along the Ganga, is around 320 km distant. The world-famous Taj Mahal in Agra can be reached in about 280 km. These locations offer excellent opportunities for post-conference travel and cultural exploration. Kanpur's combination of academic strength, historical depth, and logistical connectivity makes it an exceptional choice for hosting national conferences, providing both scholarly engagement and memorable experiences for delegates.

Weather

Feb. 10-12 will be cool and pleasant. Light winter clothing is required. The day temperature ranges from 25-30ºC and night temperature from 10-20ºC.

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