

TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE

Participants will be paid for the journey, to and fro, performed by the shortest route by rail or by bus (only by public transport) as per their entitlement, but restricted to AC-II tier train fare (AC-III tier for Rajdhani/Duronto and AC-CC in Shatabdi and Vande Bharat) as per ICAR norms. If any participant chooses to travel by air, their claim shall be restricted to AC-II tier train fare only. Participants are required to produce originals of rail/bus/air tickets for claiming TA. The actual TA for the shortest route will be paid on production of tickets. No DA will be provided. Participants are requested to make his/her own arrangements to reach Dr YSPUHF.

ACCOMMODATION

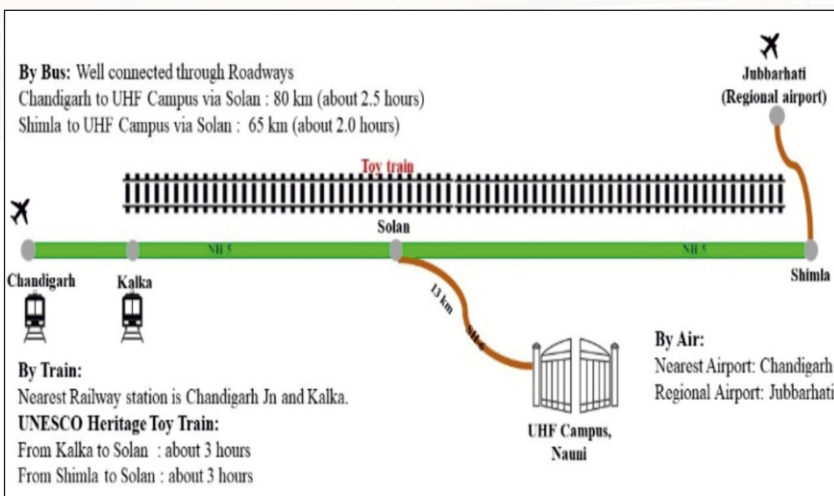
Participants will be provided rent-free accommodation on a sharing basis along with wholesome meals and refreshments. Participants are requested not to bring any family members along with them as there is no scope for their accommodation at Dr YSPUHF. Free lodging and boarding will be provided for 25 participants in the University Guest House. The participants should abide by the rules and regulations of the guest house.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

The weather in Solan in January is moderately chilly, with average highs of 16°C and lows of 4°C. Therefore, participants are advised to bring winter clothes (heavy woolen clothing) for a comfortable stay.

HOW TO REACH

The University is located at Nauni in Solan District of Himachal Pradesh, 15 km from Solan on Solan-Rajgarh Road. Solan town is situated on the National Highway (NH-21A Kalka-Shimla)



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ICAR Winter School on

**Fostering Agripreneurship through Processing & Optimized
 Value Chain for Horticultural Crops Integrated with Circular
 Strategies for Waste Upcycling and Economic Resilience**

(27th January to 16th February 2026)



Fostering Agripreneurship for Horticultural Crops

Value Chain Optimization & Circular Economy Integration



Organized by

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 Dr YSP University of Horticulture and Forestry,
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ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry is the first Horticulture and Forestry University in Asia, established on 1st December, 1985 with the objective to promote education, research and extension education in the fields of Horticulture, Forestry and allied disciplines. University is pioneer in developing and implementing postharvest management technologies, providing technical expertise and advisory services to farmers and industries in horticultural crops and food processing. The University is one of the coordinating centers of All India Coordinated Research Project on PHET from last three decades.

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

Situated 15 km away from Solan city, the Department of Food Science and Technology is one of the nine Departments under College of Horticulture Dr. YS Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry, Nauni-Solan (HP). During inception of the University, one of the Departments, named Post harvest Technology was established in 1985, the nomenclature of which was changed to Food Science and Technology in 2010 as per the guidelines of ICAR. It was established to streamline the academic, research and extension activities with the ever-changing food market trend and to address the issues related to the development of appropriate technologies. The Department offers two specialization programs (Post harvest Management and Food Processing Technology) at the PG and doctoral level. The Department in its journey of over 35 years has created useful human resources for the country in the form of 203 scholars who have availed the PG and PhD degrees from the Department.

ABOUT WINTER SCHOOL

This training program is designed to equip researchers and scientists working in the field of food technology with the knowledge, skills, and tools necessary to drive innovation and agripreneurship, particularly within the horticultural sector. The program will focus on advancing the entire value chain through the development of innovative processing techniques, optimization of production processes, and the integration of circular economy principles to minimize waste and enhance resource efficiency. Participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of how to develop sustainable and profitable food technology solutions that address both economic and environmental challenges. The training module has been designed keeping in mind the diverse requirements of the research, academia and entrepreneurship for creating scalable business models that prioritize waste reduction, resource utilization, and sustainable practices. Government interventions for waste reduction and support

policies for value addition of the horticultural produce have resulted in enhanced processing efficiency however, the losses to fresh farm produce still remain a challenging aspect. The pedagogy of winter school has been designed to provide practical insights and real-world applications of the principles and practices of food technology to foster the application of innovative strategies for waste reduction, upcycling and opening new avenues for value addition and entrepreneurship opportunities.

ELIGIBILITY FOR THE PARTICIPATION

Participation in winter school is open for the researchers/ teachers not below the rank of Scientist/Assistant Professor/Lecturer/Subject Matter Specialist on regular appointment in ICAR institutes/State & Central Agricultural Universities/ Agricultural faculty of KVK's. Selection will be based on the strength of the applications and preference will be given to those who are already working /likely to take up research work related to value chain management, processing and waste up cycling of horticultural crops. The decision of the selection committee will be final and no correspondence in this regard will be entertained for non-selected candidates.

NUMBER OF SEATS: 25

IMPORTANT DATES

Last date for receipt of applications: 15th January, 2026

Intimation to selected candidates: 19th January, 2026

REGISTRATION FEES

The participants are required to pay a sum of Rs. 50/- (Rupees fifty only) as registration fee (non- refundable) along with completed application in the form of Demand Draft/Indian Postal Order drawn in the favor of '**The comptroller, Dr YS Parmar UHF**' payable at **Nauni, Solan**.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested participants must submit duly filled application form with payment details, forwarded by the competent authority in the prescribed format to the Course Director on or before last date of receipt of the application form. The selected candidates are advised to print out the duly signed hard copy of the application and submit the same to the Course Director at the time of commencement of the winter school. The advance scanned copy of the nomination should be sent by email.

APPLICATION FORMAT FOR PARTICIPATION IN TRAINING

ICAR Winter School on “Fostering Agripreneurship through Processing & Optimized Value Chain for Horticultural Crops Integrated with Circular Strategies for Waste Upcycling and Economic Resilience”

From 27th January, 2026 to 16th February, 2026

1	Application format for participation in training	:	
2	Name (in block letters)	:	
3	Designation	:	
4	Present employer address	:	
5	Address to which reply should be sent (in block letter)	:	
6	Permanent address	:	
7	Date of birth	:	
8	Sex	:	
9	Teaching / research / professional experience (mention post held) during last 5 years and number of publications	:	
10	Marital status	:	
11	Mention if you have participated in any research seminar, Summer / Winter / Short Courses etc. during last five (5) year under I.C.A.R. / Other Organizations	:	
12	Academic record	:	

Sr. No.	Degree	Discipline	Year	University