

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Submission of abstracts	15 th April 2026
Intimation of acceptance	17 th April 2026
Last date for registration	18 th April 2026

STEERING COMMITTEE

Chief Patron : Dr. Mangi Lal Jat
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: Dr. J. P. Singh, Plant Protection Advisor, Govt. of India
: Dr. B. A. Jerard, PC, ICAR-AICRP on Plantation Crops

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Chairman: Dr. Regi Jacob Thomas
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ICAR-Central Plantation Crops Research Institute, Kasaragod
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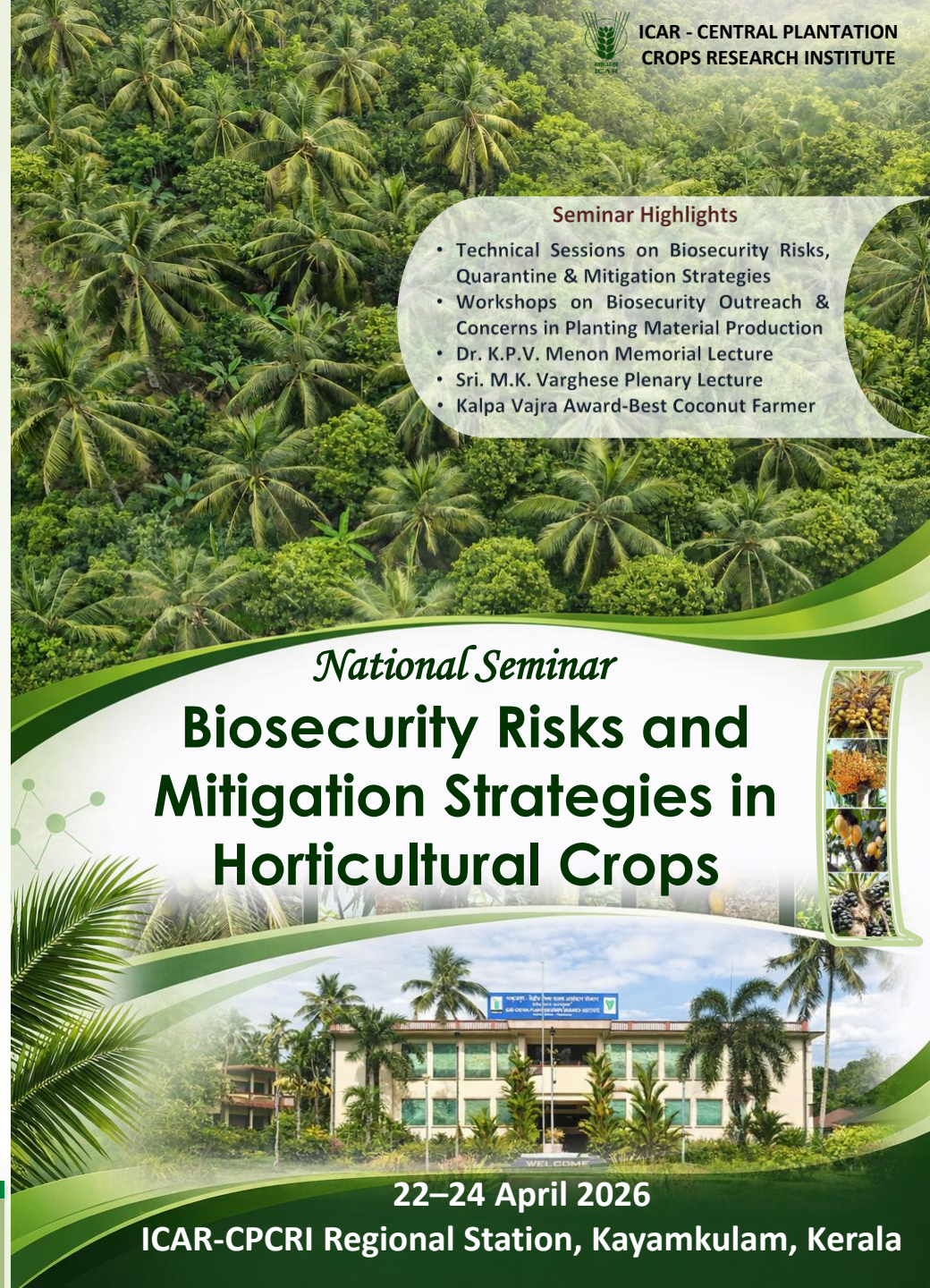
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Seminar Highlights

- 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

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.

DAY 1 : 22 April 2026

Inaugural Session

Chief guest : **Dr. S.K. Singh**
DDG (Hort. Science)
ICAR, New Delhi

Guest of honour : **Dr. V.B. Patel**
ADG (Fruits & Plantation Crops)
ICAR, New Delhi

Technical Session I : Biosecurity Risks -Awareness and Preparedness

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

Lead lectures

Oral presentations

Flash talks

DAY 2 : 23 April 2026

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

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

Valedictory Session

Chief Guest : **Dr. N. K. Krishnakumar**
Former DDG (Hort. Science)
ICAR, New Delhi

DAY 3 : 24 April 2026

Workshop on Biosecurity Outreach

- Development of outreach modules for farmers and nurseries

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Abstracts related to the thematic areas of the seminar are invited for oral presentations and flash talks. Authors should submit abstracts (maximum 300 words, excluding title and author details) in PDF/DOC format through the Google Form, following the style of the Journal of Plantation Crops, and based on recent research. Registration of the presenting author is mandatory for inclusion of the abstract in the seminar proceedings.

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