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## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON

# Biodiversity Conservation & Sustainable Utilization of Bioresources (ICBCSUB-2026) 17 to 19, February 2026

### ORGANISED BY

Inter-University Centre for Biodiversity Conservation  
& Bioresources Technology (IUC-BCBT),  
Department of Botany, University of Kerala, Karyavattom,  
Thiruvananthapuram -695 581, Kerala, INDIA

### IN ASSOCIATION WITH

Society of Ethnobotanists (Kerala Chapter)

### Supported By

University of Kerala (Plan Fund 2025-26)

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## About the Programme

Join us for an international conference aimed at building a collaborative network of global experts in academic research. Our goal is to derive practical solutions to the challenges faced in biodiversity conservation and its sustainable utilization. This conference is open to all academic researchers, policymakers, administrators, and students with a keen interest in biological diversity.

## The University of Kerala

The University of Kerala, one of the first 16 universities in India, was founded in 1937. Originally named the University of Travancore, was founded by a promulgation from the Maharajah of Travancore, Sri Chithira Thirunal Balarama Varma, who served as its first Chancellor. The first Vice-Chancellor was Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Ayyar, the then Diwan (Prime Minister) of the state, who was a distinguished scholar and adept administrator. The university was modelled after the best universities in the United Kingdom, a tradition that continues to influence its operations today.

The University of Kerala currently comprises 16 faculties and 44 departments dedicated to teaching and research, in addition to various study centers and other departments. The university departments are tasked with teaching, research, and knowledge extension. The University Grants Commission has recognized it as one of 26 institutions selected to promote Indian studies to foreign students. The university has been awarded an 'A++' grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and was ranked 21st among universities in India, 9th in the State Public University Category in India by the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) in 2024. The University of Kerala is honoured to host an international event organized by the Inter-University Centre for Biodiversity Conservation and Bioresources Technology (IUC-BCBT) of Department of Botany.

## Inter-University Centre for Biodiversity Conservation & Bioresources Technology

IUC-BCBT was established to impart extensive knowledge about the importance of biodiversity conservation to the next generation of young talents. Operating under the esteemed Department of Botany at the University of Kerala, the IUC-BCBT is committed to educating and raising awareness about the crucial need to preserve our biodiversity for future generations. IUC-BCBT focuses on the conservation and sustainable utilization of wild ornamental and edible plants, particularly from the Western Ghats, a biodiversity hotspot. Embracing modern technology, the CBC promotes digital gardening as a method to engage and educate the community about plant conservation and biodiversity. Also established an *ex situ* gene bank on campus to conserve economically significant species from the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

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## The Department of Botany

The Department of Botany at the University of Kerala was Established in 1959 at Kariavattom, Thiruvananthapuram. It was founded by the late Prof. (Dr.) A. Abraham, a visionary and institution builder renowned for his contributions to cytogenetics and plant breeding. Dedicated to serving society by disseminating knowledge and training the younger generation through unique courses and training programs in frontier areas of plant sciences. The Department is internationally recognized for its significant contributions to cytogenetics and cytotaxonomy. It offers a novel postgraduate program in Genetics, Plant Breeding, and Biodiversity Conservation.

The Department is active in plant biotechnology research, supported by well-established laboratories for cell/tissue culture, microbiology, and molecular biology. It provides a dynamic research environment for studies in biosystematics, biotechnology, phytochemistry, plant reproductive biology, and plant-microbe interactions. The Department boasts more than 300 doctoral degree holders who are now working in reputed research laboratories across the country and abroad, reflecting its strong tradition of academic and research excellence.

### Themes

- **Strategies for biodiversity conservation and management**
- **Exploration of novel taxa and its phylogeny**
- **Use of modern tools/techniques in biodiversity conservation**
- **Palaeobotanical studies**
- **Bioprospecting and sustainable utilization of plant resources**
- **Bioprospecting of microbial resources**
- **Bioresources for livelihood**
- **Agro-biodiversity and its sustainable management**

### Papers for oral/ poster presentations are invited on these themes.

Submission of abstracts is necessary for all presentations. Abstracts of only those who have paid the registration fee will be included in the publication. Abstracts should be prepared not exceeding 350 words (A4 size with 3cm margins, Times New Roman, 12pt.Font). The title of the paper, name(s) of author(s), and their address(es) should be typed in Capital letters, along with the email id and phone number of the corresponding author. Abstracts are to be uploaded while submitting the Registration Form.

### Awards

**Students/Postdocs, cash awards for best oral talks and posters.**

## REGISTRATION

Citizen	Registration Type	Early Bird (till 31 January 2026)	Late (till 07 February 2026)	Accompanying Persons
National	Students	Rs. 1,000/-	Rs. 1,500/-	Not applicable
	Faculty/ Scientist	Rs. 2,000/-	Rs. 3,000/-	Rs. 2,000/-
	Industry	Rs. 7,000/-	Rs. 10,000/-	Rs. 5,000/-
International	Students	USD 100/-	USD 150/-	Not applicable
	Faculty/ Scientist	USD 200/-	USD 300/-	USD 100/-

Accommodation can be arranged at nearby hotels on a paid basis, subject to availability. Kindly indicate your requirement in the registration form.

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### Important Dates

- **31 January 2026 - Early conference registration deadline**
- **7 February 2026 - Late conference registration deadline**
- **7 February 2026 - Abstract submission deadline**

## About Thiruvananthapuram

Thiruvananthapuram, the capital city of the Indian state of Kerala, is located on the west coast of India. As of 2024, it is the most populous city in Kerala, with a population of 2,984,154. Known for its natural beauty, Thiruvananthapuram boasts lush greenery, scenic backwaters, and beautiful beaches. Mahatma Gandhi aptly referred to it as the "Evergreen City of India" due to its undulating terrain of low coastal hills.

According to the 2024 Oxford Economics Global Studies Index, it ranks highest among Kerala's cities for quality of life. The city is a notable academic and research hub, home to institutions such as the University of Kerala, APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University, the regional headquarters of Indira Gandhi National Open University, Techno Park. It hosts several prominent research centers, including the National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (CSIR-NIIST), Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IISST), National Centre for Earth Science Studies (NCESS), Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology (RGCB), Sree Chitra Thirunal Institute of Medical Science and Technology (SCIMST), Central Tuber Crops Research Institute (ICAR-CTCRI), Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanic Garden and Research Institute (JNTBGRI), Virology Research Institute (VRI), and the Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research campus (IISER-TVM). It hosts the Southern Air Command headquarters of the Indian Air Force, the Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station, and Vizhinjam International Seaport. The city is also a major tourist destination, renowned for the Padmanabhaswamy Temple, the beaches of Kovalam and Varkala, the backwaters of Poovar and Anchuthengu, and the Western Ghats tracts of Ponmudi and Agastya Mala.

The climate lies on the border between a tropical savanna climate and a tropical monsoon climate, with distinct seasons defined by rainfall rather than temperature. The mean maximum temperature is 34 °C (93 °F), and the mean minimum temperature is 21 °C (70 °F). The city experiences high humidity, reaching about 90% during the monsoon season, and receives heavy annual rainfall of approximately 1,835 mm (72.2 in). Rainfall is brought by the south-west monsoons in June and the north-east monsoons by October, with the dry season setting in by December.

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