

PLACEROSYM XXVI

“Future Proofing Plantation sector for wellbeing and welfare”



**Venue: ICAR-Central Plantation Crops Research Institute
Kasaragod**

January 05-07, 2026





Introduction

Plantation crops comprising coconut, arecanut, cocoa, cashew, oil palm, coffee, tea, rubber, and spices are high-value commercial crops with greater economic importance. They play a vital role in improving the Indian economy, particularly in terms of export potential, employment generation, and poverty alleviation that significantly improve socioeconomic status of mankind. Plantation Crops Symposium (PLACROSYM) is a unique endeavour of research and development intuitions related to plantation crops in India, which was started during 1972 in order to provide common forum for interaction among Scientists, industry, developmental agencies, students and all other stakeholders and put a collective effort for holistic development of plantation sector. The present symposium which is 26th in the series has been proposed with the theme “Future Proofing Plantation sector for wellbeing and welfare”, which will offer a forum to discuss current advancements and future requirements to address challenges in plantation crops sector.

Venue

The 26th Biennial Symposium on Plantation Crops will be held at ICAR-CPCRI, Kasaragod from 05 to 07 January 2026.

About Kasaragod

Kasaragod is administrative headquarters of Kasaragod district in the state of Kerala, India situated at 12.49° N, 74.98° E. It is the northernmost district of Kerala and also known as SaptaBhashaSangamaBhoomi (The Land of Seven Languages). Situated in the rich biodiversity of Western Ghats, Kasaragod is a hidden gem of the Malabar Coast, located on the estuary where the Chandragiri River empties into the Arabian Sea, and is home to several forts, including Arikady Fort, Bekal Fort, Chandragiri Fort, and Hosdurg Fort.

Bekal Fort is the largest fort in Kerala. Other tourist attractions include the historic Kalahari Rajas, natural environment of Ranipuram and Kottancheri Hills, historical and religious sites like the Madhur Temple, Anathapuram Lake Temple and Malik Dinar Mosque. The historic hill of Ezhimala is located on the southern portion of Kavya Backwaters of Nelishwaram.

Talakaveri, home to Talakaveri Wildlife sanctuary and where the 805 km long Kaveri River originates, is located closer to Ranipuram on the Kerala-Karnataka border.



Weather in Kasaragod

Kasaragod typically experience pleasant weather during December, though still warm by most standard due to its tropical climate. Day time (Max) temperature is around 28°C to 32°C and night time (Min) is around 18°C to 22°C. The humidity level is moderate, typically ranging between 50 -70%, making it relatively comfortable.



How to reach

The institution is well-connected by road, rail, and air

- **By Air:** The nearest airport is Mangalore International Airport (IXE), approximately 55km away. This is the most convenient airport for reaching Kasaragod. Other nearby airports include Kannur (CCN), about 90 km away, and Calicut (CCJ), approximately 185 km away.
- **By Train:** The nearest railway station is Kasaragod Railway Station (KGQ), which is about 5km from the ICAR-CPCRI campus. Kasaragod is on the major railway line connecting cities like Mangalore, Bangalore and Thiruvananthapuram. Alternatively, you can alight at Mangalore central (MAQ) or Mangalore junction (MAJN), which is approximately 50 km away.
- **By road :** The institute is located near National Highway 66 (NH66), which connects major cities along the west coast of India, making it accessible by bus or car. The Kasaragod bus stand is about 4 km from the campus, and taxis or auto rickshaws can be hired to reach the institute. It takes about 1.5 to 2 hours to drive from Mangalore to CPCRI via NH66 (National Highway).

Technical sessions

The Symposium will be organized in following sub themes to cover entire plantation sector.

- I. Genetic resources and breeding (includes horticulture, genetics and plant breeding, biotechnology, bioinformatics, and related subjects)
- II. Resource use efficiency and production system for climate resilient (includes agronomy, horticulture, soil science, microbiology, physiology, soil water conservation, climate change mitigation and related subjects)
- III. AI and digital tools for plant health management (includes AI and IoT and related subjects)
- IV. Diagnosis and management of biotic stresses (includes pathology, entomology, nematology and related subjects)
- V. Nutraceutical and value addition for wealth and health (pre and post harvest management, value addition, health aspects and related subjects)
- VI. Socioeconomic empowerment (includes economics, extension, statistics and related subjects)

Awards

1. **ISPC Fellow**
2. **Dr. C. S. Venkataram Memorial Award**
 - Distinguished Scientist Award for the contribution in the field of plantation crops research and development
 - Best Original Research Paper published in the Journal of Plantation Crops
 - Best Original Research Paper presentation
3. **Dr. R. L. NarasimhaSwamy Award**
 - Best Poster presentation
 - Second Original Research Paper presentation



- 4. All Indian Betelnut Federation Award**
 - Best Arecanut Scientist
 - Best Arecanut Farmer
- 5. Mehta Foundation Innovative Planter Award**
- 6. Dr. Muthuswamy Anandaraj Award for the best research paper in Crop Protection**
- 7. Dr. D. Jaganathan Award for the best research paper in Social Sciences**
- 8. Dr. G. Venkateswaran Award for the best research paper in Post-Harvest Technology**
- 9. Dr. K. U. K Nampoothiri Award for the best oral presentation in Crop Improvement session**
- 10. Dr. M. R. Manikantan, Best Scientist Award for the best research and extension work carried out in coconut and its intercrops.**
- 11. Dr. P. Rethinam Award for the best oral presentation in Crop Production session**
- 12. Dr. V. S. Korikanthimath Award for the Best Original Research paper published in Journal of Plantation Crops in the field of Natural Resources Management (NRM) including Agronomy, Soil Science and Microbiology.**

Submission of Abstracts/Full Papers

Delegates are requested to send an abstract with 500 words including five key words as an attachment with the following specifications through e-mail: placrosym26@gmail.com. Type of font: Times new roman, fontsize:12, space between the lines: 1. Author(s) should indicate the name of the theme on top of the abstract. Abstracts/papers of registered authors will be published in Book of Abstracts. Full length papers (10 pages) also can be submitted as per the format of Journal of Plantation Crops (visit www.indsocplantationcrops.in for guidelines), which will be published in regular issue of Journal of Plantation Crops after peer review process.

Oral & Poster Presentations

Selection of papers for oral or poster is based on the technical merit and as decided by screening committee. Tentative time slot for oral presentation is 08 minutes and 02 minutes for discussion. Power point presentations have to be handed over to session convener an hour before commencement of session. Content in posters must be precise in bullet form and self-explanatory in a poster of 90cm width and 120cm height.

Important Dates

Submission of abstracts:	30 th September 2025
Intimation of acceptance:	15 th October 2025
Submission of full length papers:	30 th October 2025
Early registration:	30 th October 2025
Late registration:	30 th November 2025



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Category	Early Registration	Late Registration	Spot Registration
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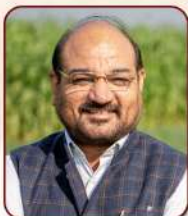
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