



NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MEDICINAL & AROMATIC PLANTS FOR RURAL PROSPERITY

Strategic Roadmap for Medicinal & Aromatic Plant Sector in North East India



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Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

The Central Agricultural University (CAU) was established under the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) on 26th January 1993 by the Central Agricultural University Act, 1992 (No.40 of 1992) of parliament, with its headquarters at Imphal, Manipur. It is a fully residential university covering all the North-East Hill states under its jurisdiction except Assam. Like other Agricultural Universities in India, the CAU also has integrated teaching, research and extension education programs. As per the mandate, the university has established 13 constituent colleges, namely: i) College of Horticulture & Forestry (Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh), ii) College of Agriculture (Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh), iii) College of Agriculture (Imphal, Manipur), iv) College of Fisheries (Agartala, Tripura), v) College of Home Science (Tura, Meghalaya), vi) College of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry (Aizawl, Mizoram), vii) College of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry (Jaluki, Nagaland), viii) College of Agricultural Engineering and Post-Harvest Technology (Gangtok, Sikkim), ix) College of Food Technology, Imphal (Manipur), x) College of Post Graduate Studies (Umiam, Meghalaya), xi) College of Horticulture, Bermiok, Sikkim, xii) College of Horticulture, Thenzawl (Mizoram) and xiii) College of Agriculture, Kyrdemkulai, (Meghalaya).

ABOUT THE HOST INSTITUTE

College of Horticulture & Forestry, a constituent College of the Central Agricultural University, Imphal, Manipur, was established on 7th March 2001 at Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh on the bank of the beautiful Siang river. The campus is spread over in an area of 58 hectares which includes research farm, instructional cum demonstration farm, KVK farm, and experimental farm. The college has achieved remarkable progress in teaching, research and extension programmes since its inception. At present, the college has 11 departments to support academic, research and extension activities. The academic programmes are undergraduate degree in Horticulture and Forestry (B. Sc Hort. and B.Sc Forestry), post-graduate degree in Horticulture (M.Sc Horticulture in Fruit Science, Vegetable Science and Floriculture), Forestry (M.Sc. Forestry) and Ph.D (Fruit Science & Vegetable Science) programme. The curriculum and syllabi of all degree programmes are updated, and implemented as per the ICAR-VIth Deans' Committee recommendation. The college has also one KVK to facilitate the transmission of latest technologies in field of Agriculture, Horticulture and allied disciplines to the farming community.

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

This conference is envisioned as a platform to bring together scientists, policymakers, industry stakeholders, and farming communities to chart a comprehensive pathway for harnessing the potential of MAPs in the region. The program will focus on identifying priority species suited to the diverse agro climatic zones of Northeast India, developing sustainable cultivation and harvesting practices, and promoting value addition and market linkages. Special emphasis will be placed on integrating traditional knowledge with modern scientific approaches, ensuring biodiversity conservation while enhancing livelihood opportunities. Through technical sessions, panel discussions, and farmer centric workshops, the conference aims to generate actionable strategies for capacity building, entrepreneurship development, and policy support. By aligning institutional research with national priorities and regional needs, the conference seeks to position MAPs as a driver of rural prosperity, environmental sustainability, and socio-economic growth in the hill states of Northeast India.

Objectives

1. To assess the Current Status and Potential of MAPs in the region
2. Providing the farmers with high yielding and high chemical content varieties and good quality planting materials (QPM)
3. Promote Sustainable Cultivation and Value Addition
4. Facilitate Stakeholder Networking
5. Disseminate Technical Knowhow and Policy Updates

KEY THEMES

- Sustainable cultivation practices, disease-pest management and GACP, post-harvest processing and value addition
- Innovations in phytochemistry and bioactive contents of MAPs
- Market linkages, Economic perspective and FPOs
- Role of AYUSH and NMPB schemes
- Indigenous herbal knowledge and ethno medicine
- Nutraceutical and medicinal properties of underutilized crops

TARGET AUDIENCES

- Researchers, Academicians and Students
- Traditional Healers and Practitioners
- Entrepreneurs and Industry Representatives
- Policymakers and Government Officials
- NGOs and Community Leaders

CONFERENCE GOALS

- Enhanced awareness and technical capacity.
- Identification of key challenges and solutions.
- Strengthened stakeholder collaboration.
- Recommendations for policy and investment.
- Recommendation of high yielding and improved varieties specific to the region.
- To help the MAP farmers in increasing livelihood income.
- Help in the development of MAP sector in the region.

FARMER'S EXPO & MAP STAKEHOLDERS MEET

The Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (MAP) Stakeholders' Meet is envisioned as a collaborative platform to bring together researchers, policymakers, industry leaders, farmers, and community representatives for advancing the MAP sector in the region. Its primary objectives are to identify opportunities for sustainable cultivation, value addition, and commercialization of MAPs, while ensuring conservation of biodiversity and traditional knowledge. The meet aims to align institutional research with market demand and policy frameworks, foster capacity building and entrepreneurship among rural communities and encourage public-private partnerships for scaling innovations. Roadmap will be discussed and prepared for large scale cultivation of MAPs by the farmers of the region and possible buyback of their product by the herbal industries and other buyers. Ultimately, the goal is to create a strategic roadmap that integrates science, policy, and grassroots participation, positioning MAPs as a driver of rural prosperity, healthcare advancement, and regional economic growth.

CALL FOR PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

The Organizing Committee cordially invites delegates and participants to submit abstracts for oral or poster presentations, along with full-length papers, under the prescribed thematic areas.

Publication

- All accepted abstracts will be compiled in a *Book of Abstracts*.
- Accepted full papers will be published in a volume with an **ISBN**.

Submission Guidelines

- Manuscripts/abstracts must be written in **English**, including the paper title, author (s) name (s), and designation.
- Abstracts must not exceed **300 words**.
- Titles should be clear, concise, and descriptive, typed in bold (upper-lower case), and must avoid overly long phrasing.
- Author names should be followed by complete affiliation addresses with PIN/ZIP code, without designation, and superscripted numerically.
- Abstract submission and Registration can be done online at
<https://forms.gle/atKV4SxWbg8aPj4C9>

Presentation Guidelines

- Selected abstracts will be scheduled for **oral or poster presentations**.
- Lead speakers will be allotted **10 minutes** (including discussion)
- Contributory paper presenters will be allotted **5 minutes** (maximum 8 slides, including discussion).
- Posters must measure **80 cm (B) × 100 cm (L)** and include: Title, author (s), affiliation, introduction with objectives, methodology, results & discussion (tables, figures, photographs), and a bulleted summary/conclusion.
- Posters should be visually appealing with a clear color scheme, ensuring readability from at least **1 meter** distance.

Important Notes

- Oral papers and posters will be evaluated for awards; strict adherence to norms and timings is required.
- The Organizing Committee reserves the right to determine the mode of presentation based on the number of submissions and the merit of research (originality/novelty).
- A maximum of **two abstracts/papers per participant** will be accepted.
- Oral presenters must prepare their presentations using the official template provided by the committee (available on the website or via email request).

BENEFITS OF JOINING CONFERENCE

- ◆ Exposure to latest scientific findings, modern tools, extraction methods, quality control, and conservation practices of MAPs.
- ◆ Publication of abstracts in conference's abstract book and full length papers in Research journals.
- ◆ Certificate for your participation.
- ◆ Great resource for learning new career and entrepreneur skills in the field of MAPs.
- ◆ Consult directly with scientists, herbal experts and industry leaders.

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Registration fees

1. Faculties /Scientists/ Researchers - Rs. 2000 (Offline) & Rs. 1500 (Online)
2. Students - Rs. 1000 (Offline) & Rs. 700 (Online)
3. Others - Rs. 3000

Important dates

1. Last date of abstract submission and Registration - 05.02.2026
2. Notification of acceptance - 10.02.2026

NOTE

- ♦Incomplete or registration form without fee shall be rejected
- ♦Registration fee is non-refundable
- ♦No TA/DA will be provided for attending the seminar
- ♦E-Certificate will be provided to the participants joining through online mode

How to reach Pasighat

1. Nearby airports - Pasighat airport, Dibrugarh airport, Guwahati airport and Tezu airport.
Dibrugarh to Pasighat - 3 hours journey by road.
Tezu airport to Pasighat - 3 hours by road.
2. Nearest Railway station
Murkongselek RS (MZS) and Murkongselek RS to Pasighat 30 mins by road
Dibrugarh RS - 3 hours from Pasighat by road



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Places of Interest in Arunachal Pradesh

Tawang

Nestled in the eastern Himalayas, Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh is a dream destination for travelers seeking serenity, spirituality, and scenic grandeur. Famous for the majestic Tawang Monastery, the largest in India, this high-altitude town enchants visitors with snow-clad peaks, crystal-clear lakes like Madhuri Lake, and dramatic mountain passes such as Sela Pass. Rich in Tibetan-Buddhist culture and warm hospitality, Tawang offers a rare blend of natural beauty and soulful calm. Whether you are an adventure lover, a culture enthusiast, or a seeker of peace, Tawang invites you to experience the untouched magic of the Himalayas. The recently inaugurated Sela Tunnel now ensures all-weather, year-round road connectivity to the region, significantly easing winter travel.



Ziro Valley

Tucked away in the lush hills of Arunachal Pradesh, Ziro Valley is a paradise for nature lovers and cultural explorers alike. A potential UNESCO World Heritage Site, this valley is known for its lush green paddy fields and the unique culture of the Apatani tribe. Known for its emerald rice fields, pine-clad mountains, and the unique traditions of the Apatani tribe, Ziro offers a refreshing escape from the ordinary. Its pleasant climate, scenic trails, and tranquil villages create a perfect setting for slow, soulful travel, while the famous Ziro Music Festival adds a vibrant contemporary charm. Come to Ziro Valley—where nature, culture, and calm come together in perfect harmony.



Bomdila

Serving as the headquarters of the West Kameng district, this town offers panoramic views of the Himalayan ranges and is home to several Buddhist monasteries and apple orchards. Perched amid rolling hills and misty mountains, Bomdila in Arunachal Pradesh is a charming retreat for travelers in search of peace and panoramic beauty. Renowned for the serene Bomdila Monastery, vibrant local handi-crafts, and breathtaking views of the eastern Himalayas, this hill town offers a perfect blend of spirituality, culture, and nature. Cool weather, orchid gardens, and warm Monpa hospitality make Bomdila an ideal stop for those who wish to slow down and soak in the quiet elegance of the mountains. Bomdila invites you to unwind where the clouds linger and the soul feels at home.



Mechuka Valley

Located near the Indo-Tibetan border, Mechuka is an idyllic, untouched destination known for its pristine natural beauty, the Siyom River, and an ancient monastery, making it ideal for those seeking solitude or adventure sports like trekking and river rafting. Hidden deep in the eastern Himalayas, it is a pristine wonder waiting to be discovered. With its vast green meadows, snow-dusted peaks, and the crystal-clear Siang River flowing gently through the valley, Mechuka feels like a slice of untouched paradise. Ancient monasteries, traditional wooden houses, and the warm hospitality of local tribes add a rich cultural charm to its breathtaking landscape. For travelers seeking raw beauty, adventure, and soulful calm, Mechuka Valley promises an unforgettable journey into nature's purest embrace.



Golden Pagoda

A radiant symbol of peace and devotion, the Golden Pagoda at Namsai is one of Arunachal Pradesh's most enchanting spiritual and tourist destinations. Gleaming in gold against a backdrop of rolling hills and tranquil gardens, this magnificent Buddhist shrine offers visitors a deeply calming and visually stunning experience. Inspired by Southeast Asian architecture, the pagoda attracts pilgrims, photographers, and peace-seekers alike. A visit to the Golden Pagoda is not just a journey to a place, but a step into serenity—where faith, beauty, and silence speak in harmony.



Mayodia Pass

Crowned with clouds and kissed by snow, Mayodia Pass in Arunachal Pradesh is a breathtaking gateway to Himalayan splendor. Known for its winding roads, alpine forests, and sweeping views of snow-covered peaks, Mayodia transforms into a white wonderland during winter, delighting nature lovers and adventure seekers alike. Cool mountain air, blooming rhododendrons, and moments of misty solitude make this high-altitude pass a perfect escape from the ordinary. It is a popular local tourist spot known for heavy snowfall during the winter months (November to March), particularly in January and February. Mayodia Pass invites you to pause, breathe deep, and experience the raw romance of the mountains.

