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Climate Smart, Digital and Green Technologies for  
Transforming Coastal and Allied Agro-Ecosystems**

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## Background

Coastal regions, comprising coastal seas, shorelines, and adjacent lands periodically influenced by seawater, are among the most dynamic and productive ecosystems covering about 4% of the global land area yet supporting nearly one-third of the world's population. In India, around 250 million population reside within 50 km of the 7500 km coastline across 9 states and 2 union territories. These regions are hubs of critical economic activities including fisheries, ports and harbors, oil and gas exploration, power generation, tourism and mining. Globally, coastal regions are at the frontline of climate-induced risks, including sea level rise, saline water intrusion, coastal erosion, intensification of cyclones, and extreme weather variability. These challenges are further compounded by land-use changes, overexploitation of natural resources, pollution, habitat degradation, and loss of biodiversity. The degradation of mangroves and wetlands-natural buffers against storms-has heightened the vulnerability of coastal populations. Emerging challenges such as food-water-energy nexus stress, climate migration, and sustainable blue economy development calls for an integrated and resilient management.

Agriculture in coastal and allied ecosystems faces multiple constraints, including waterlogging, soil salinity and sodicity, poor soil health, and erratic freshwater availability. Despite these challenges, they contribute significantly to food and nutritional security through rice-based systems, aquaculture, fisheries, and diversified farming, supporting livelihoods that are highly climate-sensitive. Addressing these challenges requires the integration of climate-smart, digital, and green technologies, including remote sensing, AI-based decision support systems, climate-resilient varieties, precision water and nutrient management, and nature-based solutions. Strengthening institutional mechanisms and fostering multi-stakeholder collaboration are essential for sustainable transformation.

In this context, the Indian Society of Coastal Agricultural Research (ISCAR), Canning Town, West Bengal, India, in collaboration with Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli, Maharashtra, India, Dapoli Chapter of ISCAR, Dapoli, Maharashtra, India, and ICAR-Central Soil Salinity Research Institute, Karnal, Haryana, India is organizing an International Symposium on Climate Smart, Digital and Green Technologies for Transforming Coastal and Allied Agro-Ecosystems during November 19 to 22, 2026 at Regional Fruit Research Station, Dr. B.S. Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Vengurle, Sindhudurg, Maharashtra, India. The symposium aims to bring together global experts and stakeholders to deliberate on innovative solutions, share knowledge and develop actionable strategies for sustainable and resilient coastal and allied agro-ecosystems.

### About the ISCAR

The Indian Society of Coastal Agricultural Research (ISCAR), established in 1983, is a leading scientific body in India that promotes collaboration among scientists, academicians, institutions, and NGOs for advancing research on coastal agriculture and allied sectors. It publishes the Journal of the Indian Society of Coastal Agricultural Research and organizes seminars, workshops, and symposia to facilitate knowledge exchange among researchers and stakeholders. The Society has conducted fourteen national and two international symposiums across the coastal regions of the country.



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## About DBSKKV

The Konkan region of Maharashtra has unique agro-climatic conditions, soils, topography, and farming systems, leading to distinct agricultural challenges. To address these, the Government of Maharashtra established Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth on the 18th of May 1972, later renamed Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli in 2001. The university now oversees 19 colleges across the region, offering undergraduate and postgraduate programs. It focuses on education, research, and extension to develop location-specific technologies, aiming to enhance food and livelihood security and promote sustainable agricultural development in the Konkan region.

## About ICAR-CSSRI

The Central Soil Salinity Research Institute (CSSRI) is a premier institute focused on interdisciplinary research for managing saline and alkaline soils and the use of poor-quality irrigation water across diverse agro-ecological regions of India. The institute has three regional research stations, at Canning Town (West Bengal), Bharuch (Gujarat), and Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh), and coordinates the AICRP on Management of Salt Affected Soils and Use of Saline Water in Agriculture through a nationwide network of research centres. Recognized internationally for its excellence, CSSRI has developed effective technologies for reclamation and management of salt affected soils, including chemical amendments, drainage systems, land shaping, and salt-tolerant crop varieties.

### Objectives of the Symposium:

- ✓ To analyze the production constraints and emerging challenges in the coastal and allied agro-ecosystems.
- ✓ To facilitate knowledge exchange among the researchers, academicians, and other stakeholders for sustainable development.
- ✓ To draw out strategies for resilient resource-efficient agricultural technologies for enhancing productivity, sustainability and livelihood security.
- ✓ To develop a strategic road map for technology adoption focusing on value addition, digital agriculture and market intelligence to strengthen value chains under changing global scenario.



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## Themes

The participants are invited to submit abstract on the topics mentioned under the following themes. However, submission can also be made on other topics which are relevant to the symposium themes not limited those given below.

### **Theme 1: Climate-smart and resilient crop production systems**

Climate-resilient agriculture and cropping system intensification; crop improvement through conventional and biotechnological approaches; management of abiotic and biotic stresses; sustainable management of horticultural, plantation and fibre crops; climate-smart plant protection measures; emerging technologies including nanotechnology, AI-based digital agriculture and precision agriculture

### **Theme 2: Innovations in fisheries, livestock and poultry management**

Climate resilient aquaculture, livestock and poultry production systems; digital tools, smart monitoring and automation, sustainable and low carbon production technologies; estuarine and marine aquaculture; fish processing, value addition and circular bio-economy approaches

### **Theme 3: Natural resource management and ecosystem restoration**

Assessment, conservation and sustainable management of soil and water resources; Application of remote sensing and AI-based tools; carbon dynamics, C sequestration and blue carbon ecosystems; pollution management and eco-restoration strategies; farm machinery development; forestry and biodiversity; mangrove dynamics and coral reef dynamics and restoration; geo-textiles for restoring degraded lands; biodiversity conservation and eco-tourism for sustainable livelihoods

### **Theme 4: Climate change, disaster risk reduction and early warning systems**

Climate change trends, variability and vulnerability assessment; impact on agriculture, fisheries, forestry and livestock systems, disasters and mitigation strategies, Climate risk modeling, forecasting and early warning systems: nature-based solutions and adaptation strategies

### **Theme 5: Socio-economic transformation, digital agriculture, and market linkages**

Impact of climate-smart and digital technologies on rural livelihoods; gender inclusion and social equity; market intelligence, digital platforms, and agri-value chain optimization; role of institutions, policies, and business models; post-harvest management, value addition, and export opportunities; emerging opportunities in green economy and sustainable enterprises

## Who can participate?

The participation is open to all individuals, researchers, academicians, students, organizations and NGOs, who are engaged in the research and development of coastal agriculture and conservation of coastal agro-ecosystem as well as those who are working in other allied eco-systems.



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## Call for Papers

Participants are requested to submit the Abstract of not more than 500 words and not exceeding one page (A4 size) typed with 1.5 spacing using size 12 Times New Roman font. The last date for online submission of abstract is September 15, 2026. For details visit the Symposium website ([www.iscar-is2026.com](http://www.iscar-is2026.com)). Selected papers will be published in the Journal of the Indian Society of Agricultural Research after peer review. Presentation of papers may be in the form of oral or poster and the decision will be communicated on or before September 30, 2026.

## Registration fee

Category	Early bird (Within 15th October, 2026)		After 15th October, 2026	
	SAARC Countries	Others	SAARC Countries	Others
Participants	INR 6000	USD 120	INR 7000	USD 150
Students/ Research Scholar	INR 3000	USD 80	INR 4000	USD 100
Industry and Private	INR 8000	USD 200	INR 10000	USD 250
Accompanying Person	INR 1000 per day	USD 50 per day	INR 1000 per day	USD 50 per day

The symposium registration fee includes all symposium sessions, symposium materials, tea/coffee, symposium lunch and dinner. Registration kits will not be given to the accompanying person. Registration fees do not include accommodation charges. Participants may book their accommodation in hotels or guest houses directly. Necessary help will be provided to find a suitable place of accommodation. The organizers will provide to and fro transport free of charge if the place of accommodation does not exceed 6 km from the symposium venue.

## Exhibition

Exhibition stalls for display of products or technologies during the symposium days will be facilitated upon payment of INR 25,000/- per stall (Stall size 3m x 3m).



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Full page, Black & White	15,000
½ Page, Black & White	10,000

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## Important Dates

Date of Symposium: **November 19 - 22, 2026**

Last date for Abstract submission: September 15, 2026

Communication of acceptance: September 30, 2026

Last date for registration: October 15, 2026

## Awards

The Indian Society of Coastal Agricultural Research (ISCAR) confers various awards to recognize outstanding contributions in coastal agricultural research. These include the Fellow of the Society for distinguished members, the Dr. J. S. P. Yadav Best Paper Award for the best published research paper in the Society's journal, the Dr. H. S. Sen Best Poster Presentation Award for the best poster presentation, and the Best Paper Presentation Award for Early Career Researchers to recognize emerging scholars. Additionally, best oral and poster presentation awards will also be conferred during the symposium for both scientist and student categories.

## Venue

The Symposium will be held at Regional Fruit Research Station, Dr. B.S. Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Vengurle, Sindhudurg in the state of Maharashtra, India.

## About Vengurle

Vengurle is a picturesque coastal town in the Sindhudurg district of Maharashtra, located along the Arabian Sea. Known for its pristine beaches, cashew, mango and coconut plantations, and scenic hillocks, it represents the unique coastal agro-ecosystem of the Konkan region. The area experiences a humid tropical climate with high monsoonal rainfall, making it suitable for horticulture and rice-based farming systems. Vengurle is also recognized for its traditional agricultural practices, rich biodiversity, and growing importance in coastal research and sustainable livelihood development.

## How to reach

Vengurle is well connected by road, rail, and air. The closest airport is Manohar International Airport (MOPA) Goa is the nearest option, it is 40 minutes from Vengurle and Chipi Airport, Malwan at 12 Km from Vengurle. The nearest railway station is Sawantwadi Road Railway Station (about 30 km), on the Konkan Railway route. One can also get down at Kudal station. Vengurle can be easily accessed by road via NH-66, with buses and taxis available from nearby towns and cities.



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## Field visit, excursion and tour

The organizers will arrange visits to the experimental fields and Research Institutes in and around Vengurle on 22nd November, 2026. Delegates are requested to indicate their willingness to join the field visits, excursions and tours during registration. A post-symposium paid tour will be arranged for sight-seeing in Vengurle and nearby places of interest.

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