

**FIRST CIRCULAR**



## **International Conference on Pomegranate-2026**

**Climate Resilient Pomegranate Ecosystem for  
Amritkaal: Fostering Sustainability,  
Innovation & Global Health**



**06-07<sup>th</sup> September, 2026**



**YASHADA**

Pune, Maharashtra





## About the Conference

Pomegranate (*Punica granatum*) is an ancient fruit crop valued for its nutritional, medicinal, and economic importance and is widely known as a “Superfruit.” In India, it is cultivated on about 2.24 lakh hectares, but rapid expansion has led to several challenges such as flower and fruit drop, major pests and diseases, including shot hole borer, thrips, bacterial blight, wilt complex, fruit rot, and cercospora fruit spot (Tikri).

To address these challenges, the National Research Centre on Pomegranate (NRCP), Solapur and the Society for Advancement of Research on Pomegranate (SARP), Solapur are jointly organizing the International Conference on Pomegranate during 06–07<sup>th</sup> September 2026 at Yashada, Pune, Maharashtra (hybrid mode) in collaboration with Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth (MPKV), Rahuri.

The conference theme, "Climate Resilient Pomegranate Ecosystem for Amritkaal: Fostering Sustainability, Innovation & Global Health," aims to bring together scientists, industry leaders, policymakers and farmers to discuss innovations, identify research priorities, and develop resilient crop production and protection strategies that promote sustainable agriculture, farmer prosperity and inclusive growth, contributing to India's vision of becoming a developed nation by 2047.

## Conference Themes

### 1. Pomegranate Genetics, Improvement and Biotechnology

- Conventional and molecular breeding techniques in pomegranate
- Advances in biotechnological tools for pomegranate improvement
- Alternative strategies (Speed breeding, RGA) for pomegranate improvement

### 2. Climate-Smart Pomegranate Production and Protection

- Root stocks, clean planting material and innovations in pomegranate propagation for disease free planting material
- Climate-informed production practices
- Use of artificial intelligence in pest and disease diagnosis and their management

### 3. Pomegranate Microbiome and Bio-Inputs

- Bio-prospecting of microbes for nutrition management
- Bio-intensive management of pomegranate pests and diseases
- Role of microbes in residue-free pomegranate production

### 4. Post-Harvest Handling, Processing and Value Addition

- Value addition, phytochemicals and emerging processing technologies
- Strategies and practices to boost pomegranate export
- Market intelligence

### 5. Farmer-Researcher-Entrepreneur Interface

- Farmer's innovations and indigenous technologies
- Knowledge transfer and technology dissemination
- Policy Support & Institutional Framework





## About National Research Centre on Pomegranate (NRCP), Solapur

The ICAR–National Research Centre on Pomegranate (ICAR–NRCP) is a premier research institute located in Solapur, Maharashtra, established in 2005 under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). It is the only dedicated center in India focused exclusively on pomegranate research and development. The institute works on improving pomegranate cultivation through advanced research in crop improvement, pest and disease management, water management, and post-harvest technology. It has developed high-yielding and climate resilient varieties, along with scientific farming practices that help farmers increase productivity and fruit quality. ICAR–NRCP also provides training, technical guidance, and extension services to farmers, playing a crucial role in boosting pomegranate production and supporting India’s position as one of the leading producers of this fruit in the world.



## Society for Advancement of Research on Pomegranate (SARP), Solapur

The Society for Advancement of Research on Pomegranate (SARP), based in Solapur, Maharashtra, is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting research, development, and sustainable cultivation of pomegranate. Established with the aim of supporting farmers and researchers, SARP works closely with scientists, agricultural institutions, and growers to improve productivity, fruit quality, and disease management practices. The society organizes training programs, workshops, and field demonstrations to spread awareness about modern cultivation techniques and innovations in pomegranate farming. By acting as a bridge between research and field application, SARP plays an important role in strengthening the pomegranate industry in Solapur and surrounding regions, which are well known for their contribution to India’s pomegranate production.





## Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri

Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth (MPKV) is the first state agricultural university established in 1968 at Rahuri. It serves the farming community across several districts of Western Maharashtra. The university focuses on three main areas: education, research, and extension, offering undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programs in agriculture and allied sciences. It has a vast rural campus with numerous research stations and has developed many improved crop varieties and farming technologies to support agricultural development. MPKV plays a significant role in training skilled professionals and promoting modern agricultural practices to improve productivity and sustainability in the region.

## About Pune, Maharashtra

Pune in September experiences the pleasant transition from the monsoon to early autumn, making it one of the most enjoyable times to visit the city. The weather remains cool and refreshing, with temperatures typically ranging between 20°C and 28°C, while occasional light showers add to the greenery left behind by the rains. The surrounding hills and forts appear lush and vibrant, attracting nature lovers and trekkers. The air feels cleaner, and the city's gardens, such as Saras Baug and Pashan Lake areas, look especially scenic. September also brings a festive spirit with the celebration of Ganesh Chaturthi, one of Pune's most important cultural events, filling the city with energy, decorations, and traditional processions. Overall, it is a great time to experience Pune's natural beauty and cultural richness.



## Important Dates

Abstract Submission and Registration Begins	15 April, 2026
Last date for Abstract Submission	30 June, 2026
Last Date of Early Bird Registration	31 July, 2026
Conference Regular Registration	until 06 September 2026

## Registration Fee

Participant Category	Early Bird Registration Fee		Regular Registration Fee	
	Physical Mode	Virtual Mode	Physical Mode	Virtual Mode
<b>Foriegn Delegates</b>				
<b>International Delegate</b>	\$ 200	\$ 100	\$ 250	\$ 125
<b>International Student (Foreigner)</b>	\$ 100	\$ 50	\$ 125	\$ 75
<b>Indian Delegates</b>				
<b>Indian Delegate SARP Life Memeber</b>	₹ 5,000/-	₹ 2,000/-	₹ 6,000/-	₹ 3,000/-
<b>Indian Delegate Non - SARP Life Memeber</b>	₹ 6,000/-	₹ 2,500/-	₹ 7,500/-	₹ 3,500/-
<b>Indian Student</b>	₹ 2,500/-	₹ 1,500/-	₹ 3,000/-	₹ 2,000/-

Welcome to the Conference Official Website!

<https://pomegranate2026.eventsdashboard.in>

This official website is your one-stop destination for all conference-related activities:

- ✓ **Abstract Submission & Guidelines** – Access submission details and guidelines
- ✓ **Conference Registration** – Register easily online
- ✓ **Secure Payment Gateway** – Make hassle-free payments
- ✓ **Download Documents** – Get your abstract acceptance letter & registration confirmation
- ✓ **Conference Fee Receipt** – Get your Conference Fee Receipt instantly
- ✓ **Accommodation Requests** – Submit your stay preferences
- ✓ **Travel Itinerary Submission** – Share your travel details effortlessly
- ✓ **Presentation Guidelines** – Find instructions for oral and poster presentations
- ✓ **Conference Announcements** – Stay updated with important news
- ✓ **Contact Organizing Team** – Get assistance when needed

Everything you need for a seamless conference experience is just a click away!

## CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP

### PLATINUM

Rs. 5,00,000/-

- ✓ Logo on website
- ✓ Promotional material
- ✓ Full page ad
- ✓ Special banner
- ✓ 5 free registrations

### GOLDEN

Rs. 3,00,000/-

- ✓ Logo on website
- ✓ Promotional material
- ✓ Half page ad
- ✗ Special banner
- ✓ 3 free registrations

### SILVER

Rs. 2,00,000/-

- ✓ Logo on website
- ✓ Promotional material
- ✓ Half page ad
- ✗ Special banner
- ✓ 2 free registrations

### BRONZE

Rs. 1,00,000/-

- ✓ Logo on website
- ✓ Promotional material
- ✓ Half page ad
- ✗ Special banner
- ✗ 1 free registration

## Exhibition Stall Tariff

₹50,000 – 10ft x 10ft Hi-Tech Exhibition Stall

## Conference Committee

### Chief Patron

**Dr. Mangi Lal Jat**

Secretary, DARE & Director General  
ICAR, New Delhi

### Patron

**Dr. Sanjay Kumar Singh**

Deputy Director General (Horticultural Sciences)  
ICAR, New Delhi

### Convenors

**Dr. Rajiv Arvind Marathe**

Director  
ICAR-NRC on Pomegranate, Solapur

**Dr. Vilas K. Kharche**

Vice Chancellor  
MPKV, Rahuri

### Co-Convenors

**Dr. K. Dhinesh Babu**

Principal Scientist  
NRC on Pomegranate, Solapur

**Dr. Sangram Dhumal**

Principal Scientist  
NRC on Pomegranate, Solapur

**Dr. Ranjan Kumar Singh**

Principal Scientist  
NRC on Pomegranate, Solapur

**Dr. Prakash G. Patil**

Principal Scientist  
NRC on Pomegranate, Solapur

**Dr. N. V. Singh**

Principal Scientist  
IARI, New Delhi

### Organizing Secretaries

**Dr. Nilesh Gaikwad**

Senior Scientist  
NRC on Pomegranate, Solapur

**Dr. Manjunatha N**

Senior Scientist  
NRC on Pomegranate, Solapur

**Dr. Somnath Pokhare**

Senior Scientist  
NRC on Pomegranate, Solapur

### Co-Organizing Secretaries

**Dr. Pinky Raigond**

Senior Scientist  
NRC on Pomegranate, Solapur

**Dr. Shilpa P.**

Senior Scientist  
NRC on Pomegranate, Solapur

**Dr. Chandrakant Awachare**

Senior Scientist  
NRC on Pomegranate, Solapur

**Dr. Basana Gowda G.**

Senior Scientist  
NRC on Pomegranate, Solapur

**Dr. Ramniwas**

Senior Scientist  
NRC on Pomegranate, Solapur

**Dr. Mallikarjun M.H.**

Senior Scientist  
NRC on Pomegranate, Solapur

**Dr. Namrata A. Giri**

Scientist  
NRC on Pomegranate, Solapur

**Dr. Roopa Sowjanya P**

Scientist  
NRC on Pomegranate, Solapur

**Mr. Rahul Damale**

Scientist  
NRC on Pomegranate, Solapur

## National Advisory Committee

**Dr. C. D. Mayee**

Former Chairman, ASRB, New Delhi

**Dr Himanshu Patak**

DG, ICRISAT and former Secretary DARE and DG, ICAR

**Dr. H. P. Singh**

Former Vice Chancellor, RAU, Pusa, Bihar & Ex. DDG (HS), New Delhi

**Dr. V. B. Patel**

ADG – Fruit & Plantation Crops, ICAR, New Delhi

**Dr. Indra Mani**

Vice-Chancellor, VNMKV, Parbhani, Maharashtra

**Dr. Vishnuvardhana**

Vice-Chancellor, UHS, Bagalkot, Karnataka

**Dr. K. Dhanumjaya Rao**

Vice-Chancellor, Dr. YSRHU, West Godavari, Andhra Pradesh

**Dr. Rajeshwar Singh Chandel**

Vice-Chancellor, Dr. YS Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry, Solan, Himachal Pradesh

**Dr. Sudhakar Pandey**

ADG (Flowers, Vegetables, Spices & Medicinal Plants), ICAR, New Delhi

**Dr. S. P. S. Tanwar**

Director, ICAR–CAZRI, Jodhpur

**Dr. K. V. Prasad**

Director, ICAR–DFR, Pune

**Dr. Ram Dutta**

Acting Director, ICAR–DOGR, Rajgurunagar, Pune

**Dr. N. G. Patil**

Director, ICAR–NBSS & LUP, Nagpur

**Dr. Mahendra Kumar Verma**

Director, ICAR–CITH, Srinagar

**Dr. Ashutosh Murkute**

Director, MGIRI Wardha & DG (In-charge), NI–MSME Hyderabad

**Sh. Priya Ranjan**

Managing Director, National Horticulture Board, Gurugram

**Shri Suraj Mandhare, IAS**

Agriculture Commissioner, Pune, Maharashtra

**Dr. V. I. Benagi**

Former Vice Chancellor, UAS Dharwad

**Dr. B. N. S. Murthy**

Former Horticulture Commissioner, GOI & Former Director, ICAR–IIHR

**Dr. Kailash Mote**

Director of Horticulture, Govt. of Maharashtra

Director of Horticulture, Govt. of Gujarat

Director of Horticulture, Govt. of Rajasthan

Director of Horticulture, Govt. of Telangana

Director of Horticulture, Govt. of Karnataka

Director of Horticulture, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh

Director of Horticulture, Govt. of Tamil Nadu

Director of Horticulture, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh

The Secretary, APEDA, Govt. of India

The Managing Director, KAPPEC, Govt. of Karnataka

IMC Members, ICAR–NRCP, Solapur

**Dr. D. P. Waskar**

Former Director of Research, VNMKV, Parbhani

**Dr. Sachin Suroshe**

Project Coordinator, AICRP on Honeybees & Pollinators, IARI

**Dr. Akath Singh**

Principal Scientist, ICAR–CAZRI, Jodhpur

**Sh. Ramdas Patil**

RAC Member, ICAR–NRCP, Solapur

**Dr. Yogeshwara H. R.**

Chairman, Southern Region Pomegranate Growers Association

**Sh. Bhausaheb Kate**

Former President, Maharashtra Pomegranate Growers Association

**Sh. Munegowda**

President, Karnataka Pomegranate Growers Association

**Sh. Nagaraja S. M.**

Vice – President, Karnataka Pomegranate Growers Association

**Mr. Bhagwat Uttam Pawar**

Progressive Farmer, Malshiras

**Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra**

Chairperson, PPV & FRA and former Secretary DARE and DG, ICAR

**Dr. A. K. Singh**

Ex. Vice Chancellor, CSAUA&T, Kanpur & Ex. DDG (HS), New Delhi

**Dr. Sharad Gadakh**

Vice-Chancellor, PDKV, Akola, Maharashtra

**Dr. Sanjay G. Bhawe**

Vice-Chancellor, BSKKV, Dapoli, Maharashtra

**Dr. R. C. Jagadeesha**

Vice-Chancellor, KSN-UAHS, Shivamogga, Karnataka

**Dr. S. K. Malhotra**

Vice-Chancellor, Maharana Pratap Horticultural University, Karnal, Haryana

**Dr. V. S. Jaitawat**

Vice-Chancellor, Agriculture University, Jodhpur, Rajasthan

**Dr. T. K. Behera**

Director, ICAR–IIHR, Bengaluru

**Dr. Kaushik Banerjee**

Director, ICAR–NRC for Grapes, Pune

**Dr. K. Sammi Reddy**

Director, ICAR–NIASM, Baramati

**Dr. D. K. Ghosh**

Director, ICAR–CCRI, Nagpur

**Dr. Lakshmi Kant**

Director, ICAR–VPKAS, Almora

**Dr. Nachiket Kotwaliwale**

Director, ICAR–CIPHET, Ludhiana

**Dr. Prabhat Kumar**

Horticulture Commissioner, Govt. of India

**Mr. C. P. Gandhi**

Joint Director (IS/PPP), NHB, Govt. of India

**Dr. K. K. Mondal**

Joint Director (Research), ICAR–NIBSM, Raipur

**Dr. Jyotsana Sharma**

Former Director, ICAR–NRCP, Solapur

**Dr. Ganesh Murthy A. N.**

Emeritus Scientist, ICAR–IIHR

**Dr. Manjunath Girigowda**

Professor, UHS Bagalkot

**Dr. L. R. Tambde**

Senior Scientist & Head, KVK Solapur

**Mr. Anil Patil**

Jain Irrigation Systems Ltd., Maharashtra

**Mr. Vilas Shinde**

Chairman and Managing Director, Sahyadri Farms, Mohadi, Nashik, Maharashtra

**Mr. Prakash Kulkarni**

Agriculture Technologist, Krishibondh, Pune

**Sh. Merama Ram Choudhary**

Shiv Kisan Producer Company Ltd., Rajasthan

**Sh. Prabhakar Chandane**

President, Pomegranate Grower Association of India

**Sh. Shahajirao Jachak**

Former President, Maharashtra Pomegranate Growers Association

**Mr. Ramachandra Reddy**

Progressive Farmer, Bengaluru

**Mr. Prakash Bafna**

Progressive Farmer, Pune

**Mr. Mahipalsingh Jadeja**

Progressive Farmer, Gujarat  
Members, Society For Advancement of Research in Pomegranate, Solapur

**Mr. Ratnaram Chaudhari**

Progressive Farmer, Rajasthan

## Local Organizing Committee

### Chairman

**Dr. M. S. Mane**

Associate Dean, College of Agriculture, Pune

### Members

**Dr. S. G. Bhalekar**

Professor (Hort.)  
College of Agriculture, Pune

**Dr. A. B. Gosavi**

Associate Professor (Soil Science)  
College of Agriculture, Pune

**Dr. D. B. Lad**

Professor (Botany)  
College of Agriculture, Pune

**Dr. P. U. Raundal**

Associate Professor (Agronomy)  
College of Agriculture, Pune

### Member Secretary

**Dr. Y. C Sale**

Professor (Agri. Economics), College of Agriculture, Pune

**Contact Details : 8308428983 / 9423295619**

## Conference Venue

Yashwantrao Chavan Academy of Development Administration (YASHADA)  
Rajbhavan Complex, Pune University, Pune, Maharashtra – 411007

## Contact Details

### The Director

ICAR – NRC on Pomegranate, Solapur

☎ **Mobile:** 99221 00401 / 70667 97617

## Society for Advancement of Research on Pomegranate, Solapur

✉ **Email:** sarpsolapur@gmail.com

☎ **Mobile:** 9108206800, 742093017

## Technical Support

**Event UP**  
A Unit of Krishi Junction

Technical Related Queries  
**support@eventup.in**

