



National Conference **EntoFrontiers 2026**

Entomology Students Conclave 2026 (ESC 2026) & ESI-Foundation Day

January 27-29, 2026

Venue: Kerala Agricultural University, Vellanikkara, Thrissur



Organisers:

Kerala Agricultural University, Vellanikkara, Thrissur
Entomological Society of India, New Delhi
Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi
ICAR- Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi



About EntoFrontiers 2026 & Entomology Students Conclave 2026

Kerala Agricultural University (KAU), in collaboration with the Entomological Society of India (ESI), New Delhi, is pleased to host the National Conference “EntoFrontiers 2026: Innovations for Sustainable Pest Management and Ecosystem Resilience and the third Entomology Students Conclave” from January 27 to 29, 2026 at Thrissur, Kerala. This prestigious event will serve as a platform for scientists, researchers, academicians, industry experts, and students to share recent advancements and future directions in the field of entomology.

The conference aims to foster interdisciplinary dialogue and collaboration by bringing together leading researchers and students working at the frontiers of entomology. Key focus areas will include insect-environment interactions and IPM, insect-microbe and insect-plant interactions, emerging insect pests, insect conservation and biodiversity, climate change and insect ecology, insecticide toxicology, insect-based enterprises, urban and medical entomology, CRISPR, RNAi, metagenomics in entomology, bioagents and biopesticides and insect-mediated ecosystem services.

The scientific program will feature keynote addresses, plenary talks, invited lectures, oral and poster presentations, and panel discussions, offering participants numerous opportunities to engage, interact, and exchange knowledge. Special sessions will also be organized to encourage young scientists and students with awards for outstanding contributions.

Set in the culturally vibrant and agriculturally rich city of Thrissur, this conference promises a stimulating academic environment, opportunities for collaboration, and insights into the evolving challenges and solutions in entomology.

We cordially invite you to participate in this important event and contribute to shaping the future of sustainable agriculture through entomology.





Thematic Areas For EntoFrontiers 2026

- Theme 1** ▶ Insect-environment interactions and IPM
- Theme 2** ▶ Insect-microbe and insect-plant interactions
- Theme 3** ▶ Emerging insect pests and surveillance strategies
- Theme 4** ▶ Insect conservation and biodiversity
- Theme 5** ▶ Climate change and insect ecology
- Theme 6** ▶ Insecticide toxicology for sustainable pest management
- Theme 7** ▶ Innovations in insect-based enterprises
- Theme 8** ▶ Urban, medical and veterinary entomology
- Theme 9** ▶ Cutting-edge tools: CRISPR, RNAi, metagenomics in entomology
- Theme 10** ▶ Novel bioagents and next-gen biopesticides
- Theme 11** ▶ Insect-mediated ecosystem service

Thematic Areas For Entomology Students Conclave 2026

- Theme 1** ▶ Biodiversity and taxonomy
- Theme 2** ▶ Integrated pest management
- Theme 3** ▶ Biological control
- Theme 4** ▶ Insect toxicology
- Theme 5** ▶ Insect physiology, insect vectors and molecular advances in entomology
- Theme 6** ▶ Host plant resistance and insect ecology
- Theme 7** ▶ Climate change and insects, industrial entomology, and non-insect pests of crops
- Theme 8** ▶ Beneficial insects





ABOUT KERALA AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY

Established on 24th February 1971, Kerala Agricultural University (KAU) stands as a testament to the vision set forth by the Kothari Commission (1964-1966), which recommended the creation of Agricultural Universities in every state of India. KAU, with its foundation deeply rooted in this national vision, began its journey in agricultural education and research on 1st February, 1972, transforming the landscape of agricultural practices and education in Kerala. The establishment of KAU was made possible through Kerala Agricultural University Act (33 of 1971).



From its humble beginnings, KAU has played a pivotal role in the development of agriculture and continues to educate, innovate, and lead in enhancing the livelihoods of farmers, the community, and the nation as a whole. KAU's legacy is a remarkable journey of dedication, innovation, and excellence, shaping the future of agricultural sciences in Kerala and beyond.

KAU has nine colleges (five Agriculture, one Agricultural Engineering and Food Technology, one Forestry, one Co-operation Banking & Management, one Climate Change and Environmental Science), six RARs, seven KVKs, 17 Research Stations and 7 Extension Units under the Faculty of Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering and Technology and Forestry. In addition, one Institute of Agricultural Technology offering Diploma in Agricultural Sciences is also functioning under Kerala Agricultural University.

Kerala Agricultural University has received numerous accolades, including Sardar Patel Award of ICAR, Chancellor's Award and ICAR Accreditation with A grade. In the National Institutional Ranking Framework 2025 by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, KAU is ranked 12th in the agriculture and allied sectors category.





ABOUT ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF INDIA (ESI)

The Entomological Society of India, founded in 1938, is a professional organization dedicated to promoting entomological knowledge and research in India. It serves entomologists, researchers, and other insect enthusiasts by providing a platform for interaction, publishing articles, and organizing events through its various chapters. The society publishes Indian Journal of Entomology, Hexapoda, Bionotes and Indian Entomologist.



ABOUT INDIAN COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is an autonomous organisation under the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India. The Council is the apex body for co-ordinating, guiding and managing research and education in agriculture including horticulture, fisheries and animal sciences in the entire country. With 113 ICAR institutes and 74 agricultural universities spread across the country this is one of the largest national agricultural systems in the world. The ICAR has played a pioneering role in ushering Green Revolution and subsequent developments in agriculture in India through its research and technology development that has enabled the country to increase the production of *foodgrains by 6.21 times, horticultural crops by 11.53 times, fish by 21.61 times, milk by 13.01 times and eggs by 70.74 times since 1950-51 to 2021-22*, thus making a visible impact on the national food and nutritional security. It has played a major role in promoting excellence in higher education in agriculture.



ABOUT INDIAN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE

The Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), commonly known as the Pusa Institute, is India's premier institution for agricultural research, education, and extension. Established in 1905 and currently located in New Delhi, IARI played a central role in India's Green Revolution through the development of high-yielding crop varieties and advanced agricultural practices. It operates under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and offers postgraduate programs (M.Sc. and Ph.D.) in various disciplines such as Genetics and Plant Breeding, Agronomy, Soil Science, Horticulture, and Agricultural Biotechnology and undergraduate programme in agriculture. The institute is renowned for its cutting-edge research in sustainable and climate-resilient farming, biotechnology, and plant sciences. With a strong emphasis on both scientific innovation and farmer-oriented outreach, IARI continues to contribute significantly to the advancement of Indian agriculture and global food security.



REGISTRATION

Participants are requested to register for the conference on the **Website: techmeets.kau.in**. Abstracts submitted by registered participants will be published in the 'Abstract Book'.

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REGISTRATION FEE (RS)

Categories	Early bird registration	Standard registration
	(Up to 15.11.2025)	(Up to 31.12.2025)
Regular - Non- ESI Members (Scientist/Faculty/RA)	Rs. 6000	Rs. 7000
Regular - ESI Members (Scientist/Faculty/RA)	Rs. 5000	Rs. 6000
*Students (in person)- Non-ESI members	Rs. 2500	Rs. 3000
*Student (in person) -ESI members	Rs. 2000	Rs.2500
Students (Virtual)- Non- ESI members	Rs. 1500	
Students (Virtual)- ESI members	Rs. 1000	
Industry Participants	Rs. 12,000	14,000

*Complementary accommodation (dormitory) will be available for first hundred students on first come first serve basis



MODE OF PAYMENT

The registration fee of EntoFrontier 2026 & ESC 2026 should be paid exclusively through the given QR code



IMPORTANT DATES

Opening of registration and abstract submission	21 October 2025
Last date for early bird registration	15 November 2025
Last date for abstract submission	30 November 2025
Last date for standard registration	31 December 2025

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

The EntoFrontier 2026 invites scientists faculty members, research scholars, students, academicians, entrepreneurs and private sector representatives working in the field of entomology. Only M.Sc. and Ph.D. students currently enrolled or those who have completed their degrees by December 31, 2025 are eligible to register for ESC 2026.



SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACT

- The abstracts are to be submitted only through online portal.
- The detailed guidelines are provided in the portal and the participants should strictly adhere to the template.
- The details of shortlisted candidates oral, poster and virtual presentations will be intimated.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Captivating presentations and workshops: dive deep into the science of entomology with expert-led sessions that cover everything from insect behavior to the latest research in arachnids. Gain hands-on experience and learn about cuttingedge techniques in the field.

- **Networking Opportunities:** connect with fellow students, researchers, and professionals who share your passion. Forge lifelong friendships and collaborate on future projects in an environment that fosters mutual learning and growth.
- **Engaging discussions and Panels:** Participate in thought provoking discussions and panels that address current challenges and advancements in entomology. Gain insights into various career paths and the impact of entomological research on global issues.
- **Cultural Exchange:** experience the local culture and traditions as you interact with participants from different backgrounds. Discover how different regions celebrate and study insects, and gain a global perspective on entomological science





ABOUT THRISSUR

Often called the “Cultural Capital of Kerala”, Thrissur is one of the most vibrant cities of the state, renowned for its rich traditions, historic temples, and colorful festivals. At the heart of the city lies the iconic Vadakkumnathan Temple, surrounded by the sprawling Thekkinkadu Maidan, which serves as the venue for the world-famous Thrissur Pooram festival.

Thrissur has long been a hub of learning, culture, and spirituality, with numerous institutions dedicated to classical arts, Ayurveda, and Sanskrit studies. The city also played a significant role in Kerala’s political and social history.

Apart from its cultural grandeur, Thrissur offers several attractions for visitors:



Vadakkumnathan Temple

A centuries-old Shiva temple, noted for its classic Kerala architecture and mural paintings.

Thrissur Pooram

The grand temple festival, often described as the “mother of all poorams,” featuring decorated elephants, percussion ensembles, and fireworks.



Kerala Kalamandalam, Cheruthuruthy

A premier center for learning Kerala's classical performing arts like Kathakali, Mohiniyattam, and Koodiyattam.



Our Lady of Dolours Basilica (Puthanpally)

One of the largest churches in India, known for its towering spires and Gothic architecture.



Sakthan Thampuran Palace

A museum showcasing royal artifacts, inscriptions, and relics of Kerala's history.



Athirappilly and Vazhachal Waterfalls

Majestic cascades located on the outskirts of Thrissur.



Guruvayur Temple

Located nearby, it is one of the most important Krishna temples in India, attracting devotees from across the country.



TRAVEL INFORMATION

Thrissur enjoys excellent connectivity, with a major railway junction linking it to important cities across India. The city is also well connected by road, lying along the national highway network, and the nearby Cochin International Airport, just 50 km away, provides convenient access to both domestic and international destinations.

Nearest airports

Cochin International Airport - 52 Kms

Calicut International Airport – 107 km

Coimbatore International Airport - 120 km

Railway Station

Thrissur - 11 kms

ACCOMMODATION

Thrissur, as a tourist destination, offers a wide range of accommodation options, from budget to star-rated hotels. Delegates are encouraged to book their accommodation directly with a hotel of their choice.

The details regarding the availability of accommodation will be provided in the conference website.

Awards

Exciting prizes and awards will be provided for best oral and poster presentations

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Guidelines for ESC 2026

- Candidate should submit only one abstract in a specific theme on the online portal.
- Shortlisted candidates selected during the initial screening will be offered the opportunity to deliver their presentations in person/virtual.
- TRAVEL GRANT: Limited travel support (Up to Rs. 5000/student on production of tickets) is available to the candidates who do not have fellowship/research assistance. The candidates are required to submit separate application for travel grant on ESC2026 portal.
- For best oral and posters outstanding presenters at ESC 2026 will be recognized.
- Certificate of participation will be provided to all registered candidates.

SPONSORSHIP

Platinum – Rs. 3,00,000 ● Gold – Rs. 2,00,000

Silver– Rs. 1,00,000 ● Bronze- 50,000

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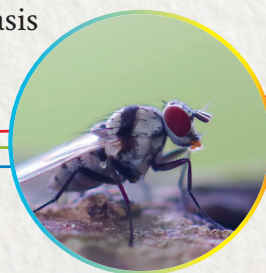
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