# 4th Indian Horticulture Summit-cum-International Conference-2026, 28-30 January, RLBCAU, Jhansi

## Harnessing Indigenous and Underutilized Horticultural Crops for Sustainable Development, Health and Economic Resilience

Organized by

**Society for Horticultural Research and Development, Uttar Pradesh**

In collaboration with

**RLBCAU, Jhansi and Division of Vegetable Science, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi**

at

**Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University (RLBCAU), Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh**

## Programme

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| **Day 1: January 28, 2026 (Wednesday)** | | | |
| 8.00 to 9.00 hr | | : | Registration and Breakfast |
| 09:00 to 11:00 hr | | : | Inaugural Session |
| 11:00 hr to 12:00 hr | | : | SHRD Award Function (Honorary Awards and Fellows) |
| 12:00 – 12:40 hr | | | Registration and Hi-Tea |
| **12:40hr** | **SESSION-I: Genetic Resources, Diversity, Exploration, Evaluation, Conservation and their use in Crop Improvement** | | |
| | **Chairman** | : | **Dr. J. C. Rana,** Biodiversity International, New Delhi |
| | **Co-Chairman** | : | **Dr. Dilfuza Jabborova Pushkinovna,** Uzbekistan Academy of Science, Uzbekistan<br>**Dr. P. K. Singh**, Head, Division of Germplasm Exploration ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi |
| | **Convener** | : | **Dr Jai Prakash,** Principal Scientist**,** ICAR-IARI, New Delhi |
| | **Rapporteur** | : | **Dr Arpita Srivastava,** Sr Scientist, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi **Dr Paresh Chaukhande**, Scientist, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi |
| **Key Note Speaker** | | | |
| 12:40-12:45 hr | **Dr J. C. Rana,** Biodiversity International, New Delhi | : | Harnessing wild relatives for horticultural crop improvement: Strategies, challenges, and opportunities |
| **Lead Speakers** | | | |
| 13.00-13.10 hr | **Dr Gyan P. Mishra**<br>Head & PS, Division of SST, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi | : | Traditional knowledge for sustainable utilization of indigenous horticultural crops of Ladakh |
| 13.10-13.20 hr | **Dr Praveen K. Singh**<br>Head, Division of Plant Exploration & Germplasm Collection, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi | : | Pre-breeding and introgression: bridging genetic diversity to crop improvement in horticulture |
| 13.20-13.30 | **Dr K. K. Gangopadhyay**<br>Head, Division of Vegetable Science, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi | : | Vegetable varieties for nutrition, health and economic resilience |
| 13.30-13.40 | **Dr. S. K. Malik,** Principal scientist (Rtd.), ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi | : | Management of fruit genetic resources: Present sta tus & future needs |

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| 13.40-13.50 | **Dr. Amar Jeet Gupta**<br>Principal Scientist<br>ICAR-DOGR, Pune, | : | Plant genetic resources and improvement of onion and garlic for varietal development |
| **LUNCH 13.50 to 14.30 hr** | | | |
| **14:30hr** | **SESSION-II: Genomics for Improvement of Indigenous and Underutilized Horticultural Crops** | | |
| | **Chairman** | : | **Dr Rajesh Kumar, Director, ICAR-IIVR, Varanasi** |
| | **Co-Chairman** | : | **Dr. Gyan Prakash Mishra,** Head, Division of SST, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi |
| | **Convener** | : | **Dr. Shyam Sundar Dey**, Principal Scientist, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi |
| | **Rapporteur** | : | **Dr Suman Lata,** Scientist, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi<br>**Dr Chavlesh Kumar,** Scientist, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi |
| **Key Note Speakers** | | | |
| 14:30-14:45 hr | **Dr. Ram Kumar Sharma**<br>Additional Director,<br>Biotechnology Division,<br>CSIR-IHBT, Palampur | : | Genomics of horticultural crops & trees. |
| **Lead Speaker** | | | |
| 14.45-14.55 hr | **Dr. Manish Srivastav**, Dean, RLBCAU, Jhansi | : | Genomic assisted breeding in mango |
| 14.55-15.05hr | **Dr. Anuradha Upadhyay**<br>Principal Scientist,<br>ICAR-NRC Grapes, Pune | : | Genomics-assisted approaches for accelerating fruit breeding. |
| 15.05-15.15hr | **Dr. Shyam Sundar Dey**<br>Principal Scientist, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi | : | Recent progress in genome editing approaches for biotic and abiotic stress resistance in vegetables. |
| 15.15-15.25 | **Dr Jai Prakash**<br>Principal Scientist**,** ICAR-IARI, New Delhi | | Recent Advances in Rootstock Breeding for Tropical and Subtropical Fruit Crops: Enhancing Stress Resilience and Productivity. |
| | **Dr Shrawan Singh**<br>Principal Scientist, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi | : | Application of Marker-assisted selection (MAS) in developing nutrient-dense vegetable varieties |

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| | **SESSION-III: Conventional Breeding for Crop Improvement** | | |
| | **Chairman** | : | **Dr T. Janakiram**, Ex-Vice Chancellor, Dr Y.S.R. Horticultural University, Andhra Pradesh |
| | **Co-Chairman** | : | **Dr K K Gangopadhyay**, Head, Division of Vegetable Science, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi |
| | **Convener** | : | **Dr J K Ranjan**, Principal Scientist, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi |
| | **Rapporteur** | : | **Dr Alka Joshi.** ICAR-IARI, New Delhi<br>**Dr Jyoti Devi,** ICAR-IIVR, Varanasi |
| **Lead Speakers** | | | |
| 15.30-15.40 hr | **Dr. Jagesh Kumar Tiwari**<br>Principal Scientist, ICAR-IIVR, Varanasi | : | Processing tomato breeding strategies and constrains |
| 15.40-15.50 hr | **Dr. Ramesh Kumar Yadav**<br>Principal Scientist, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi | : | Breeding okra varieties for enhanced climate resilience and productivity |
| 15.50-16.00 hr | **Dr. Dilip Kr Srivastava**<br>Deputy Commissioner, DAC, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi | : | Horticulture variety release status & system in India |
| 16.00-16.10 hr | **Dr B R Choudhary**<br>Principal Scientist<br>ICAR-CIAH, Bikaner | : | Recent Advances in Vegetable Breeding and Cultivation Practices in Arid Regions |
| 16.10-16.20 hr | **Dr. Namita**<br>Principal Scientist, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi | : | Rose breeding in India: achievement and future prospects. |
| 16.20-16.30 hr | **Dr Jayesh Patel** | : | Development of fig varieties through caprification in India: A new initiative. |
| **Tea Break 16.30-16.50 hr** | | | |
| **SHRD-Award Function 16:50-17:50 hr** | | | |
| **Online Lecture from International delegates: (28th January 2026) Time: 18.00 to 19.00 pm (IST)** | | | |
| **Dr. Umesh K. Reddy**<br>Professor (Biology)<br>West Virginia State University, USA | Analysis of genetic controls for metabolite variation in Capsicum Spp. and impact on health benefits<br>Time : 18.00 hr to 18.30 hr IST | | |
| **Dr Mahdi Alizadeh Iran** | Optimization of grafting techniques in loquat (*Eriobotrya japonica*): An underutilized fruit crops of northern Iran<br>Time : 18.30 hr to 19.00 hr IST | | |
| **Cultural Programme 18:00-20:00 hr** | | | |
| **Dinner 20:00-21:00 hr** | | | |

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| **Day 2: 29.01.2026** | | | |
| **8.00-9.15 hr Breakfast** | | | |
| **9.15 hr** | **SESSION-IV: Recent Advances in Production Technology of Indigenous and Underutilized Horticultural Crops** | | |
| | **Chairman** | : | **Dr Shailendra Rajan,** Former Director, ICAR-CISH, Lucknow |
| | **Co-Chairman** | : | **Dr Anant Bahadur,** Head, ICAR-IIVR, Varanasi<br>**Dr. Yogendra Kumar Karki,** Former Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Nepal |
| | **Convener** | : | **Dr R.K. Yadav**, Principal Scientist, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi |
| | **Rapporteur** | : | **Dr. Namita,** ICAR-IARI, New Delhi<br>**Dr Jogendra Singh,** ICAR-IARI, New Delhi |
| **Key Note Speakers** | | | |
| 9.15-9.30 hr | **Dr Shailendra Rajan**<br>Former Director, ICAR-CISH, Lucknow | : | Harnessing niche modelling for strategic diversification: Identifying optimal landscapes for high-value fruit crops across agroclimatic zones |
| 9.30-9.45 hr | **Dr. Yogendra Kumar Karki**<br>Former Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Government of Nepal | : | Present status of coffee production and consumers behavior on preferences of Nepalese coffee. |
| **Lead Speakers** | | : | |
| 09.45 – 9.55 hr | **Dr. Alka Singh**<br>Principal and Dean<br>ASPEE College of Horti.<br>NAU, Navsari | : | Floriculture for holistic health: Nurturing the body, mind and emotions |
| 09.55–10:05 hr | **Dr. R. K. Singh**<br>Professor and Head<br>Department of Vegetable Science,<br>RLBCAU, Jhansi, UP | : | Vertical farming of vegetable crops for enhancing the income of Bundelkhand farmers |
| 10.05–10.15 hr | **Dr Ajay Kumar Upadhyay**<br>Principal Scientist<br>ICAR- NRC Grapes, Pune | : | Smart farming strategies for mitigating abiotic stress in grapevines. |
| 10.15-10.25 hr | **Dr Ajay Kumar Tiwari**<br>Principal Scientist, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi | : | Designing pollution-resistant landscapes through regenerative agricultural practices & climate-smart landscapes in India. |
| 10:25–10:35 hr | **Dr. P. L. Saran**<br>Principal Scientist, ICAR-DMAPR, Anand | : | Sustainable production of medicinal and aromatic plants using technologies and varieties. |

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| 10.35-10.45 hr | **Dr Nav Prem Singh,** Professor PAU, Ludhiana | : | Scope of low chill temperate fruits crops under sub tropics |
| 10.45-10.55 hr | **Dr V. K. Singh** | : | Harnessing the potential of novel plant growth regulate in regulation of mango productivity. |
| 10.55-11.05 hr | **Dr. J. Suresh Kumar** ICAR-CTCRI, Thiruvananthapuram | : | Advancing sweet potato production through soilless systems |
| Tea Beak (11.05-12.10 hr) | | | |
| **SHRD AWARD Function** | | | |
| **12.15hr** | **SESSION- V: Post-Harvest Management, Processing, Value Addition, and Agri-Export Zones for Indigenous and Underutilized Horticultural Crops** | | |
| | **Chairman** | : | **Dr S. K. Sharma,** Former Director, ICAR-CIAH, Bikaner |
| | **Co-Chairman** | : | **Dr Nagendra Rai,** Head, IIVR, Varanasi<br>**Dr R. K. Singh,** Head, CPRI-RS, Meerut |
| | **Convener** | : | **Dr A. K. Sureja,** Principal Scientist, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi |
| | **Rapporteur** | : | **Dr Prabal Pratap Singh,** Palampur<br>**Dr Arvind Nagar,** Asst. Prof, AU, Kota |
| **Lead Speaker** | | | |
| 12:10-12:20 hr | **Dr Ajay Kumar Sharma** Principal Scientist, ICAR-NRC Grapes, Pune | : | Advances in grape processing |
| 12.20-12.30 hr | **Dr. P. K. Gupta,** Additional Director, NHRDF, New Delhi | : | Present scenario of onion and garlic for domestic and export market |
| 12.30-12.40 hr | **Dr. Rajendra Singh Gaur** Head, Horticulture & Principal, Govt. Agri. College, Ajmer | : | Opportunities & prospects of floriculture in Ajmer region of Rajasthan |
| 12.40-12.50 hr | **Dr Babita Chaudhary** Principal Scientist ICAR-CPRI, RS, Modipuram, Meerut | : | Development of phytonutrient and minerals rich potato in India |
| 12.40-12.50 hr | **Dr J. K. Ranjan,** Principal Scientist, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi | : | Horticulture for health, nutritional security and enhancing farmers income |

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| **12: 50 hr** | **SESSION-VI: Clean Planting Material and High Yielding Seeds** | | |
| | **Chairman** | : | **Dr B. S. Tomar,** Ex-Head, Division of Vegetable Science, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi |
| | **Co-Chairman** | : | **Dr M. C. Jain**, Director Research, AU, Kota |
| | **Convener** | : | **Dr Gaurav Sharma,** Head and Associate Dean, RLBCAU, Jhansi |
| | **Rapporteur** | : | **Dr Vartika Srivastava**, Sr. Scientist, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi<br>**Dr Y. A. Lyngdoh**, Sr. Scientist, ICAR-CPRI- RS, Shillong |
| **Key Note Speaker** | | | |
| 13.05-13.15 hr | **Dr Rajesh Kumar**<br>Director, ICAR-IIVR, Varanasi | : | Seed systems in horticultural crops: Ensuring availability of quality and high-yielding varieties. |
| **Lead Speakers** | | : | |
| 13.15-13.25 hr | **Dr Dilfuza Jabborova Pushkinovna**<br>Head, Lab of Medicinal Plants Genetics and Biotechnology, Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences, Uzbekistan | : | Effects of biochar and beneficial microorganisms on growth, physiological characteristics, and soil properties of selected horticultural crops. |
| 13.25-13.35 hr | **Dr S. S. Sindhu,**<br>Emeritus Scientist, ICAR, New Delhi | : | Entrepreneurial development through production of quality seed and planting material of flower crops |
| 13.35-13.45 hr | **Dr Backiyarani S.**<br>Principal Scientist, ICAR-NRC, Banana, Trichy | : | High-throughput production of quality planting material for clonally propagated crops: A case study in banana |
| 13.45-13.55 hr | **Dr P. K. Gupta**<br>Former Director, NHRDF, New Delhi | : | Quality seed production of onion & garlic for harnessing export potential |
| 13.55-14.05 hr | **Dr Mandeep Singh Gill**<br>Principal Scientist PAU Ludhiana | : | Advances in nursery production for mass multiplication of Fruit crops |
| LUNCH BREAK 14.05-15.00 hr | | | |

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| **15.00 hr** | **SESSION-VII: Protected Cultivation and Precision Farming** | | |
| | **Chairman** | **:** | **Dr Balraj Singh,** Ex-Vice Chancellor, SKNAU, Jobner |
| | **Co-Chairman** | **:** | **Dr Awani Kumar Singh,** Head, ICARRC for ER, Reg Station Ranchi |
| | **Convener** | **:** | **Dr S. R. Singh,** Principal Scientist, CISH, Lucknow |
| | **Rapporteurs** | : | **Dr R Selvakumar**, CPCT, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi<br>**Dr Hemlata Bharti**, CPCT, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi |
| **Key Note Speaker** | | | |
| 15.00-15:15 hr | **Dr Balraj Singh**<br>Ex-Vice Chancellor, SKNAU, Jobner | : | Protected cultivation in India: Success stories |
| **Lead Speakers** | | : | |
| 15.15-15:25 hr | **Dr Awani Kumar Singh**<br>Head & Principal Scientist ICAR-RCER-FSRCHPR, Ranchi | : | New innovations in protected cultivation technologies for income generation through horticultural crops. |
| 15.25-15:35 hr | **Dr Rakesh Sharda**<br>Project Coordinator (PEASEM), ICAR-CIPHET, Ludhiana | : | Advances in protected cultivation for sustainable horticultural production |
| 15.35-15:45 hr | **Dr M. Balakrishnan**<br>Principal Scientist, ICM Division, ICAR-NAARM, Hyderabad | : | AI-enabled transformation and innovation in the horticulture sector |
| 15.45-15:55 hr | **Dr Hare Krishna**<br>Principal Scientist ICAR-IIVR, Varanasi | : | Aquaponics for Sustainable Vegetable Production |
| 15.55-16:05 hr | **Prof. Akash Sharma**<br>SKUAST Jammu | : | Real time asset monitoring using IoT enabled geolocation devises for rising the productivity of the orchard |
| 16.05-16:15 hr | **Dr R.K. Singh**<br>Head, ICAR-CPRI-RS, Meerut | : | Enhancing potato sustainability: A key role of variety and seed quality. |

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| **9.15hr** | **SESSION-VIII: Diseases and Pest Management of Horticultural Crops** | | |
| | **Chairman** | : | **Dr T. Janakiram**, Ex-Vice Chancellor, Dr Y.S.R. Horticultural University, A.P. |
| | **Co-Chairman** | : | **Dr. Deepak Singh,** Head, Division of Crop Protection, ICAR-CISH, Lucknow<br>**Dr A.K. Singh,** Head, ICAR-CIAH, Godhra |
| | **Convener** | : | **Dr R.K. Singh,** Head, RLBCAU, Jhansi |
| | **Rapporteur** | : | **Dr Narendra Singh,** Scientist, ICAR-IARI, Jharkhand<br>**Dr Ashok Yadav**, Scientist, ICAR-CAFRI, Jhansi |
| **Lead Lecture** | | | |
| 16.15-16:25 hr | **Dr A.K. Sureja**<br>Principal Scientist, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi | : | Transmission dynamics of squash leaf curl China virus associated with yellow mosaic and leaf curl disease in pumpkin |
| 16.25-16:35 hr | **Dr Amalendu Ghosh**<br>Principal Scientist,<br>Division of Plant Pathology<br>ICAR- IARI, New Delhi | : | Sustainable management of insect vectors in horticultural crops |
| 16.35-16:45 hr | **Dr Aparna Banerjee**<br>Research Coordinator, Talca Campus, Full Professor<br>Director: Functional Polysaccharides Research Group (FuncPolyLab),<br>Institute of Applied Sciences, Chile, South America | : | Decoding plant–microbe interactions driving abiotic stress adaptation in common bean |
| 16.45-16:55 hr | **Dr Deepak Singh**<br>Head,<br>Division of Crop Protection,<br>ICAR-CISH, Lucknow-226101 | : | Integrated strategies for managing major post-harvest diseases of mango to enhance export quality |
| 16.55-17.05 hr | **Dr Prashant Jambhulkar**<br>Professor & Head, Plant Pathology, CoA, RLBCAU, Jhansi | : | Emerging diseases in indigenous and underutilized horticulture crops and their management |
| 17.05-17.15 hr | **Dr Shravan M. Haldhar**<br>Principal Scientist,<br>ICAR-NRIIPM, New Delhi | : | Integrated pest and disease management (IPDM) strategies in horticultural crops |
| 17.15-17:25 hr | **Dr Jitendra Singh**<br>Professor (Fruit Science)<br>CHF, Jhalawar, AU, Kota | : | Advances in post-harvest handling and storage technologies for indigenous and underutilized crops |
| 17.25-17:35 hr | **Dr Gurupkar Singh Sidhu**<br>Principal Fruit Biotechnologist, PAU, Ludhiana | : | Development of citrus rootstock hybrids for phytophthora resistance. |

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| | **Tea Break** | | |
| **17.35 hr** | **SESSION-IX: Climate-resilient Horticulture Production** | | |
| | **Chairman** | : | **Dr P.L. Saroj,** Former Director, CIAH, Bikaner, |
| | **Co-Chairman** | : | **Dr Akhat Singh,** CISH Lucknow |
| | **Convener** | : | **Dr Yogeshwar Singh,** Associate Dean, RLBCAU, Jhansi |
| | **Rapporteur** | : | **Dr B.B. Sharma**, Associate Prof., RLBCAU, Jhansi<br>**Dr Gograj Singh Jat**, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi |
| **Lead Speakers** | | | |
| 17.35-17.45 hr | **Dr M. Balakrishnan,**<br>Principal Scientist,<br>ICAR, NAARM, Hyderabad | : | Transformation of horticulture sector through AI innovation |
| 17.45-17.55 hr | **Dr A. K. Singh**,<br>Principal Scientist, CHES, Godhra, Gujarat (ICAR-CIAH, Bikaner) | : | Climate-smart fruit crops for enhancing livelihoods and ecosystem resilience in rainfed semi-arid regions |
| 17.55-18.05 hr | **Dr Murtaza Hasan**<br>Principal Scientist, CPCT, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi | : | Digital and decision-support tools for climate-resilient horticulture |
| 18.05-18.10 hr | **Dr Sunil Kumar**<br>Principal Scientist (Horticulture), ICAR-IGFRI, Jhansi | : | Horti-pasture system for soil water conservation and livelihood security of small and marginal farmers. |
| 18.10-18.20 hr | **Dr M. J. Dobriyal**<br>Professor and Head (Forestry) RLBCAU, Jhansi | : | Horticulture based Agroforestry models for enhancing farmers income in Bundelkhand region. |
| 18.20-18.30 hr | **Dr Yogeshwar Singh,**<br>Professor and Associate Dean (Agriculture), RLBCAU, Jhansi | : | Horticulture based IFS for livelihood and nutritional security in Bundelkhand region. |
| 18.30-18.40 hr | **Dr R S Rathore**<br>Professor, SKRAU, Bikaner | : | Present scenario and future prospects of date palm in Rajasthan under changing climate |

## Online Lecture from International delegates: (29th January 2026) Time: 19.00 to 20.00 pm (IST)

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| **Dr. Surya Kant**<br>Senior Fellow,<br>School of Agriculture, Biomedicine & Environment<br>La Trobe University, Australia | Digital horticulture for transforming horticulture sector: Opportunities and challenges<br>**Time:** 19.00 hr to 19.30 hr IST |
| **Dr. Vishnu D. Rajput**<br>Principal Scientist, HQS, Head, International Lab on Nanobiotechnology, Southern Federal University, Russia | Nanocomposite and nano biochar in horticultural crops management<br>**Time:** 19.30 hr to 20.00 hr IST |
| **Dr Elly Ouma Atieno,** Project Coordinator, Plant Health and Seed Systems, International Potato Center. | Research and development in potato in South West Asia<br>**Time:** 20.00 hr to 20.30 hr IST |

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| Day 3: January 30, 2026 |
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| 8:00-9:15 hr. Breakfast |

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| **9.15hr** | **SESSION-X: PPVFRA, Entrepreneurship development and Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)** | | |
| | **Chairman** | : | **Dr Balraj Singh,** Ex-Vice Chancellor, SKNAU, Jobner |
| | **Co-Chairman** | : | **Dr Uma Kant Dubey,** Ex-Joint Registrar, PPVFRA |
| | **Convener** | : | **Dr M J Dobriyal,** Associate Dean, RLBCAU, Jhansi |
| | **Rapporteur** | : | **Dr Arjun Lal Ola,** Assistant Professor, RLBCAU, Jhansi<br>**Dr Hanuman Ram,** Scientist, ICAR-CIAH, Bikaner |
| **Keynote Speaker** | | | |
| 09:15 – 9:30hr | **Dr Dharmendra Bhadauria**<br>Vindhychal FPO, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh | : | Role of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) in Strengthening Horticultural Value Chains (Focus: collective marketing, aggregation, bargaining power, linking farmers to markets) |
| **Lead Lecture** | | | |
| 09:30 – 9:40hr | **Dr Sushil Kumar Singh**<br>Director, Extension Education<br>RLBCAU, Jhansi | : | Farmer centric approaches for sustainable development of horticulture in Bundelkhand region |
| 09:40 – 09.50 hr | **Dr D K Sarolia,**<br>Principal Scientist,<br>ICAR CIAH, Bikaner | : | Enhancing income of the farmers through improved varieties and technologies in arid and minor fruit crops. |
| 09:50 – 10.00 hr | **Dr Raj Kumar,**<br>Head, KVK (ICAR-VPKAS),<br>Bageshwar, Uttarakhand. | : | Problems and prospects of horticulture in foothills of the Himalayas |
| 10:00 – 10:10 hr | **Dr Gaurav Sharma,**<br>Professor and Head,<br>Floriculture and Landscaping,<br>RLBCAU, Jhansi | : | Floriculture driven income enhancement strategies for Bundelkhand region |
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| **SHRD AWARD Function 10.00-11.00 hr** | | | |

## Panel Discussion (11.00 -12.00 hr)

**on**

**"Potential of Horticulture in Bundelkhand Region**

**Panelist**

1. **Dr Balraj Singh,** Ex-Vice Chancellor, SKNAU Jobner, Jaipur
2. **Dr T. Janakiram,** Ex-Vice Chancellor, Dr Y.S.R. Horticultural University, Andhra Pradesh
3. **Dr B. S. Tomar,** Ex Head, Division of Vegetable Science, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
4. **Dr Manish Srivastav,** Dean, College of Horticulture and Forestry, RLBCAU, Jhansi
5. **Dr A. K. Singh,** Head, ICAR-CIAH, Bikaner, RS, Godhra

**Convener**

1. **Dr Shridhar Patil,** Head (Agriculture Extension) College of Agriculture, RLBCAU, Jhansi
2. **Dr Aakash Sharma,** Professor, SKAUST, Jammu

**Rapporteurs**

1. **Dr Manoj Kundu**, Associate Professor, Fruit Science, RLBCAU, Jhansi
2. **Dr Prabhat Tiwari**, Asst Prof, RLBCAU, Jhansi

**PLENARY SESSION (12.00 to 13.00 hr)**

# Poster Session

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| | **SESSION-II:** Genomics for improvement of indigenous and underutilized horticultural crops | |
| 29.01.2026 | **SESSION-III:** Conventional breeding for crop improvement | 10.00 to 13.00 hr |
| | **SESSION-IV:** Recent advances in production technology of indigenous and underutilized horticultural crops | |
| | **SESSION-V:** Post-harvest management, processing, value addition, and Agri-export zones for indigenous and underutilized horticultural crops | |
| | **SESSION-VI:** Clean planting material and high yielding seeds | 14.00 to 18.00 hr |
| | **SESSION-VII:** Protected cultivation and precision farming | |
| | **SESSION-VIII:** Diseases and pest management of horticultural crops | |
| | **SESSION-IX:** Climate-resilient horticulture production | |
| | **SESSION-X:** PPVFRA & Entrepreneurship development and Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) | |

| Oral Session: 28-29. January 2026 | | |
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