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RURAL HORIZONS 2026

International Conference on Transformative Research in
Agriculture, Veterinary, Environmental, and Social Sciences

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Rural Horizons 2026 is an international multidisciplinary conference dedicated to advancing transformative research, innovation, sustainable development, and interdisciplinary collaboration in Agriculture, Veterinary Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Rural Development, and Social Sciences.

The conference aims to bring together academicians, researchers, scientists, industry professionals, policymakers, extension workers, development practitioners, entrepreneurs, and students from across the globe to discuss emerging challenges, innovative technologies, and sustainable solutions for rural and global development.

The conference will provide an international platform for presenting original research, exchanging ideas, building academic partnerships, and promoting collaborative research initiatives that contribute towards sustainable rural transformation.

ABOUT ARUL ANANDAR COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)

Arul Anandar College (Autonomous), Karumathur, Madurai, is one of the leading autonomous higher educational institutions in Tamil Nadu, committed to academic excellence, research, innovation, community engagement, and holistic development. The institution has earned recognition for its quality education, rural outreach, research initiatives, and value-based learning.

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

Arul Anandar College offers a distinctive "Rural Development Science" program, integrating Animal Husbandry, Agriculture, Biological science and social science to promote sustainable rural livelihoods in India. Guided by the policy "University towards villages," the department includes professionals in veterinary and agricultural sciences. We operate free veterinary clinics and an extension centre, and maintain dairy, piggery, and poultry farms to provide practical training for students and farmers from 50 surrounding villages.

Our staff specialize in animal husbandry, agriculture, and sociology. Since 2013, the department has been recognized as a research centre by Madurai Kamaraj University. The RDS lab features an advanced veterinary hospital, scientific dairy, piggery, and poultry farms, supporting farmers, students, and research scholars. The lab is equipped with a Mini dairy plant, Micro Kjeldahl apparatus, a Biosafety cabinet (Grade II), a bomb calorimeter, a spectrophotometer, a muffle furnace, an autoclave, a hot air oven, biological incubators, and poultry hatching and brooding equipment. Our staffs have completed both minor and major projects funded by DST, DBT, UGC, TNSCST, and DAE

ABOUT IMRF

The International Multidisciplinary Research Foundation (IMRF), Andhra Pradesh, is an academic and research organization dedicated to promoting research, innovation, international collaborations, conferences, faculty development, publications, and global academic networking across diverse disciplines. IMRF has successfully organized numerous national and international conferences, research awards, faculty development programmes, and publication initiatives involving participants from India and abroad.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

- The conference aims to promote interdisciplinary research and innovation.
- Strengthen international academic collaboration and facilitate knowledge exchange among researchers, academicians, industry professionals, and practitioners.
- Address emerging challenges in agriculture, veterinary, environmental, and rural development sciences.
- Encourage technology transfer and sustainable innovation.
- Foster academia-industry partnerships.
- Support young researchers and research scholars.
- Promote high-quality research publications.
- Build strong global research networks.

RURAL HORIZONS 2026

- Call for Papers -

Original Papers and research contributions are invited from academicians, scientists, researchers, industry professionals, policymakers, extension specialists, postgraduate students, research scholars, and practitioners from around the world to present innovative research, exchange knowledge, foster interdisciplinary collaborations, and discuss emerging trends, challenges, and sustainable solutions for rural and global development.

CONFERENCE TRACKS

Track 1: Agriculture and Allied Sciences

- Sustainable Agriculture
- Organic Farming
- Precision and Smart Agriculture
- Crop Science
- Horticulture
- Soil Science
- Agricultural Biotechnology
- Integrated Pest and Disease Management
- Seed Science and Technology
- Irrigation Management
- Agricultural Engineering and Farm Mechanization
- Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness
- Food Science and Food Security
- Post-Harvest Technology
- Climate-Smart Agriculture
- Agri-Informatics and Digital Agriculture

Track 2: Veterinary and Animal Sciences

- Veterinary Medicine
- Animal Health and Welfare
- Livestock Production and Management
- Dairy Science and Technology
- Poultry Science
- Animal Nutrition
- Veterinary Public Health
- Veterinary Biotechnology
- Animal Genetics and Breeding
- Wildlife Conservation
- Fisheries and Aquaculture
- One Health Initiatives

Track 3: Environmental Sciences and Sustainability

- Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation
- Biodiversity and Ecosystem Conservation
- Environmental Pollution Control
- Renewable and Green Energy
- Waste Management and Circular Economy
- Water Conservation and Management
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Environmental Biotechnology
- Environmental Engineering
- Disaster Risk Reduction
- Ecological Restoration
- Green Technologies

Track 4: Rural Development and Community Empowerment

- Rural Development Policies
- Rural Livelihoods
- Community Development
- Rural Entrepreneurship
- Women Empowerment
- Youth Development
- Skill Development and Vocational Education
- Rural Governance
- Cooperatives and Self-Help Groups
- Rural Finance and Microfinance
- Digital Villages and Smart Rural Communities
- Social Innovation

Track 5: Social Sciences and Humanities

- Sociology
- Economics
- Political Science
- Public Administration
- Social Work
- Psychology
- Geography
- History
- Philosophy
- Gender Studies
- Human Rights
- Peace and Conflict Studies
- Public Policy
- Development Studies

Track 6: Education and Educational Technology

- Higher Education
- Teacher Education
- Curriculum Design and Innovation
- Outcome-Based Education
- Digital Learning
- Artificial Intelligence in Education
- Educational Leadership
- Assessment and Evaluation
- Inclusive Education
- Lifelong Learning

Track 7: Business, Management and Commerce

- Agribusiness Management
- Marketing
- Finance and Banking
- Human Resource Management
- Entrepreneurship
- Supply Chain and Logistics
- Rural Marketing
- Business Analytics
- Digital Business
- Sustainable Business Practices

Track 8: Emerging Technologies and Innovation

- Artificial Intelligence
- Machine Learning
- Internet of Things (IoT)
- Big Data Analytics
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Remote Sensing
- Drone Applications in Agriculture
- Robotics and Automation
- Smart Farming Technologies
- Digital Transformation

SUBMISSION CATEGORIES

Authors are invited to submit original research papers, review papers, case studies, conceptual papers, short communications, practice papers, industry papers, doctoral research papers, student research papers, and poster presentations relevant to the conference themes.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Abstracts should be written in English and should not exceed 300 words.
- Full papers should follow the prescribed conference template.
- Submitted manuscripts must be original and should not have been published or submitted elsewhere.
- All submissions will undergo a double-blind peer-review process by the Scientific Committee.
- At least one author of each accepted paper must register for the conference for presentation and publication.
- Authors are encouraged to ensure that their manuscripts have a similarity index within acceptable academic standards.

PRESENTATION MODES

- Oral Presentation
- Poster Presentation
- Virtual Presentation (Selected Overseas Participants)
- Invited Talks
- Keynote Lectures
- Panel Discussions

PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

Accepted papers may be considered for publication in:

- Conference Proceedings (ISBN)
- Edited Book Chapters (ISBN)
- Peer-Reviewed Journals*
- Scopus Indexed Partner Journals*
- Web of Science Partner Journals*

*Subject to editorial review, peer-review outcomes, journal scope, and applicable publication processing charges.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

International and national keynote speakers from reputed universities, research institutions, industries, and government organizations will deliver keynote lectures during the conference.

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IMPORTANT DATES

- Abstract Submission Deadline : 10 September 2026
- Acceptance Notification : Within 5 Days
- Full Paper Submission : 10 September 2026
- Early Bird Registration : 10 September 2026
- Final Registration : 18 September 2026
- Conference Dates : 24–26 September 2026



REGISTRATION FEES

Category	Registration Fee (INR)
Research Scholars & Students (Paper Presentation)	₹2,500
Faculty Members / Academicians / Industry Professionals (Paper Presentation)	₹3,000

International Participants

Registration details will be announced separately
based on the participant's country of residence.



REGISTRATION INCLUDES

- ✓ Conference Participation
- ✓ Conference Kit
- ✓ Conference Proceedings (Digital)
- ✓ Participation Certificate
- ✓ Presentation Certificate
- ✓ Tea & Snacks
- ✓ Working Lunch
- ✓ Networking Sessions
- ✓ Access to Technical Sessions



AWARDS

- ★ Outstanding Research Paper Award
- ★ Best Student Paper Award
- ★ Young Researcher Award
- ★ Best Oral Presentation Award
- ★ Best Poster Presentation Award
- ★ Innovation Excellence Award
- ★ Women Research Excellence Award
- ★ Rural Innovation Award
- ★ Outstanding Scientist Award
- ★ Lifetime Academic Achievement Recognition (by nomination)

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*We warmly welcome researchers, academicians, scientists, industry professionals, policymakers, extension experts, and students from around the world to participate in **Rural Horizons 2026** and contribute to shaping sustainable solutions for rural and global development through transformative research and innovation.*