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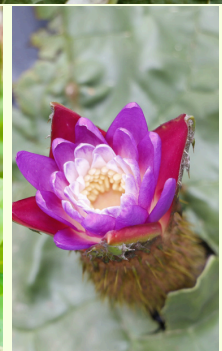
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Celebrating Golden Jubilee Year of IAUA



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About the Convention and the Conference



The Golden Jubilee Convention of the Indian Agricultural Universities Association (IAUA) will be hosted by Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour, during November 28-29, 2026. The Convention will bring together Vice-Chancellors, ICAR officials, policymakers, scientists and experts to deliberate on agricultural education, research, innovation, food security, climate resilience and sustainable rural development, while developing strategic pathways for the future of Indian agriculture. The leaders will ensure that uniform recommendations and future policy frameworks—such as Vision India goals—are submitted to national planning and agricultural bodies.

The Conference will focus on the integration of AI, machine learning, big data, remote sensing, GIS, IoT, drones, robotics, precision agriculture, smart mechanization, blockchain, cloud and edge computing, and other new-age technologies across agricultural and allied sectors. Discussions will encompass next-generation crop science, climate-smart and precision agriculture, horticulture and forestry, postharvest management, food processing, animal sciences, fisheries, one health, and sustainable food systems.

Special emphasis will also be placed on AI-enabled education and extension, generative AI and responsible AI, agri-startups, entrepreneurship, IPR, technology commercialization, digital agricultural marketing, institutional transformation, smart university governance, and international partnerships.

The Conference aims to foster interdisciplinary collaboration, identify emerging opportunities and challenges, and develop actionable strategies for accelerating smart, climate-resilient, inclusive, resource-efficient, and farmer-centric agriculture, contributing towards a technology-enabled and sustainable agricultural ecosystem for the future.

About the Indian Agricultural Universities Association (IAUA), New Delhi

The Indian Agricultural Universities Association (IAUA) was established on 10 November 1967 to strengthen agricultural education, research, and extension across India. Dr. P. N. Thapar, the then Vice Chancellor of Punjab Agricultural University, was its founding President. Eminent academic leaders from leading agricultural universities, including Dr. M. S. Swaminathan, were among its founding members. IAUA serves as a coordinating platform for agricultural universities, promoting excellence, collaboration, communication and exchange of

knowledge and resources for rural development. At present, the Association has 74 member institutions, comprising 66 State Agricultural Universities, four deemed-to-be universities, three Central Agricultural Universities, and one Central University with an agriculture faculty. Its membership includes 46 agricultural, 7 horticultural, 17 veterinary and animal sciences, and 4 fisheries science universities, representing a broad spectrum of agricultural and allied education in India.

About Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour

Bihar Agricultural University (BAU), Sabour, established on 5 August 2010, is a leading centre for teaching, research, extension, and training in agriculture and allied sciences. The University is accredited with NAAC 'A' Grade and ICAR 'A' Grade. Its historic constituent, Bihar Agricultural College, was established on 17 August 1908 as the erstwhile Imperial Bengal Agricultural College, making it one of India's five oldest agricultural colleges. BAU comprises 10 academic units, 14 research units and 22 extension units (including Krishi Vigyan Kendras) spread across three agro-ecological zones. It offers undergraduate programmes such as B.Sc. (Hons.), B. Tech., and MBA, along with M.Sc. (Ag.) in 15 disciplines and Ph.D. programmes in 9 disciplines. The University has achieved a 100% placement record, Green University (Platinum) status, and significant innovation milestones, including 24 patents, 25 copyrights, 1 trademark, 7 ISO certifications, and 5 GI Tags.



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How to Reach

Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour, Bhagalpur, is well connected with other parts of the country through road, rail and air. The nearest railway stations are Sabour, Bhagalpur and Naugachia at a distance of 0.5 km, 06 km and 20 km, respectively. The nearest airports are Baba Baidyanath Airport (Deoghar), Jharkhand; Jay Prakash Narayan International Airport, Patna; and Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata, West Bengal. Direct trains from Howrah (HWH) to Bhagalpur (BGP) include 22309 Howrah-Jamalpur Vande Bharat Express, 13015 Howrah-Jamalpur Kavi Guru Express, 13031 Howrah-Jaynagar Express, 13023 Howrah-Gaya Express, and 13071 Howrah-Jamalpur Express. The 22309 Vande Bharat Express is the fastest, departing Howrah at around 7:45 AM and reaching Bhagalpur at about 1:03 PM. Overnight options include 13023 and 13071, reaching Bhagalpur early the next morning. Train timings and services may vary by date, so the exact schedule should be checked before travel.

Weather and Visiting Spots

The silk city, Bhagalpur is located on the southern banks of the river Ganges. In November, Sabour, Bhagalpur experiences mild and pleasant weather with a normal maximum temperature of around 25°C and a minimum temperature of 15°C and few showers of rain (occasionally). The weather remains pleasantly cool, especially during the morning and night. Daytime is warm and comfortable under clear or partly cloudy skies. The ruins of the ancient Vikramshila University are one of the three most important Buddhist monasteries in India. They are located in Antichak village near Kahalgaon, at a distance of 23 km from Sabour. Mandar Hill, a panoramic landscape of an 800 ft high granite hill situated 55 km from Sabour, is associated with the legendary amritmanthana or churning of nectar from the sea. Kuppa Ghat is a place located on the banks of the holy river Ganges at Bhagalpur. According to legends and mythology, the great Maharshi Mehi Paramhans spent nearly 18 months in the caves. It is located at a distance of just 7 km from BAU Sabour. The visits will be arranged during the pre-conference (November 27, 2026) and post-conference (November 30, 2026).





Accommodation

Limited accommodation is available in the guest houses of Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour, Bhagalpur. The organisers will arrange accommodation reservations provided the request is received well in advance. A wide range of hotels ranging in tariffs from Rs 2000/- to 7000/- are available in Bhagalpur.

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Advt. in Conference kit	Rs. 100,000/-

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Registration Fee



Category	Early registration	On-spot registration
Faculty / Scientist	6,000	6,500
Student	3,000	3,500
NGO / Private/ Corporate	10,000	12,000

Theme I : Next Generation Crop Science for Smart Farming and Sustainable Agriculture

Sub-themes

- Next Generation Plant Breeding, Genomics, Phenomics, Bioinformatics, Nano-technology and Biotechnology
- Soil Health, Carbon Farming, Water Resources, Watershed Management and Environmental Sustainability and Circular Economy
- Climate-Smart Crop Production, Precision Agriculture and Digital Decision Support Systems
- Artificial Intelligence, Remote Sensing, GIS, Agricultural Meteorology and Crop Yield Forecasting
- Integrated Crop Protection, ICT-enabled Pest Management, Green Pesticides, Beneficial Microorganisms in Pest Management

Theme II: Advancing Horticulture and Forestry through New Age Technologies

Sub-themes

- Precision Horticulture, Protected Cultivation, Smart Orchards and Plantation Management
- High-Value, Medicinal, Aromatic, Exotic and Underutilized Horticultural Crops
- Floriculture, Landscaping, Urban & Peri-Urban Horticulture and Alternative Production Systems
- Postharvest Management, Secondary Horticulture, Smart Supply Chains and Value Addition
- Agroforestry, Biodiversity Conservation and Climate-Resilient Forestry
- Food Science, Food Processing, Biofortification, Nutrition Security, Food Safety and Value Addition

Theme III: Artificial Intelligence, Digital Agriculture and Next Generation Agricultural Engineering

Sub-themes

- Digital Agriculture, AI, Machine Learning, Big Data, and GPS-guided Mechanization
- IoT, Drones, Robotics, Smart Mechanization, and Automation
- Precision Irrigation, Renewable Energy, Biomass, and Biofuel Technologies and land and water Management
- Blockchain, Cloud Computing, food authentication systems, Cloud Computing, Edge Computing Smart Storage, Cold Chain, and Smart Packaging
- Postharvest Engineering, Non-Thermal Processing, Food Engineering, Water-Energy-Food Nexus and Microbiome Engineering

Theme IV: Transforming Animal Sciences, Fisheries and Food Systems for a One Health Future

Sub-themes

- Artificial Intelligence for Precision Livestock Farming, Smart Veterinary Healthcare and Disease Surveillance
- Digital Dairy Management, Poultry, Small Ruminants and Integrated Livestock Systems
- Fisheries, Aquaculture, Blue Economy and Sustainable Aquatic Resource Management
- One Health, Integrated Farming Systems, Animal Biotechnology and Sustainable Food Systems

Theme V: Future-Ready Agricultural Education, Extension, Agribusiness and Entrepreneurship

Sub-themes

- AI-Enabled Teaching, Learning, Assessment, Digital Classrooms, Virtual Laboratories and Smart Campuses
- Generative AI, Large Language Models (LLMs), Responsible AI, Academic Integrity and Research Ethics
- Agri-Startups, Innovation, IPR, Technology Commercialization, Future Skills, Capacity Building and Entrepreneurship Development
- Agri Business Management, Supply Chain Analysis, Agricultural Policy and Agricultural Marketing Research
- Digital Marketing, Marketing Intelligence, Cooperatives, FPOs, Agri FinCorps, AgriExport
- Extension Approaches, Rural Development, Agricultural Policies, Gender, and Inclusive Extension

Theme VI: Reimagining Agricultural Universities through Leadership, Governance, Policy and International Partnerships

Sub-themes

- Vision 2047 for Agricultural Higher Education, NEP 2020 and Curriculum Innovation
 - Leadership, Institutional Transformation, AI-Driven Smart University Governance and Digital Transformation
 - Strengthening the National Agricultural Research and Education System (NARES) and Research Excellence
 - International Collaboration, Quality Assurance, Accreditation, Academic Excellence, Global Rankings and Institutional Performance
 - Student READY, Experiential Learning, national & International Scholarships and Career Development & higher studies and Job provider vs job seekers
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Recent Glimpses of BAU



Call For Papers: Submission of Papers and Abstracts

Submitted abstracts must be original and unpublished, with a maximum length of 300 words. The abstract should be prepared in Times New Roman font, 12-point size, with single-line spacing. Each submission must include the title, name(s) of the author(s), affiliation(s), and the corresponding author's email address. Authors should clearly indicate the relevant conference theme and sub-theme and provide 3-5 keywords. All submitted abstracts will undergo peer review. Based on the review process, selected papers may be considered for oral or poster presentation at the conference. Full-length papers of accepted abstracts may be submitted, typed in 10-12 pages in 12-point font size, 1.5 spacing, to be included in the conference proceedings as an ISBN book. The submissions may be addressed to iauaanga2026@gmail.com

Publication in Journal

Selected standard / qualified papers presented during the 50th (Golden Jubilee) Vice-Chancellors' Convention of IAUA and National Conference may be published in Plant Science Today. The special issue will include articles comprising research articles or research

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Release of Conference circular	: August 20, 2026
Last date for abstract submission	: October 15, 2026
Acceptance notification	: October 20, 2026
Last date of registration (without late fee)	: November 15, 2026
Conference date	: November 28-29, 2026

Pre and Post-Conference Tours for ANGA-2026

As part of ANGA-2026, special payment basis pre- and post-conference tours have been planned to provide participants with an opportunity to explore the rich cultural, historical, and academic heritage of Bihar and Jharkhand. The pre-conference tour is scheduled for 27 November 2026, featuring a visit to Deoghar, renowned for its spiritual and cultural significance. The post-conference tour will be organized on 30 November 2026 to the historic ruins of the ancient Vikramshila University at Kahalgaon, Bhagalpur. These tours will offer delegates an enriching experience by combining academic engagement with heritage, history, culture, and local attractions, thereby making ANGA-2026 a memorable and holistic conference experience.

Registration Form

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