



ICAR - CENTRAL PLANTATION
CROPS RESEARCH INSTITUTE



National Seminar

Biosecurity Risks and Mitigation Strategies in Horticultural Crops



22–24 April 2026

ICAR-CPCRI Regional Station, Kayamkulam,
Kerala

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

The National Seminar addresses emerging biosecurity risks and mitigation strategies in horticultural crops, focusing on preparedness, readiness, quarantine, diagnostics, and outreach. The programme brings together scientists, policymakers, quarantine officials, extension professionals, and stakeholders to deliberate on national priorities and future roadmaps for strengthening national system for managing biosecurity risks.

Seminar Highlights

**Technical Sessions on Biosecurity Risks,
Quarantine & Mitigation Strategies**

**Workshops on Biosecurity Outreach &
Concerns in Planting Material Production**

Dr. K.P.V. Menon Memorial Lecture

Sri. M.K. Varghese Plenary Lecture

Kalpa Vajra Award-Best Coconut Farmer



INAUGURAL SESSION

22 April 2026



CHIEF GUEST

Dr. S.K. Singh
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ICAR, New Delhi



GUEST OF HONOUR

Dr. V.B. Patel
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Dr. T.P. Rajendran
Former ADG (PP & Biosafety)
ICAR, New Delhi



Dr. K.P.V. MENON MEMORIAL LECTURE

Dr. George V. Thomas
Former Director
ICAR-CPCRI, Kasaragod



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Dr. S.N. Sushil
Director
ICAR-NBAIR, Bengaluru

TECHNICAL SESSIONS

Lead
lectures

Oral
presentations

Flash
talks

DAY 1 – 22 April 2026

Technical Session I : Biosecurity Risks -Awareness and Preparedness

- Biosecurity challenges in horticultural crops
- Case studies on exotic pest incursions and economic setbacks
- Preparedness strategies at national, state and regional levels

Workshop : Biosecurity Concerns on Planting Materials of Horticultural Crops – Prospects and Challenges

- Multilevel stakeholder interaction on biosecurity concerns in planting material production
- Discussion and action plan drafting



DAY 2 – 23 April 2026

Technical Session II : Quarantine, Regulations and Impact on Horticultural Crops

- Role of quarantine in preventing exotic pest entry
- Socio-economic impacts of pest incursions
- International phytosanitary standards

Technical Session III : Mitigation Strategies – Research, Innovations and Case Studies

- Diagnostic and surveillance tools
- Biodiversity-driven biological & agro-ecological practices
- Farmer-participatory technology transfer models



VALEDICTORY SESSION

23 April 2026

- Chief Guest : Dr. V.B. Patel
ADG (Fruits & Plantation Crops)
ICAR, New Delhi
- Sri. M.K. Varghese Plenary Lecture
- Workshop recommendations
- Award distribution

DAY 3 – 24 April 2026

Workshop on Biosecurity Outreach

- Development of outreach modules for farmers and nurseries
- Farmer-level biosecurity practices
- Interactive sessions with extension personnel and stakeholders
- Group discussions and action plan drafting

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Abstracts of research papers related to the thematic areas of the seminar are invited for oral presentations and flash talks. Authors are requested to submit their abstracts with a maximum of 300 words, excluding the title, authors' names, affiliation, and email ID. The abstract should be uploaded in PDF/DOC format through the Google form provided. While preparing the abstract, authors should follow the format and style prescribed by the *Journal of Plantation Crops*. Abstracts must be based on recent research work carried out by the authors. Registration of the presenting author is mandatory for inclusion of the abstract in the seminar proceedings. All submissions will be reviewed and edited as necessary. Abstracts will be accepted only if accompanied by the completed registration form and the prescribed registration fee.

AWARDS

Prizes will be awarded to best presentations from each technical session.

REGISTRATION

Only registered delegates are permitted to attend and participate in the seminar. They are entitled to receive all relevant publications of the seminar including certificates.

Registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/5n68jxwr>

Category	Registration fees (₹)
Faculty/Academicians/Scientists	₹ 5000/-
Research Scholars and Students	₹ 1000/-
Representatives from FPOs/ NGOs/ Private sector	₹ 2000/-

MODE OF PAYMENT AND ACCOUNT DETAILS

All payments should be made through online transfer to Indian Society of Plantation Crops (ISPC). Please provide full details of payment in registration form. Receipts will be issued with the registration kit.

ISPC Account number: 10510439103 IFSC: SBIN0010560

PARTICIPANTS

- Scientists from ICAR institutes, SAUs, Rubber/Tea/Coffee/Spices Boards
- Officials from NHB, DPPQS, CIPMC, NIPHM, CDB, DASD, DCCD
- Extension workers and representatives from FPOs / NGOs
- Research scholars and students

DATES TO REMEMBER

Submission of abstracts	10 th April 2026
Intimation of acceptance	12 th April 2026
Last date for registration	15 th April 2026

VENUE

ICAR-CPCRI Regional Station, Kayamkulam, Kerala, located in Alappuzha district is well connected by road and rail. Kayamkulam railway station and NH-66 provide easy access, and the venue is approximately 100 km from Thiruvananthapuram and 130 km from Cochin International Airports.

STEERING COMMITTEE

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