

*Final Announcement*

# **14<sup>th</sup> National Symposium on Coastal Agriculture (NSCA)**

**Harnessing Fragile Coastal Ecosystem for Food and Environmental Security**

**February 28- March 3, 2025**

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# Background

Coastal regions include coastal seas, the coastline and the adjacent land that is routinely inundated with seawater. While coastal areas cover only 4% of the earth's total land area, they host one-third of the World's population and are twice as densely populated as inland areas. In India, around 250 million population reside within 50 km of the 7500 km coastline that is shared by 9 states and 2 union territories. The coastline supports several economic activities that are vital for nation's economy like oil and gas, ports and harbors, power plants, fishing, tourism and mining that keep affecting the coastal ecology and environment. Despite the multitude of services that the ecosystems provide us, coastal land experienced remarkable rapid change over the recent decades because of extraordinary anthropogenic pressure and climate change including sea level rise resulting in degradation of soils and the loss of ecosystem services and economy. The mangrove habitat which acts as a main defense against frequent cyclonic storms are under threat because of deforestation and overexploitation of wood and fisheries resources.

Agricultural development in the coast is mostly constrained by water logging during wet season, soil salinity during dry season, poor soil fertility, short winter season and poor embankment management, though coastal agriculture across the countries is the major contributor to food production systems, particularly rice and fish. The coastal and marine fisheries provide a major source of animal protein to the people of the country. Coastal communities are largely dependent for their livelihood on fisheries, forestry, animal husbandry and tourism. Because of population pressure and unsustainable development, coastal areas are being exploited unscientifically that affects the natural biological wealth of the region. Major challenges to achieve the self-reliance goal could be by reducing the farmers' distress by managing agricultural and environmental risk. Suitable policies are to be evolved to protect the vested interest of different stakeholders of the coastal region with a particular focus on multiple uses of coastal resources. The problems of livelihood in these areas are compounded manifolds owing to a series of technological, administrative and socio-economic constraints, which need to be addressed on a common platform. Keeping in view of the above issues, the Indian Society of Coastal Agricultural Research (ISCAR), Canning Town, West Bengal, India, in collaboration with ICAR-Central Research Institute for Jute and Allied Fibres, Barrackpore; ICAR-Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute, Barrackpore and ICAR-Central Soil Salinity Research Institute, Karnal proposes to organize the 14th National Symposium on Coastal Agriculture (NSCA): **"Harnessing Fragile Coastal Ecosystem for Food and Environmental Security"** during February 28th to March 3rd, 2025 at ICAR-Central Research Institute for Jute and Allied Fibres, Barrackpore, West Bengal.

## About the ISCAR

The Indian Society of Coastal Agricultural Research (ISCAR), established in 1983, is a pioneer scientific body in India engaged in establishing linkage among scientists, academicians, Research Institutes, Universities and NGOs, for co-ordination of overall research activities related to agriculture in coastal areas of the country. It publishes a regular research journal "Journal of the Indian Society of Coastal Agricultural Research" and holds meetings, workshops, seminars, etc. to keep a close exchange of views among the farmers and researchers working on different problems of agriculture and allied sectors in coastal areas. The society has already organized thirteen National Seminars/Symposiums and two International Symposiums in various parts of the country.

### Objectives of the Symposium

- ✓ To analyze the production constraints in the coastal Agro-ecosystem.
- ✓ To share the knowledge available with researchers, academicians, and other stakeholders for addressing the complex problems of coastal regions.
- ✓ To draw out strategies for resilient agricultural technologies for improving livelihood security in coastal agro-ecosystem.
- ✓ To prepare a road map taking into consideration the value addition and market intelligence under changing global scenario.



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# Themes

The participants are invited to submit extended summary on the topics mentioned under the following themes.

## Theme 1

### **Advances in management of agriculture, horticulture, plantation and fibre crops and their tolerance to biotic and abiotic stresses**

Agricultural crop management and cropping system intensification, crop improvement including biotechnological approaches, genetic resource management, abiotic and biotic stresses, management of horticultural, plantation and fibre crops, plant protection measures, recent development including nanotechnology in stress management

## Theme 4

### **Climate change and disaster occurrence: impact and risk mitigation strategies**

Climate change trends, its impact on agriculture, fisheries, forestry and animal husbandry, disasters in coastal ecosystem and management, forecasting and early warning

### **Special Lectures:**

Dr. J.S.P. Memorial Lecture

Dr. H.S. Sen Memorial Lecture

## Theme 2

### **Technological advancement in fisheries, livestock and poultry management**

Aquaculture production systems, livestock production system, poultry production system, technological innovations and options; estuarine and marine aquaculture, fish processing and value addition

## Theme 3

### **Natural resource management, forestry and bio/diversity in coastal and marine ecosystem**

Natural resources: assessment and degradation, inventory of soil and water in coastal ecosystem, remote sensing and other state of art tools, carbon dynamics and C sequestration in coastal ecosystem, water pollution, farm machinery development, forestry and biodiversity, mangrove dynamics, coral reef dynamics, geo-textiles for restoring degraded coastal land, eco-tourism for livelihood

## Theme 5

### **Impact of technological advancements, gender issues, market dynamics and new opportunities**

Impact of technological advancements on socio-economic dynamics, gender issues, market dynamics, role of institutions, business models on value chain, post-harvest management and emerging opportunities



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# Call for Papers

Participants are requested to submit the Extended Summary not exceeding two pages (A4 size) including illustration and references typed with 1.5 spacing using size 12 Times New Roman font. The last date for online submission of Extended Summary in the Symposium website ([www.nsca2025.com](http://www.nsca2025.com)) is February 15, 2025. The extended summary must include the title, author(s), keywords, introduction, material and methods, results and discussion, conclusion, acknowledgement and references. All submissions must be written in English language and in Microsoft Word document only. The title should be followed by the name(s) of the author(s) with the name of the presenting author underlined and their affiliations. E-mail address of the corresponding author must be provided for communication. Extended Summary must be submitted as per the template provided in the website. The proceedings containing the extended summary will be published and distributed during the Symposium. Presentation of papers may be in the form of oral or poster and the decision will be communicated on or before February 22, 2025.

Registration fee		
Category	Within 22nd February, 2025	After 22nd February, 2025
Participants	INR 6000	INR 7000
Students / Research Scholar	INR 3000	INR 4000
Accompanying person	INR 3000	INR 4000

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).





## Sponsors

The organizers will be delighted to have sponsors in this National Symposium “**Harnessing Fragile Coastal Ecosystem for Food and Environmental Security**”. The sponsors will get a unique opportunity to promote and showcase their organization and their products at a national platform. They will be able to get an excellent cost-effective ideal marketing opportunity by reaching out to large gathering of scientists, administrators, policymakers and consumers at a common place.

Souvenir of the symposium will contain message from VIPs and articles from renowned scientists, policy makers and administrator. There is a provision for giving advertisement by the sponsors. Souvenir is a very important publication and interested organizations may contact for giving their advertisements. The level of sponsorship along with the benefits is as follows.

Sponsorship Category	Amount (Rs.)	Benefits
Platinum	3,00,000	Complimentary registration for 3 delegates, Name/logo of sponsor to be displayed at prominent places including dais/website, Advertisement in souvenir back page (full page colour, cover/special insertion), Space for exhibit (2 stalls) at no extra cost, Presentation opportunity in symposium.
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Silver	1,00,000	Name/logo of sponsor to be displayed in website, Advertisement in souvenir inside of the back page (half page colour)

### Mode of Payment

Registration fees/Sponsorship/Stall charges are to be paid through internet banking or online payment link given in the symposium website ([www.nsca2025.com](http://www.nsca2025.com)). Payment should be made to “Indian Society of Coastal Agricultural Research” (A/c No. 39101719885, IFSC Code: SBIN0001993; State Bank of India, Canning Branch).





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# Important Dates

Date of Symposium:	February 28-March 3, 2025
Last date for Extended Summary submission:	February 15, 2025
Communication of acceptance:	February 20, 2025
Last date for registration:	February 22, 2025

# 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.





## FELLOW OF THE INDIAN SOCIETY OF COASTAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

This award is bestowed on distinguished members of the Society for their outstanding contributions and dynamic leadership in Research & Planning for augmenting agricultural production in the coastal areas. The award comprises of a certificate, a citation and a memento. Nominations are invited from members of the society for the award. The nominated scientist should be a life member of the society for at least for five consecutive years. Nominations must be proposed and seconded by a member of the society. The nominations are scrutinized by a selection committee headed by the President of the Society and the award is generally conferred at the time of the Symposium organized by the Society. Not more than two fellows shall be selected in a year. For details please visit [www.iscar.org.in](http://www.iscar.org.in).

## DR. J. S. P. YADAV BEST PAPER AWARD

The Indian Society of Coastal Agricultural Research (ISCAR) has introduced the "Dr. J. S. P. Yadav Best Paper Award" to the author(s) for the best research paper published in the Journal of the Indian Society of Coastal Agricultural Research. The quality of the paper including the originality of scientific information, innovation, field applicability, etc. will form the criteria for selection of the award. The best research paper will be selected by a panel of experts. The panel will be selected by the President of the Society and will be valid for two years. The final recommendation of the committee will be placed before the Executive Council for its approval. This award is for one paper only in every two years, published during the period, starting from 1993. A token cash amount will be awarded to one or a group of authors for one paper. In addition to the cash award, a certificate and a citation will be given to the awardee. The awardee will be requested to present the paper as a 'Special Award Lecture' in the Symposium.

## DR. H. S. SEN BEST POSTER PRESENTATION AWARD

The award is given for the best poster presentation at the Seminar/Symposium of the Society. A committee is nominated during the seminar/symposium to go through the poster presentations and select the best poster presentation. The award carries a certificate, a citation and token cash award. The award is conferred at the plenary session of the symposium.

## ISCAR BEST PAPER PRESENTATION AWARD FOR EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS

The Society confers best paper presentation award to early career researchers (below 40 years) during the Symposium. The candidate has to submit a brief resume with date of birth and willingness to compete for the award along with the research paper. The researcher intending for the award must be first author of the paper and it should be based on original research work and not submitted anywhere for publication. Based on the quality of the paper and relevance to the Society's mandate, the selected researchers as recommended by evaluation committee as constituted by the Society will be invited for presentation during Symposium. For details please visit [www.iscar.org.in](http://www.iscar.org.in).

## BEST ORAL AND POSTER PRESENTATION AWARDS

During the symposium awards will also be presented for best paper presentation in oral and poster categories. The award will be given for each theme based on the recommendation made by the evaluation committee constituted by the society.

## Venue

The Symposium will be held at ICAR-Central Research Institute for Jute and Allied Fibres, Barrackpore - 700 121 in the state of West Bengal, India.





## About Barrackpore

Barrackpore (also known as Barrackpur) is a city and a municipality on the northern fringes of Kolkata and situated in the bank of river Hooghly in North 24 Parganas district in the Indian state of West Bengal. In 1857, Barrackpore was the scene of an incident that some credit with starting of the Indian Rebellion of 1857: an Indian soldier, Mangal Pandey, attacked his British commander, and was subsequently court-martialed. His regiment was disbanded, an action which offended a number of sepoys and is considered to have contributed to the anger that fueled the Sepoy Mutiny of 1857. It was the site of the first cantonment of the British East India Company.

## How to reach

Barrackpore is well connected by Air, rail and road. Participants travelling by train should book an express train to Howrah or Sealdah (Kolkata) and Barrackpore Railway Station is just 30km from Howrah/Sealdah. City transport service is available to reach ICAR-CRIJAF which is just 6km away from the Barrackpore railway station. It takes about 35–40 minutes by suburban train to reach Barrackpore railway station from Sealdah Station. It is 14 km away from Netaji Subash International Airport, Kolkata.

## About Kolkata

Kolkata (earlier known as Calcutta) a cosmopolitan metropolis located on the east bank of the Hooghly River is the capital of the state of West Bengal, India. It was the capital of India under the British Raj from 1773-1911. Nicknamed the "City of Joy", it is the principal commercial, cultural, and educational centre of East India. Kolkata has a rich heritage and culture and the city being the birthplace of modern Indian literary and artistic thought is widely regarded as the "cultural capital" of India.

Kolkata has a tropical climate with hot and humid summers (April – June) while it is cool during the winter (Dec – Feb). The city receives an average annual rainfall of about 1600 mm most of which is received during the monsoon (June-Sept). At the time of Symposium (February) the climate of Kolkata will be pleasant with average temperatures of minimum 18.1°C and maximum 29.4°C.

## Field Visit, Excursion and Tour

The organizers will arrange visits to the experimental fields and Research Institutes in and around Kolkata on 3rd March, 2025. 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 Kolkata and nearby places of interest.



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