



National Symposium

On

Synergies for Sustainability: Fostering Academia-Industry Collaboration in Plant Health Management

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Himalayan Phytopathological Society

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Department of Plant Pathology

Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry

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ABOUT THE SOCIETY

"Himalayan Phytopathological Society," Department of Plant Pathology was formed in 2017 and has been registered under the Societies Registration Act, 2006 with Registration No. PSH/16/892/2018 dated 31.12.2018. The Society has been formed with a vision to create a forum for discussion, deliberations, communication for furthering the discipline of plant pathology to develop sustainable disease management practices for the crops grown in the Himalayan region and other areas. The Society is engaged in organizing various activities like Workshops, brainstorming sessions, guest lectures, field visits for farmer-scientist interaction, excursion visits, publication of e-Magazine "Technology Notes" to further the science and technology output out of plant pathology.

Since its inception, the Society has organized important workshops and symposia either individually or in collaboration at the National and International level such as 1. National Symposia on 'Biorational Approaches in Plant Diseases Management' on October 27-28, 2017; 2. 'Alternative Approaches in Plant Health Management for Enhancing Farmers' Income' on November 2-3, 2018 at the main campus of the University at Nauni. The Society also organized a satellite Symposium on "Crop Protection in Horticulture" in collaboration with International Association for the Plant Protection Sciences (IAPPS), ICRISAT as one of the events during the XIX International Plant Protection Congress (IPPC 2019) on "Crop Protection to Outsmart Climate Change for Food Security & Environmental Conservation" at the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) on 10-14 November, 2019, Hyderabad, Telangana, India. In May 2021 and 2022, the Society organized a hybrid national symposium on "Plant Health Management beyond 2020" and "Novel Strategies in Plant Stress Diagnosis and Management" at Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni Solan. The IPS North Zone meet and National Symposium of Himalayan Phytopathological Society on "New Vistas in Plant Pathological Research" was organized in collaboration with CSKHPKV Palampur on November 7- 8, 2024. In addition, to promote excellence in the field, the Society has instituted awards like: Dr R.L. Munjal Best Ph.D. Thesis Award, Young Scientist Award, Innovative Farmer Award, Lifetime Achievement Award. To apply for these awards this year, please follow the guidelines and instructions on the university website (<https://www.yspuniversity.ac.in/user/plant-pathology/hpsociety>) To provide technology dissemination, e-Magazine "Technology Notes" is being published online on the University website and the 10th issue (January to June, 2025) of the same has been published during January this year.

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni-Solan, was established on 1st December, 1985 to promote education, research and extension education in the fields of Horticulture, Forestry and allied disciplines. Its history lies in the erstwhile Himachal Agricultural College, Solan, established in 1962 and affiliated to the Punjab University. It became one of the campuses of the Agriculture Complex of Himachal Pradesh University on its formation in 1970. Consequent upon the establishment of Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishwavidyalaya in 1978, this campus became its Horticulture Complex and finally in 1985, assumed the status of a State Agriculture University. Presently, the University has four constituent colleges, out of which, two are located at the main campus Nauni, College of horticulture that offers three UG degree programmes, BSc (Hons) Hort., B.Sc. (Hons.) Agri. (NF) and B.Tech. Food Technology; College of Forestry offers BSc (Hons) Forestry at UG level, having 9 and 7 departments, respectively. The third College i.e., College of Horticulture & Forestry is located at Neri, District Hamirpur. The college offers three UG Degree programmes i.e. BSc (Hons.) Horticulture, BSc (Hons.) Forestry and B. Tech. Biotechnology. The fourth college i.e. College of Horticulture and Forestry, is located at Thunag, Dist. Mandi. This college offers BSc (Hons.) Horticulture and BSc (Hons.) Forestry degree programmes. In addition, there are five Regional Research Stations, 12 Satellite Stations and five Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) situated in different zones of the State.

The University is located at Nauni in Solan District of Himachal Pradesh, 13 km from Solan on Solan- Rajgarh Road, at an elevation of 1300 meters above mean sea level. Solan town is situated on the national highway (NH-22) and is well connected by train and bus services.

THEME OF THE SYMPOSIUM

The current agricultural landscape faces mounting challenges like climate change, land degradation, water scarcity, and declining soil fertility, all while trying to meet rising global food demand. Technological advancements such as precision farming, GM crops, and sustainable practices are improving productivity, but uneven adoption, particularly in developing regions, continues to create yield gaps. Bridging these gaps requires technological solutions, better policies, knowledge dissemination, improved infrastructure, and adaptable farming practices. Collaboration between academia and industry plays a crucial role in addressing these issues by fostering innovation, enhancing technology transfer, and creating scalable, practical solutions. Academic institutions contribute foundational research, while industries provide resources, infrastructure, and market insights to commercialize technologies, making them accessible and affordable. Joint efforts also address knowledge gaps through training, workshops, and internships, while developing region-specific solutions. Ultimately, these collaborations enhance productivity, promote sustainability, and improve resource efficiency, helping to effectively close agricultural productivity gaps. In addition, the symposium would also outline potential role of recent genomic tools in deciphering combined stress tolerance in plants. This symposium will therefore be helpful for researchers in assessing the possibilities of collaborations between Research Institutes and Industry in mitigating the various bottlenecks in securing the food safety. Further, the symposium will be helpful for scientists to design relevant strategies for the industrial needs in developing human resources ready to fit in the industry. Eminent Scientists engaged in Plant Health Management research in reputed Universities, ICAR-National Institutes and Agrochemical industry in India are being invited to share their knowledge on the themes of the symposium mentioned below.

1. Impact of climate change on plant diseases and their management
2. Organic farming, Natural farming, and bioresource management for plant stress amelioration
3. Role of biotechnological tools in sustainable farming
4. Nutritional value and cultivation techniques of mushrooms
5. New generation fungicides in plant disease management
6. Role of IoT and AI in present-day agriculture
7. Biosecurity and biosafety approaches in regulating the looming threats
8. Academia-Industry Interaction
9. **Upscaling of Bio-Formulation Technology**

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstracts in your area of expertise are invited in the following format:

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Email ID for correspondence: hpssymposium2025@gmail.com

Last date for abstract submission: **February 15, 2026**

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Members: ₹ 2500/- **Non-members:** ₹ 3500/- **Students:** ₹ 2000/-

The participants can pay the Registration Fee in favour of A/C name: Himalayan Phytopathological Society;
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