

NATIONAL SEMINAR

ON

CHALLENGES IN THE MEDICINAL AND AROMATIC PLANTS SECTOR AND INTERDISCIPLINARY DIALOGUES ON THEIR CLIMATE RESILIENCE, SUSTAINABILITY AND LIVELIHOOD OPTIONS [MAPSID-2026]

(Hybrid mode)

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High Altitude Plant Physiology Research Centre (HAPPRC), HNB Garhwal University (A Central University), Srinagar Garhwal, Uttarakhand

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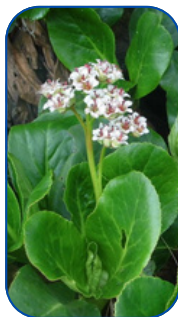


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Oral presentation must be in Power Point. The presenter must focus on aim, method, results and conclusion. Poster should be printed on flex of 3(width) x 5 (height) feet in size.

SCAN TO REGISTER



Important Dates

Registration (Early Bird): 25 September, 2026

Registration (On-spot): 05 October, 2026

Abstract Submission: 25 September, 2026

Abstract Acceptance: 25 September, 2026

Registration*

The participants must be registered via online mode, as per following registration link.

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Delegates	Fees (Earlybird)	On spot registration
Students	500 INR	700 INR
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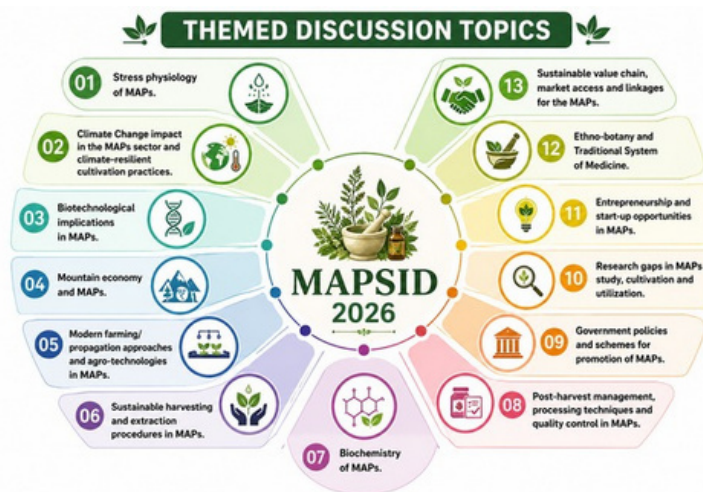
The Centre also contributes to postgraduate and doctoral education, farmer training, technology transfer and livelihood-oriented programmes, thereby bridging fundamental research with practical applications for Himalayan communities. With a legacy spanning more than four decades, HAPPRC continues to advance the vision of its founder by integrating scientific research, biodiversity conservation, sustainable utilization and mountain livelihood development for the benefit of the Himalayan region.

ABOUT NMPB

In order to promote medicinal plants sector, Government of India set up National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) on 24th November 2000. Currently the board is working under the Ministry of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha & Homoeopathy), Government of India. The primary mandate of NMPB is to develop an appropriate mechanism for coordination between various ministries/departments/organizations and implementation of support policies/programs for overall conservation, cultivation, trade and export growth of medicinal plants sector both at the Central/State and International level. Website: (<https://www.nmpb.nic.in/>)

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

The MAPSID 2026 initiative has emerged from the rich legacy and continuing engagement of the HAPPRC in medicinal and aromatic plant research, conservation and sustainable utilization. Over the years, HAPPRC has witnessed both the immense potential of medicinal plants for science, healthcare and rural livelihoods and the growing challenges associated with their conservation, cultivation, sustainable harvesting, quality assurance and value addition. This experience created the need for a national platform where diverse perspectives could come together and move beyond disciplinary boundaries. In response to this need the idea of, MAPSID 2026 – National Seminar on “Challenges in the Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Sector and Interdisciplinary Dialogues on their Climate Resilience, Sustainability and Livelihood Options” was conceived. The initiative received important financial support from the National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India, which provided crucial support towards realizing this scientific platform. With this support, HAPPRC is bringing together researchers, academicians, students, industry professionals, policymakers and farmers to deliberate on emerging challenges and opportunities in the medicinal plants sector. Through keynote and invited lectures, technical sessions, oral and poster presentations, and interdisciplinary interactions, MAPSID 2026 will address themes including conservation, climate-resilient cultivation, biotechnology, sustainable harvesting, quality assurance, value addition, entrepreneurship and livelihood development. The seminar is envisioned as a platform for knowledge exchange, collaboration and innovation, with the broader goal of connecting research, policy, technology and community livelihoods and contributing to a more sustainable and resilient medicinal and aromatic plant sector.



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Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University (HNBGU), located in Srinagar Garhwal, Uttarakhand, is a Central University situated in the Himalayan region of India. The University promotes excellence in teaching, research, innovation, and interdisciplinary education across diverse academic fields. With its unique Himalayan setting, HNBGU has contributed substantially to research on mountain ecosystems, biodiversity, natural resources, agriculture, medicinal plants, and sustainable development. Through its academic departments and specialized research centers, the University fosters scientific advancement, capacity building, and community-oriented research while addressing emerging environmental and socio-economic challenges of the Himalayan region. (<https://www.hnbgu.ac.in/home>)

ABOUT THE HAPPRC

The High Altitude Plant Physiology Research Centre (HAPPRC), Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, Srinagar Garhwal, Uttarakhand, is a pioneering centre dedicated to research, education and capacity building in the field of high-altitude plant science, medicinal and aromatic plants, Himalayan ecology and sustainable resource utilization. Established in July 1979 under the visionary leadership of its Founding Director, Padma Shri Prof. A. N. Purohit, HAPPRC has played a significant role in advancing scientific understanding of the adaptation, physiology, conservation and sustainable utilization of Himalayan plant resources. Over the decades, the Centre has evolved into a multidisciplinary research and academic institution working on medicinal and aromatic plants, plant physiology, ecology, biotechnology, conservation biology, climate-change responses and sustainable cultivation technologies. With its high-altitude research station at Tungnath, germplasm conservation and field facilities, laboratories and herbal garden, HAPPRC provides a unique platform for high-altitude research and field-based experimentation.

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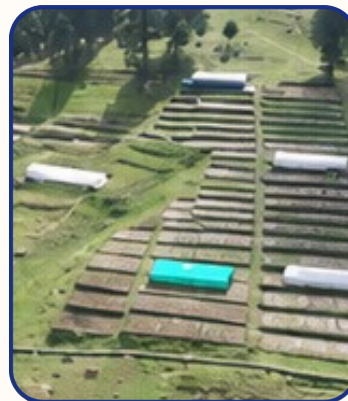
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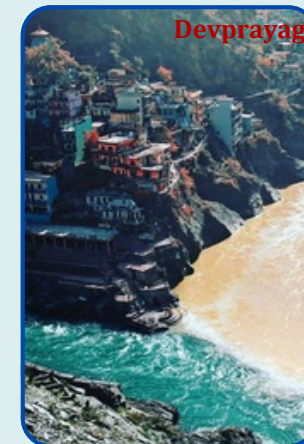
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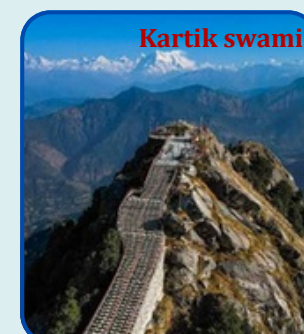
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