





10th Asian PGPR Society India Chapter National Conference

on

"Fostering PGPR's for secondary green revolution towards soil and crop health management"

15-17, September 2025

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On behalf of SKUAST-Jammu & Asian PGPR Society and its Indian Chapter for Sustainable Agriculture; we welcome you all at 10th Asian PGPR India Chapter National Conference on "Fostering PGPR's for secondary green revolution towards soil and crop health management" scheduled to be held from 15-17 September, 2025 at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu, Main campus, Chatha, Jammu, J & K, INDIA-180009. This conference is being organized in collaboration with Asian PGPR Society for Sustainable Agriculture for scholars, researchers and advisors with devoted interest and concern for scientific advances, policy making and strategic perspectives. Given the pressing challenges of climate change, water deficits and declining soil fertility across the globe, innovative approaches and techniques in present day agriculture are desperately needed for sustainable crop production. This conference is focused on exploring new innovative approaches that includes fascinating world of Plant Growth-Promoting Rhizobacteria (PGPR) and their critical role in achieving agricultural sustainability. During this event, we will form a joint platform for academia, researchers, entrepreneurs, policy makers, progressive farmers and Government officials comprising a core team of technical experts from across India, that shall deliberate and understand the strengths and weaknesses in developing PGPR associated strategies and technologies that can be used by farming communities across the world.

We look forward to your esteemed participation in this significant event, contributing to a more sustainable future for Indian agriculture.



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About SKUAST of Jammu: The Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST of Jammu), India came into existence on 20th September 1999 following the amendment of the Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology Act, 1982 through the State Legislature. SKUAST of Jammu is a multicampus university (www.skuast.org). This multi-campus institution of excellence comprises of many



Faculties viz. Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry, Agricultural Engineering, Basic Sciences and Institute of Biotechnology situated in main campus Chatha; and the Faculties of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry, Dairy Technology at Ranbir Singh Pura Campus. Besides there are 9 different Research Stations and Sub-Stations, 10 AICRPs and 9 Krishi Vigyan Kendras that cater needs of research and extension in Jammu region. The university has mission of world providing class teaching undergraduate and postgraduate levels in agricultural sciences, veterinary sciences, biotechnology, basic sciences, and agribusiness management.

About Jammu

The city of temples, Jammu is situated on the banks of the river Tawi, and is surrounded by the Shivalik ranges of the mighty Himalayas to its North, East and South-East; Trikuta hills on the North-West; and Northern plains in the South. It was founded by the Rajput King Jambulochan in the 14th century. The region features a humid sub-tropical climate with extreme highs in summer and winters. Month of September is cool and pleasant with temperature average of 25.0°C (Min. 20.0°C - Max. 27.0°C). light Winter clothing may be required during the visit. City of Jammu is well connected to other parts of India through air, rail as well as

inter-state bus services. SKUAST-Jammu at Chatha campus is 6.4 km from Jammu Civil Airport, Satwari, Jammu, 12.3 km from Jammu Tawi Railway Station, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu and 12.0 km from General Bus Stand, Resham Ghar Colony, Jammu.

Places to Visit

Jammu is famously called the 'City of Temples'. Vaishno Devi Temple being one of the holiest Hindu pilgrimage sites is located in Katra on Trikuta Hills (~60 kms from Jammu). Other important places of interest are-Patnitop, Sanasar, Krimchi temple, Raghunath Temple, Bahu Fort & Gardens, Amar Mahal Palace, Mubarak Mandi, Mansar & Suruisar Lakes and Suchetgarh-Pakistan International Border.



Srinagar in the valley of Kashmir is approximately 250 kms from Jammu and connected by air and road. In Srinagar during September, the average high temperature is around 81°F (27°C), and the average low is 56°F (13°C), with a mean temperature of 69°F (20°C).

Who Can Attend: Participation is open to all professionals, researchers, academia, farmers, policymakers, NGO, extension functionaries, industries, students, and field officers. Delegates are invited to register early to enable us plan and make the best possible arrangements.

Weather: In September, Jammu generally experiences warm daytime temperatures, with an average high around 33°C (91°F), and cooler night time temperatures around 22°C (72°F).

How to Reach: Jammu is well connected by rail, road, and air. The domestic flight operators connect Jammu to many important cities in India, such as Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad and Bangalore.

Salient features of the Conference

- Good platform for scientific deliberations and discussions.
- Information, benchmarking and networking offered at one place.
- National & Global networking between PGPR researchers.
- Nationally renowned speakers for research collaboration.
- Structured scientific programmes for sustainable agriculture.
- Convene academia and industry visionaries to get inspired.
- Problem solving skills in organic agriculture.
- Gain the knowledge to find solutions for problems
- Career guidance for students and scholars of next generation
- Entrepreneurial opportunity for young minds
- Poster & oral presentations and world class stall exhibitions
- MOUs among interested groups of academia and industries and policy makers.
- Making global opportunities between stakeholders

Conference themes

Theme 1: PGPR as tool for sustainable soil and crop health management

Theme 2: Integrated disease management: bridging PGPR and traditional practices

Theme 3: Artificial intelligence and innovations in PGPR for secondary green revolution

Theme 4: Entrepreneurial opportunities and social impact studies related to PGPR Sciences

Theme 5: Omics of PGPR and their application in agri-biotechnology

Theme 6: Advances in plant disease diagnosis and resistance mechanisms

Call for abstracts/papers

original research papers/abstracts/ The conceptual papers related to the conference themes are invited from all the stakeholders viz., students, faculties of SAU's/ICAR institutes, and PSUs/ companies/ private organizations. The soft copy of the papers both abstract and full-length papers should be sent to the organizers of the conference on or before 10th July, 2025, via Email at: pgprabstract2025@gmail.com. Awards will be provided for best paper and poster presentations selected by the panel of Judges. All other registered candidates would be awarded with participation certificate.

Guidelines for abstract submission

Based on the above Conference themes, abstracts and full- length papers are invited and written clearly in English and submitted on or before 12th July, 2025.

- Abstracts must report the results of the original research or other activity of significant merit related to PGPR microbiome and its allied fields.
- Abstracts should not exceed 300 words. It must be typed in Times New Roman, font 12, 1.0 spacing and submitted as a word document with no grammatical, typographical or factual errors.
- ➤ Title of abstracts followed by full names (without using titles such as Mr./Mrs./Dr. etc.) of author(s) along with the address of the affiliated institute should be mentioned. In case of two or more authors the presenting author should be marked with an asterisk (*) and his/her email should be mentioned and Peer reviewed and selected
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Conference Proceedings

The participants are requested to send their full papers directly as we indent to publish the full proceedings with ISBN by renowned publisher and release the same during inaugural function of the conference. The full-length paper should not exceed 10 pages including tables, figures and references. The content should be typed in Microsoft (MS) word (Times New Roman, font size 12, line spacing 1.5), highlighting the results of original research work in the following format: Title: author(s) name and affiliation (address of the institution with e-mail ID of corresponding author etc. Presenting author should be indicated with an asterisk (*) symbol. Title, author's name and affiliation should be center aligned. Keywords should be limited to 5.

- Full paper should have the sequence of Title of the paper with author(s) name, affiliation with e-mail ID, abstract (not exceeding 300 words) with key words, followed by Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results and Discussion, References as per format shown below [limit the references to 10-15].
- Cite references in the text as: (Marimuthu, 2010) or Marimuthu and Nakkeeran, 2012 or when more than two authorsmicrobiome and its allied fields.
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• List references in alphabetical order [No serial number]

How to cite references

 All initials to be at the end of author's name, give full name of journal.

To cite Journals

Gayathri, J., Kasipandi, M., Ashwini, L.M. Gayathri, N. and Parimelazhagan, T. 2022. Understanding the bioaccessibility, α-amylase and α-glucosidase enzyme inhibition kinetics of *Allmania nodiflora*. *Food Chemistry*. **372**: 131-139.

To cite Proceedings / Book chapters

Shaikh, S.S., Sayyed, R.Z. and Reddy, M.S. 2016. Plant Growth-Promoting Rhizobacteria In: (Eds.) K.R. Hakeem *et al.*, *Plant, Soil and Microbes*. Springer International Publishing, Switzerland, pp. 181-201.

To cite Books

Singh, B. and Deepa, M.A. 2025. *Herbal Technology*. New Age International Publishers, New Delhi, India 410p.

Call for Asian PGPR India Chapter Awards

The Asian PGPR Society India Chapter grants the following awards and honours to a current Asian PGPR Society Life Member in recognition of distinguished contributions to PGPR's original research, teaching, administration, professional and public service, and/or extension and outreach or to the society. Additionally, Asian PGPR supports future leaders along with innovative research in PGPR product development and international activities through industry supported funds. Following are the categories of awards:

- Best Young & Senior Scientist
- Best Women Young & Senior Scientist
- Best Entrepreneur & Best Start-up
- Best Social Worker
- Life-time Achievement
- Excellence in Research & Extension
- Excellence in Industry
- Excellence in Regulatory Affairs and Crop Security
- Excellence in Teaching & Administration

- Progressive Farmers
- Asian PGPR Society Services

General Instructions

Current Asian PGPR Life membership and participation as a delegate with paid registration required for these awards. Each member of the society may nominate one for each of candidate the above awards. Nominations should address the activities most relevant to the award, with a clear statement of the impact the nominee has his/her specific had area expertise. The nomination packet must include the following supporting material:

A nomination statement not to exceed 1,000 words that highlights the contributions of the candidate and includes the candidate's name, place of birth, and institutions, with degrees and years granted, as well as current position. The statement should be focused and succinct and document the relevancy and impact of the candidate's contributions to the advancement of science in PGPR's.

- 1. Curriculum vitae not to exceed two pages.
- 2. A complete list of publications. The list should be separated into the following categories, with most recent publications first. Abstracts and manuscripts not yet accepted should not be included.
- Refereed journal articles and extension publications
- o Books, reviews, book chapters, and etc.,
- Technical publications (e.g., monographs, reports, symposium papers, proceedings, etc.)
- Popular publications and Invited presentations

Nomination Deadline

Award nominations is open till July 30, 2025.

The Awards and Honors Committee will submit their findings to PGPR Society Council for scrutiny. Those receiving awards will be notified by the Society Chairman in first week of August, 2025 and shall be awarded during the Conference Gala Dinner during the conference. Nominations must be

submitted via email to Prof. Brajeshwar Singh (Email: brajeshbhau@yahoo.co.in) for compilation and transmission to the awards committee.

Oral & Poster Presentations

Oral Presentation: The number of slides shouldn't be more than 15 and the time is 15 minutes and the presentation should include Title, Name, Theme, and Address on the first slide of the presentation, Introduction, Material and Methods, Results and Conclusion.

Poster Presentation: Size: 120 cm length x 90 cm breath. Font Size: Title - 80 pt, Authors - 50pt, Subheading 46 pt, Text - 24 pt, Caption - 18 pt. Poster should include - Title, Name, Theme, Address, Introduction, Material and Methods, Results, Conclusion and References.

Registration

Registration fee includes working lunches, dinners, tea breaks and registration kit only.

Registration Categories	Early Bird registration (June 30, 2025) in ₹	After June 30, 2025 in ₹
PGPR Member	3,000	4,000
Non-PGPR Member	4,000	5,000
Students & Scholars	1,000	1,500
Entrepreneurs /	10,000	15,000
Companies		
International	150	200
Delegates (US\$)		

Mode of Payment

Payment can be remitted via

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Conference

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Travel Arrangement

The participants are requested to make their own travel arrangements. If assistance is needed, the participants are requested to contact the organizers.

Date to be remembered

Early bird Registration: July 30, 2025

Last date for Registration: August 31, 2025

Last date for Submission of Abstract: July 12, 2025

Last date for Submission of Full Paper: July 31, 2025

On spot Registration: September 15, 2025

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WhatsApp group.

https://chat.whatsapp.com/KzbaWg2WNsVKwKyEI0W0UE

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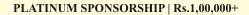


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- 7. Soft copy of the proceedings
- 8. Exhibition space
- 9. 5 minute presentation during the kick off session
- 10. One oral presentation during regular sessions
- 11. VIP table at conference social event
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- 4. On-site signage
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- 6. Recognition on Asian PGPR conference website with a link to your website
- 7. Soft copy of the proceedings
- 8. Exhibition space
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- 13. 25% discount on attendee mailing list*
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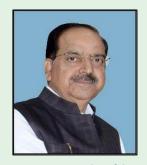


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- One complimentary conference registration
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- Soft copy of the proceedings
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We really appreciate your help and we would be grateful for considering this request. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any other information in this regard. We look forward to the pleasure of hearing from you soon. Further details regarding the sponsorship, please contact the Organizing Secretary Dr. Brajeshwar Singh [Mobile: +919419210036, Email: brajeshbhau@yahoo.co.in

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Contact: +91 191 2490400

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jammu/contact

E-Mail: info.jammu@radisson.com

Distance: 13.2 km



Zone by The Park Hotel, Jammu

Address: Rail Head Complex, near SBI Headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu,

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Website: https://www.zonebythepark.com/jammu-hotels

E-Mail: reservations@zonebythepark.com

Distance: 10 Km.



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Address: Railway Station Road, near Rail Head, Jammu and Kashmir

Contact: 01991 234 053

Website: https://www.maavaishnodevi.org/blog/room-reservations

Distance: 12.5 km



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Address: 9 Gulab Singh Marg, Jewel Chowk Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir

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