



**IPS - DELHI ZONE MEETING & NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM**

# Integrating Pathogenomics and Eco-Friendly Approaches for Sustainable Plant Health

January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

**Venue**

ICAR–National Institute for Plant Biotechnology (NIPB)  
Lal Bahadur Shastri Building, Pusa Campus, New Delhi



**Jointly Organized by**

Indian Phytopathological Society (Delhi Zone)

ICAR-National Institute for Plant Biotechnology (NIPB), New Delhi

ICAR-National Research Institute on Integrated Pest Management (NRIIPM), New Delhi

## Invitation

It is great pleasure to announce that ICAR–National Institute for Plant Biotechnology, ICAR–National Research Institute on Integrated Pest Management, New Delhi, in collaboration with Indian Phytopathological Society (Delhi Zone) is organizing a National Symposium on “**Integrating Pathogenomics and Eco-Friendly Approaches for Sustainable Plant Health**” on **January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026** at ICAR–National Institute for Plant Biotechnology, New Delhi. On behalf of organizing committee, we request your gracious participation in the symposium.

## About the Symposium

Plant health is a fundamental pillar of global food security and sustainable agricultural development. The **National Symposium on “Integrating Pathogenomics and Eco-Friendly Approaches for Sustainable Plant Health”** aims to provide a dynamic platform for researchers, academicians, industry professionals and policymakers to discuss cutting-edge developments in plant disease diagnostics, pathogenomics, and bio-based management strategies. The symposium will focus on harnessing modern genomic tools to unravel plant-pathogen interactions, track emerging pathogens, and accelerate the development of resistant cultivars. Special emphasis will be placed on integrating eco-friendly approaches such as biointensive IPM, biocontrol agents, and natural farming inputs to reduce reliance on chemical pesticides and mitigate their environmental impact. The deliberations will be organized around key technical sessions, including pathogenomics, disease surveillance, genomics-assisted crop improvement, climate-smart plant protection strategies, and policy frameworks for sustainable disease management. Participants will have the opportunity to present research findings, exchange innovative ideas, and explore collaborative initiatives. This symposium is expected to generate actionable recommendations to bridge the gap between research and field implementation, ultimately contributing to resilient and sustainable plant health systems in India and beyond.

## Objectives

- Promote understanding of plant-pathogen interactions using pathogenomics tools
- Emphasize biocontrol strategies as sustainable alternatives to reduce reliance on chemical inputs
- Provide a platform for scientists, policy makers, and stakeholders to collaborate
- Foster young researchers and students through interactive discussions, oral and poster presentations along with networking

## Themes / Technical Sessions

- Pathogenomics and insights into plant-pathogen interactions
- Next-Gen Omics Approaches for Stress Tolerance
- Eco-friendly and sustainable approaches to plant health management
- Digital Agriculture Frontier: AI/ML, Policy Innovations, and Technology Assessment

## Who Should Participate

Faculties/Scientists

Students and researchers (UG/PG/Ph.D./JRF/SRF/RA/Post Doc./Project Staff)

Crop protection and crop production scientists

Extension workers and policy planners

Agro-industry representatives

## Registration fee:

Faculties/Scientists: Rs. 1000/-

Students and researchers: Rs. 500/-

Agro-industry representatives: Rs. 3000/-

## Payment Details

Name of the Account Holder	Indian Phytopathological Society
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## Registration link

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## Call for Abstracts

Participants are invited to submit **abstracts for poster/oral (Scientist & Student category) presentations** related to the symposium themes.

**Last Date for Abstract Submission:** 10 January 2026

**Acceptance Notification:** 15 January 2026

## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Abstracts related to the thematic areas of the symposium are invited for oral and poster presentations. Each abstract must be typed in MS word doc (250 words), Times New Roman (font size 12, single line space, title running bold with font size 12). A soft copy in Microsoft Word format must be submitted via email to the Organizing Secretary at [ipsdz2026@gmail.com](mailto:ipsdz2026@gmail.com). **The author of the selected abstract will be informed for oral or e-poster presentation.**

## **Abstract Points to be noted before submission of abstract**

Submission of abstract will not ensure automatic acceptance

Contents will be edited as per requirement

Abstract should be based on the recent work done by the author(s)

## **Guidelines for Poster Presentation (E-poster presentation)**

Poster size should not be more than 4 feet by 3 feet (i.e., length should not be more than 4 feet and the width not more than 3 feet)

Duration for the presentation will be 3-4 minutes

## **Awards**

The Symposium has established Best Oral and Poster Presentation Awards under each theme, with first, second, and third prizes to be presented in each category.

## **Prof. M.J. Narasimhan Academic Merit Award Contest**

Eligible candidates (IPS members) from Delhi Zone are invited to participate for the Prof. M. J. Narasimhan Merit Academic Award. Two candidates will be selected from Delhi Zone for the final contest at national level in the Annual Meeting cum National Symposium of the Society. The maximum age for the contestant is 35 years. Participants are required to provide an abstract in 250 words along with brief biodata, proof of age and a certificate from their guide or supervisor to the Zonal President/Councillor before January 10, 2026 on [ipsdz2026@gmail.com](mailto:ipsdz2026@gmail.com). All abstracts will undergo preliminary evaluation by a screening committee, and selected candidates will be invited for oral presentations during the symposium. For detailed terms and conditions, please visit: [www.ipsdis.org](http://www.ipsdis.org).

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APS-IPS Travel Sponsorship for Ph.D. students (IPS member) has been instituted by the American Phytopathological Society (APS), USA. The purpose of this award is to encourage Ph.D. students of plant pathology of India and to attend the APS Annual Meeting. The sponsorship, supported by Indian-origin Plant Pathologists, will be awarded to the top student presenter selected through zonal competitions across India. The award includes reimbursement for international airfare, accommodation and incidentals, while the registration fee must be borne by the awardee. Contestants will have to provide an abstract in about 250 words along with the brief biodata including email ID to the Zonal President/Councillor before January 10, 2026 on [ipsdz2026@gmail.com](mailto:ipsdz2026@gmail.com). All abstracts will undergo preliminary evaluation by a screening committee, and selected candidates will be invited for oral presentations during the symposium. For detailed terms and conditions, please visit: [www.ipsdis.org](http://www.ipsdis.org)

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