

Arid Forest Research Institute, Jodhpur
National Symposium on Plant Biotechnology &
39th Annual Meeting of PTCA(I)
16th to 18th February 2018

DETAILED PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Day – 1 (16/02/2018)		
<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Venue</i>
8:00 am – 10:00 am	REGISTRATION	Front Lawn
10:00 am – 11:30 am	INAUGURAL SESSION	Conference Hall
1.	Inaugural Song, Lighting of Lamp	
2.	Welcome Address & Remarks by Organizing Secretary, Dr. I.D. Arya, Director AFRI	
3.	Address by Secretary PTCA, Padma Shri- Prof. P. Tandon, Lucknow	
4.	Release of Abstract Book of NSPB-2018	
5.	Special Address by the Guest of Honour, Dr. S.C.Gairola, Director General, ICFRE, Dehradun	
6.	Address by Chief Guest, Hon'ble Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Minister of State, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	
7.	National Symposium key note Lecture-1 by Professor N.S. Shekhawat	
11.30-12.30 pm	HIGH TEA (& REGISTRATION to continue)	Front Lawns
SESSION – I	Chair: Professor Pramod Tandon	Co-chair: Dr. Tarun Kant
• 12.30-01.00 pm	National Symposium Lecture II: Professor S.C. Maheshwari, Jaipur	Conference Hall
• 01.00–01.20 pm	Prof. Gadgil Memorial Lecture: Prof. Sumita Jha, Kolkata	
• 01.20-01.40 pm	Prof. F.C. Steaward Memorial Lecture: Prof. S.L.Kothari, AMITY University, Jaipur	
FELICITATION	Chair: Prof. N.S. Shekhawat	Co-chair: Dr. I.D. Arya
01.40-02.00 pm	Prof. H.C. Arya Gold Medal Award Ceremony to: Prof. Uma Kant, Jaipur	Conference Hall
	Prof. S.C. Maheshwari, Jaipur - Life Time Achievement Felicitation	
2:00 – 3:30 pm	Poster Session & Lunch	Community Hall
SESSION – II	MEMBERSHIP PRESENTATIONS	
	Chair: Prof. Veena Agarwal	Co-chair: Dr.T.N.Nag
• 3:30 – 3:50 pm	Dr. Naseem Ahmad, AMU, Aligarh	Conference Hall
• 3:50 – 4:10 pm	Dr. Tarun Kant, AFRI, Jodhpur	
• 4:10 – 4:30 pm	Dr. Vinod Kataria, JNVU, Jodhpur	
• 4:30 – 4:50 pm	Dr. Sumita Kachhwaha, UOR, Jaipur	
• 4:50 – 5:10 pm	Dr. Anil Kumar, Thapar University, Patiala	
5:10 – 5:30 pm	Tea	Front Lawns
SESSION – III	INVITED LECTURES	
	Chair: Professor S.L. Kothari	Co-chair: Prof. Rakhi Chaturvedi
• 5:30 – 5:50 pm	Prof. Ashwani Pareek, SLS, JNU, New Delhi	Conference Hall
• 5:50 – 6:10 pm	Dr. Narendran M. Nair, Jalna, Maharashtra	
• 6:10 – 6:30 pm	Prof. S. Rama Rao, NEHU, Shilong	
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Cultural Programme	Community Hall
9:00 – 10:30 pm	Symposium Banquet	

Day – 2 (17/02/2018)		
Session – IV (Concurrent) 9:30 – 11:00 am	THEME – I Advances in Plant Tissue Culture Techniques Chair: Dr. V.J. Braganza Co-chair: Dr. Sandeep Das	Conference Hall
1.	Prof. S. Dutta Gupta, Kharagpur	
2.	Dr. Rajwant K. Kalia, CAZRI, Jodhpur	
3.	Dr. P.V. Somashekar, IWST, Bangalore	
4.	Dr. Vikas Sharma, Jalandhar	
5.	Dr. Vishal Sharma, Solan	
6.	Dr. Manisha Thakur, Solan	
Session –V (Concurrent) 9:30 – 11:00 am	THEME – II Molecular Genetics, Genetic Diversity & Genomics Chair: Prof. S. Rama Rao Co-chair: De. Anjan Banerjee	Seminar Hall
1.	Dr. T.K. Mondal, Delhi	
2.	Prof. N. Arumugam, Puducherry	
3.	Dr. Sharmishtha Barthakur, Pusa, Delhi	
4.	Dr. Amita Kush Mehrotra, JNI, Delhi	
5.	Dr. G.S. Shekhawat, JNVU, Jodhpur	
6.	Dr. A. Pauldasan, Truchirapalli	
7.	Prof. Sandeep Das, Delhi	
11:00 – 11:30	Session Tea	Front Lawns
Session – VI (Concurrent) 11:30 am – 2:00 pm	THEME – IV Cell Culture & Secondary Metabolites Chair: Dr. Suchitra Banerjee Co-chair: Dr. A.K. Sharma	Conference Hall
1.	Prof. K.N. Tiwari, BHU, Varanasi	
2.	Prof. Veena Agarwal, Delhi	
3.	Prof. Adinpunya Mitra	
4.	Dr. Tikkam Singh, Delhi	
5.	Ms. Peeyushi Verma	
6.	Dr. Prachi S. Kakade, Pune	
7.	Ms. Nirlipta Saha	
8.	Mr. Dinesh Kumar	
Session –VII (Concurrent) 11:30 am – 2:00 pm	THEME – III Genetic Modification and Climate Change Resilient Plants Chair: Prof. M.V. Rajam Co-chair: Prof. H.S. Gehlot	Seminar Hall
1.	Dr. Mukund Lal, Delhi	
2.	Prof. M.V. Rajam, South Campus, Univ Delhi.	
3.	Prof. Debasis Chakrabarty, Lucknow	
4.	Prof. Ashwani Kumar, Jaipur	
5.	Dr. Manju Modgil, Solan	
6.	Dr. Mangal Singh Rathore, CSMCRI, Bhavnagar	
7.	Dr. Shweta Jha, JNVU, Jodhpur	
2:00 – 3:00 pm	Lunch & Poster Session	Community Hall
2:30 – 3:30 pm	39th PTCA ANNUAL MEETING (FOR MEMBERS ONLY)	Seminar Hall
3:00 – 8:00 pm	Desert Field Tour to “Osian” Sand Dunes-By Bus exclusively for outstation delegates	
8:00 – 10:30 pm	Dinner	Community Hall

Day – 3 (18/02/2018)		
Session – VIII (Concurrent) 9:00 – 11:00 am	THEME – VI Biotechnology of Medicinal Plants Chair: Prof. H. Cheema Co-chair: Prof. Debasis Chakrabarty	Conference Hall
1.	Dr. S.K. Nandi, Kosi, Almora	
2.	Dr. Smita Shekhawat, Delhi	
3.	Dr. Abha Agnihotri, Amity Univ., Noida	
4.	Dr. Madhulika Singh, Kanpur	
5.	Dr. E.A. Siril, Thiruvananthapuram	
6.	Dr. Sapna Tyagi, Bikaner	
Session – IX (Concurrent) 9:00 – 11:00 am	THEME – VI Human Health and Industrial Biotechnology Chair: Prof. D.K. Srivastava Co-chair: Dr. Anil Kumar Singh, Ranchi	Conference Hall
1.	Dr. Vincent Braganza, Ahmedabad	
2.	Dr. Ashok Gehlot, Palampur	
3.	Dr. R. Seenivasan, Karur	
4.	Dr. S.K. Sharma, Dandeli	
5.	Dr. Anil Singh, Ranchi	
11:00 – 11:30 am	Session Tea	Community Hall
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Poster Session	
12:30 – 2:00 pm	VALIDICTORY FUNCTION	Conference Hall
2:00 – 3:00 pm	LUNCH	Community Hall
8:00 – 9:30 pm	Dinner	