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CSIR-CFTRI, Mysore

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INVITATION

Dear Fellow Botanists,

You will be pleased to know that this year, the CSIR-CFTRI, Mysuru, is organising XLIX All India Botanical Conference. The conference shall be held during November 01-03, 2026, under the Presidentship of Prof. Shanti S Sharma. With great pleasure, we invite all IBS members to attend the conference and participate in the scientific sessions, symposia, poster presentations, and other activities to exchange ideas and foster scientific interaction.

About Mysuru

Mysuru, as the Cultural Capital of Karnataka, is a city where tradition and modernity blend harmoniously. The city is also recognised for its cleanliness, sustainable urban planning, and academic excellence. Once the seat of the Wodeyar dynasty, it is renowned for its royal heritage, magnificent palaces, spiritual depth, natural beauty, vibrant festivals, and classical art forms. The district thrives on its rich traditions-Mysore paintings, silk sarees, sandalwood carvings, and the world-famous Mysore Pak are testaments to its artistic legacy. Markets buzz with the fragrance of jasmine and incense, and the cuisine, with delights like Mysore masala dosa and filter coffee, satisfies every palate. Spiritual centres such as Srirangapatna, Melukote, and Nanjangud draw devotees and history lovers alike. At the same time, serene escapes like Karanji Lake, Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary, and Bandipur National Park offer nature at its purest. Festivals like Mysore Dasara transform the city into a spectacle of light, music, dance, and royal pageantry. Nestled in the foothills of the Chamundi Hills, Mysuru offers a serene and inspiring environment for learning and research, with premier institutions such as the University of Mysore, CFTRI, DFRL, and CSRTI. With landmarks such as the Mysore Palace, Brindavan Gardens, and Mysore Zoo, along with a rich culinary and cultural heritage, the city welcomes visitors with warmth. November in Mysuru is pleasantly cool and comfortable, with temperatures ranging between 18°C and 28°C, offering ideal conditions for conferences and sightseeing.

Connection

Mysuru, the cultural capital of Karnataka, is highly accessible for international and domestic delegates alike. The primary international gateway is Kempegowda International Airport (BLR) in Bengaluru, located approximately 180 km from the conference venue. For a seamless transfer, delegates can board the KSRTC FlyBus—a premium, air-conditioned luxury coach operating directly from the Bengaluru airport terminal to the Mysuru central bus station, with a travel time of roughly 3.5 to 4 hours. Two daily flights are operated to Mysore Airport via Hyderabad or Chennai. Alternatively, delegates travelling by rail can reach Mysuru Junction (MYS) via high-speed transit, including the premium Vande Bharat Express or Shatabdi Express from Bengaluru, reducing the journey to just 2 hours or by other trains that take 3 hours to reach Mysore (CSIR-CFTRI is just a three-minute walk from Platform number 6 exit i.e. back exit). Those opting for road travel can utilize the state-of-the-art Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway (NH-275) for a rapid, under-2-hour drive.

Local Attractions & Sightseeing

Beyond the academic sessions, delegates are encouraged to experience the rich heritage and scenic beauty surrounding the city. Iconic highlights within the city limits include the magnificent Mysuru Palace (spectacularly illuminated on weekends), the historic Chamundi Hills, home to the ancient Sri Chamundeshwari Temple, and the sprawling Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens. For nature and architectural enthusiasts, short day trips can be arranged to the beautiful Karanji Lake Nature Park, the symmetrical terraces and musical fountains of Brindavan Gardens, the historic island fortress of Srirangapatna (15 km away), or the stunning 13th-century Hoysala architecture of the Chennakesava Temple at Somanathapura (35 km away).



Climate & Weather Guidance for Delegates

Mysuru is situated at an altitude of 770 meters above sea level, offering a tropical savanna climate that remains comfortable for international visitors. Currently, the city experiences mild, pleasant daytime temperatures around 28°C, with an average daily high of 29°C and evening lows of 23°C. Due to occasional overcast conditions and light seasonal showers common at this time of year, delegates are advised to pack light tropical clothing and a compact umbrella or a light rain jacket for outdoor excursions.

Conference Venue Note

The main transit hubs (Mysuru Junction Railway Station and the Central Bus Stand) are located in the heart of the city, a convenient 10-to-15-minute taxi or auto-rickshaw ride from major convention centres and institutional campuses.



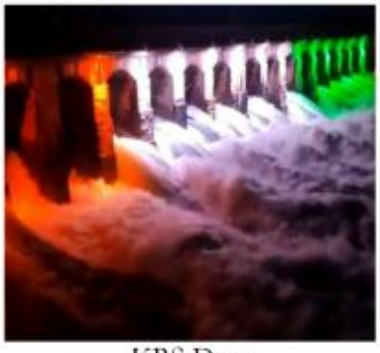
Balmuri and Yedmuri Falls



Nanjangud



Srirangapatna



KRS Dam



Mysuru Zoo



Urs Road



Mysuru Palace

About CFTRI

CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), CSIR-CFTRI: Mysore (a constituent laboratory of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, New Delhi) came into existence in 1950 with the great vision of its founders and a network of dedicated scientists and technologists who pursued in-depth research and development. The institute's mandate is to achieve the country's food and nutritional security through S&T interventions. The Institute has been at the forefront in generating quality human resources for the development of the food industry. The spectrum of programs offered includes post-graduation in Food Technology, an Integrated M.Sc-Ph.D. in Nutritional Biology, a Certificate Course in Flour Milling, Short-Term Training for Entrepreneurs & Industry personnel, and innovative programs for start-ups and farmers. Over 250 students are pursuing their doctoral studies in food and allied subjects. Over the years, CSIR-CFTRI has brought many innovative products and processes to market, in tune with the institute's state-of-the-art R&D practices and the changing lifestyles of consumers. Some of the pioneering efforts include the development of infant foods, instant ready-mixes, parboiling of paddy, cultivation of spirulina, and health and wellness food products. Societal interventions have been the hallmark of CSIR-CFTRI, and large numbers of farmers have been empowered with affordable and sustainable methods for value addition to agri-commodities, contributing to the rural economy, and testing of samples. CSIR-CFTRI has also established an Incubation Centre to nurture start-ups and innovative ideas in the field of food and nutraceuticals.

SCIENTIFIC SECTIONS:

1. Mycology, Microbiology and Plant Pathology.
2. Algae, Bryophytes and Pteridophytes.
3. Seed Plants: Anatomy and Reproductive Biology.
4. Seed Plants: Taxonomy, Ethnobotany and Plant Resource Utilization.
5. Cytogenetics, Plant Breeding and Molecular Biology.
6. Ecology and Environmental Biology.
7. Plant Physiology and Biochemistry.
8. Plant Biotechnology.

OTHERS:

9. Posters (All the sections).
10. Young Botanist Award / Woman Botanist Award

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMMES

Besides the presidential address, the following lectures are planned during the event.

COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL LECTURES

- Prof. Birbal Sahni Medal: Prof. Daizy Rani Batish, FNASc, Chandigarh
- Prof. P. Maheshwari Medal: Prof. Shashi Bhushan Agrawal, FNASc, Varanasi
- Prof. V. Puri Medal: Prof. Tikam Singh Rana, Ghaziabad
- Prof. Y.S. Murty Medal: Dr. Mayank Dhar Dwivedi, Amritsar

MEMORIAL LECTURES

- Prof. S.C.Maheshwari Memorial Lecture: Prof. Sudhir K Sopory, FNA, New Delhi
- Prof. A.K.Kaul Oration: Prof. Veenu Kaul, Jammu

FELICITATIONS

- Life time Achievement Award: Prof. Prafullchandra Vishnu Sane, FNA, Lucknow
- Prof. H.Y. Mohan Ram Award for Excellence in Teaching and Advancement of Plant Sciences:
- Prof. P.C. Trivedi Medal Award for Editorial Excellence:
- Prof. S.N.Chaturvedi Memorial Lecture Medal: Prof. Abhay Prasad. Das, Kolkata
- Prof. R.S.Tripathi Memorial Lecture Medal: Prof. Ravinder K Kohli, FNA, Chandigarh
- Women Scientist Medal:



- Prof. Y.S.Murty Memorial Gold Medal:
- IBS Active Participation Recognition Award:
- IBS Swami Dayal Tewari Award for College Teachers:
- Senior Botanists:
- Fellows of the Society:

Awards / Medals open only to specific age groups

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT, CASH PRIZES AND MEDALS

In order to encourage young scientists below the age of 30 years as on 31st December, 2026, the society awards 'Certificate of Merit' and medals instituted in honour of Senior Botanists (Prof. Jafar Nizam, Prof. Y.D. Tyagi, Prof. L.P. Mall, Prof. O.P. Mall, Prof. C.P. Malik, Prof. S.N. Chaturvedi, Prof. Y.S. Murty and Prof. H.C. Arya) for the Best Paper presented (if recommended by experts) in each section. The first/presenting author should not be over 30 years old. At least three papers should be presented for the award of a medal in each section. Date of birth of each author/co-author must be given below his/her name, failing which the paper/poster shall not be considered for the contest (name of supervisor may be included as the co-author irrespective of age, but only the presenting author within the age group shall be considered for the certificate/medal). No member shall be eligible to receive the certificate and/or medal for a second time in the same section or in another section in the same category. The same applies to the Society's awards. A certified copy of the High School certificate/proof of age must be produced by the contestant.

Members intending to participate should send a soft copy of the full manuscript along with the illustrations and an abstract (limited to 100 words). The abstract should be prepared in MS Word in "Times New Roman" 12 font and 1.5 spacing, mentioning the Scientific section*. The soft copy should be sent by e-mail to the Organizing Secretary, 48th AIBC, Organizing Secretary, Dr. Giridhar Parvatam, at <aibc02026@gmail.com> with a copy to Prof. Seshu Lavania, Secretary IBS, at: <secretaryibs2017@gmail.com> by 31st July, 2026. No member is allowed to submit more than two submissions, including as a co-author. The papers received after 31st July, 2026, and the abstracts not accompanied by full papers, or the papers sent by non-members or by those who have not paid membership dues for 2026 will not be entertained. All the authors must be members of the Society. The abstract, if accepted after scrutiny, will be published in the book of abstracts of the All India Botanical Conference.

The following awards are restricted only to the Life Members of the Society and are specific to different age group category. The cut-off date for the age limit is 31st December 2026. If more than one medal/award is available for the contest in a given age group, the contestant may receive only one award in that category.

YOUNG BOTANIST AWARD CONTEST: A separate session will be held for young botanists below the age of 35 years as on 31st December, 2026, for presenting their paper in the section of the Young Botanist Award. Applications submitted under this category shall be scrutinised by an expert committee, and only the three best-selected papers shall be allowed to be presented during the conference for final selection. Each participant will be given 15 minutes for a paper presentation, followed by a discussion. The best presentation shall get the Young Botanist Award 2026 (Dr Bahadur Singh Gold Medal) of the Indian Botanical Society.

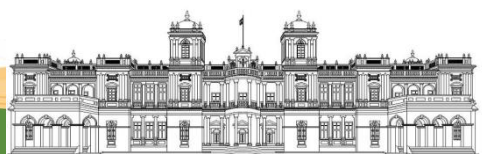
Applicant should submit a soft copy of the full paper for this contest by 31st July 2026, along with other required information as per the given proforma, to the Secretary, Indian Botanical Society.

POSTER AWARD CONTEST: There shall be two medals for the best posters:

(i) Prof. K.S. Bilgrami Gold Medal (author below the age of 35 years)

(ii) Prof. S.N. Dixit Gold Medal (author below the age of 50 years)

The age limit restriction shall not apply to the PhD supervisor if he or she is a co-author but cannot be a participating contestant.



Applicant should submit a soft copy of the full paper for this contest by 31st July, 2026, along with other required information as per the given proforma, to the Secretary, Indian Botanical Society.

PROF. Y.S. MURTY MEMORIAL GOLD MEDAL: A medal will be awarded to an outstanding plant morphologist/taxonomist up to the age of 50 years for his/her research contributions in any group of the plant kingdom.

Applicant should submit a soft copy of the full paper for this contest by 31stJuly 2026, along with other required information as per the given proforma, to the Secretary, Indian Botanical Society.

PROF. S.V.S. CHAUHAN GOLD MEDAL: A medal will be awarded to one of the youngest participants (from all the sections) up to the age of 25 years as on 31st December, 2026, who has presented his/her research paper in any group of the plant kingdom.

MEDAL/AWARD FOR WOMEN SCIENTISTS: There are two separate medal/award for the Woman Scientist below the age of 50.

Applicant should submit a soft copy of the full paper for this contest by 31st July 2026, along with other required information as per the given proforma, to the Secretary, Indian Botanical Society.

1. **Woman Scientist Medal:** A medal for Women Scientists up to the age of 50 years is instituted by the society to recognise lady botanists. Applications as per the given proforma, providing a list of publications and reprints of the 10 best papers published, will be evaluated by the expert committee constituted for the purpose.
2. **Woman Botanist Award:** A separate session will be held for Woman Botanist below the age of 50 years for presenting their paper in the section of the Woman Botanist Award. Applications submitted under this category shall be scrutinized by an expert committee, and only three best selected papers shall be allowed for presentation during the conference for final selection. Each participant will be given 18 minutes for a paper presentation, followed by a discussion. The best presentation shall get the Woman Botanist Award 2026 of the Indian Botanical Society.
3. **Prof. S.C. Dixit cash prize:** This award carries a cash prize of Rs. 1000/- and is awarded for the best article published by a woman candidate (single author) in the Journal of Indian Botanical Society for the year, i.e., published in 2025 (vol. 105).

Fellowship for the Indian Botanical Society (F.B.S.): Life members who have completed at least 5 years of standing are eligible to apply for the Fellowship of the Society. Interested members are requested to send a soft copy of the application as per the given proforma for consideration by **July 31st, 2026**, to the Secretary, IBS at <secretaryibs2017@gmail.com>. The applicants, if found suitable, shall be issued a Fellowship Certificate of F.B.S. during the conference upon payment of the requisite fee of Rs. 5000/- only.

Applicants should submit a soft copy of the full paper for this contest by 31st July 2026, along with other required information as per the given proforma, to the Secretary, Indian Botanical Society.

Membership of the Indian Botanical Society

Membership of the society is open to students, research scholars, teachers and scientists interested in botanical sciences. The annual membership is Rs. 500/- for renewal of the current-year subscription and Rs. 550/- for new entrants; the life membership is Rs. 5050/-. Membership dues may be sent through online bank transfer in favour of the Treasurer, Indian Botanical Society,

Bareilly, and sent to Dr Alok Srivastava, Treasurer- IBS, Department of Plant Sciences, MJP Rohilkhand University, Bareilly-243006 (U.P.); email: alokplantsciences@gmail.com.
Application form for membership is available on Society's website www.indianbotsoc.org

Registration Details for Participation

[Early Bird Registration : 31.08.2026]

Last date of Registration : 15.09.2026

Delegate	Early bird registration on upto 31.08.2026	From 01.09.2026-15.09.2026	Spot Registration
Scientists/Academicians	Rs. 5500	Rs. 6000	Rs. 7000
Accompanying person	Rs. 4000	Rs.4500	Rs. 5000
Research Scholar/Students	Rs. 3500	Rs. 4000	Rs. 5500
Students	Rs.3000	Rs. 3500	Rs. 4500

MODE OF PAYMENT

All delegates are requested to pay the registration fee through the payment link provided below. After opening the link, please select **"Application Fee – Others"** under the payment category. In the Remarks section, kindly enter the applicant's details (Name, Affiliation, and Mobile Number) for proper identification and record maintenance. After successful payment, please retain the transaction receipt and submit it along with the registration form.

Payment link: https://onlinesbi.sbi.bank.in/sbicollect/icollecthome.htm?corpID=299364

Kindly send a copy of the duly filled Registration form along with the money transfer receipt through email to the Organising Secretary, Prof. Giridhar Pravatam at <**aibc02026@gmail.com**>

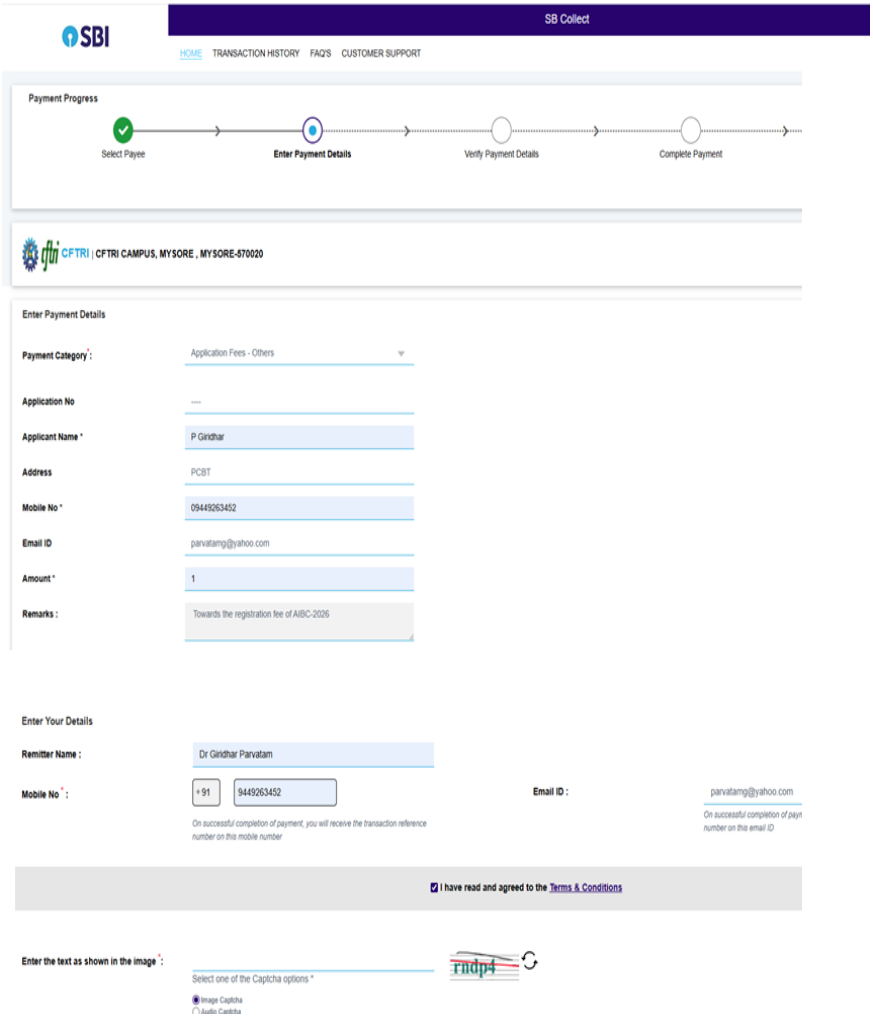
ACCOMMODATION

Only registered delegates will be provided with hospitality and shared accommodation at the Institute's guest house/other guest houses/hostels. For Spot registration, accommodation can't be provided.
Participants who require hotel accommodation for their stay, please communicate with us, and we will send the tariff and other details separately. ***No TA/DA shall be paid to participants.***

All delegates are requested to pay the Accommodation fee through the payment link provided below. After opening the link, please select "Application Fee – Others" under the payment category. In the Remarks section, kindly enter the applicant's details (Name, Affiliation, and Mobile Number) for proper identification and record maintenance. After successful payment, please retain the transaction receipt and submit it along with the registration form.

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Model Payment Format and Receipt





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Section:……

Mode of Presentation: Oral ☐ Poster ☐

Accommodation: Required ☐ Not required ☐

Mode of Travel: Train/Flight: Name/No.:……

Arrival Date and Time:……

Departure Date and Time:……

Accompanying Person(s) Name: ……

MODE OF PAYMENT:

Online money transfer to Bank Account No. ……., through NEFT, ……..Bank, University Branch,. IFSC - ……. The deposit number and copy of deposit receipt should be emailed along with the registration form.

Date: Signature

Place:

Members are requested to send the filled-in-registration form along with a copy of the details of registration fee paid by email to ***Prof. Giridhar Pravatam, Organizing Secretary, 49th*** *All India Botanical Conference (<aibc02026@gmail.com>) of The Indian Botanical Society,* ***CSIR-CFTRI, Mysuru***

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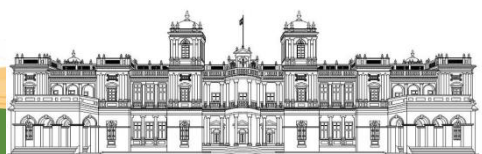
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