

# SCIENTIFIC & TECHNICAL CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Three-Day • Single-Track • Science • Technology • Enterprise • Markets

## CATALYZING INDIA'S SUSTAINABLE FARMING FUTURE

Connecting Indian Agriculture-Horticulture Globally

1-3 OCTOBER 2026 | BENGALURU INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION CENTRE (BIEC), BENGALURU

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### DAY 1

CLIMATE • PEOPLE • POLICY •  
SMART FARMING

### DAY 2

PRODUCTION • DIVERSIFICATION  
• FLORICULTURE

### DAY 3

RIGHTS • VALUE CHAINS •  
MARKETS • ACTION AGENDA

## PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

A single-track programme integrating agriculture and horticulture across science, technology, policy, enterprise and markets.

| TIME                                    | PROGRAMME                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>DAY 1   THURSDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2026</b> |                                                                                                                                 |
| 10:55hrs –11:10hrs                      | Inauguration at Conference Area: Lamp Lighting & National Anthem                                                                |
| 11:15hrs –11:25hrs                      | Welcome Address: Messe Muenchen India & HortiConnect Global                                                                     |
| 11:25hrs –11:40hrs                      | Special Address: The Netherlands – Food Security, Fisheries & Horticulture                                                      |
| 11:40hrs –12:00hrs                      | Inaugural Address                                                                                                               |
| 12:00hrs –12:45hrs                      | Session 1: Climate-Ready Agri-Horticulture: Resilient Crops, Soils, Water & Biodiversity                                        |
| 12:50hrs –13:35hrs                      | Session 2: Next-Generation Farmers: Attracting Youth & Women to Agri-Entrepreneurship                                           |
| 13:35hrs –14:00hrs                      | Networking Break                                                                                                                |
| 14:00hrs –14:20hrs                      | Session 3: VVIP Leaders Interaction                                                                                             |
| 14:20hrs–15:05hrs                       | Session 4: Policy Pathways for Viksit Krishi 2047: Productivity, Sustainability, Processing, Markets & Farmer Prosperity        |
| 15:05hrs –15:25hrs                      | Session 5: Transition To Sustainable And Regenerative Agriculture: Building Resilient And Market-Ready Agriculture Value Chains |
| 15:25hrs –15:45hrs                      | Session 6: Industry Innovation Showcase: Lead Exhibitors                                                                        |
| 15:45hrs–16:30hrs                       | Session 7: Smart Agri-Horticulture – AI, Digital Mapping, Drones, Robotics & Labour-Saving Systems                              |
| 16:30hrs –16:50hrs                      | Session 8: ICCT Spotlight: Electric Tractors for Indian Agriculture – Technology Readiness & Real-World Pilots                  |

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| DAY 2   FRIDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2026 |                                                                                                                          |
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| 10:00hrs –10:45hrs             | Session 9: Protected Cultivation 2.0 – Greenhouses, Hydroponics, Precision Irrigation & Energy-Smart CEA                 |
| 10:55hrs –11:40hrs             | Session 10: Future-Ready Agri-Horticulture Across Agroecologies: From Resilient Drylands to Eco-Smart Production Systems |
| 11:45hrs –12:35hrs             | Session 11: Integrated Livestock & Allied Farming: Pathways to Rural Prosperity                                          |
| 12:40hrs –13:30hrs             | Session 12: Agrolt Solutions Knowledge Session: Protected Cultivation & Sustainability                                   |
| 13:35hrs –14:00hrs             | Networking Break                                                                                                         |
| 14:00hrs –14:20hrs             | Session 13: Hi-Tech Automation for Horticulture and Food Systems                                                         |
| 14:30hrs –14:50hrs             | Session 14: Root-Zone 2.0: Propagation, Substrates & Precision Water–Nutrient Management                                 |
| 15:00hrs –15:30hrs             | Session 15: Ball Cut Flower Show & Live Demonstration                                                                    |
| 15:30hrs –15:55hrs             | Session 16: Eustoma Genetics and Commercial Production                                                                   |
| 16:00hrs –16:20hrs             | Session 17: Israel–India Protected Vegetable Masterclass: Growing Indian Vegetables under Desert Conditions              |
| 16:20hrs –16:55hrs             | Session 18: New Plants and Trends from Europe                                                                            |
| 17:00hrs onwards               | Session 19: AgriCon-HortiConnect Awards – Special Recognition Ceremony                                                   |

| DAY 3   SATURDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2026 |                                                                                                                        |
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| 09:00hrs –10:00hrs               | Networking & Exhibition                                                                                                |
| 10:05hrs –10:50hrs               | Session 20: Plant Breeders' and Farmers' Rights and Benefit-Sharing Policy                                             |
| 10:55hrs –11:25hrs               | Technical Session                                                                                                      |
| 11:30hrs –12:00hrs               | Session 21: Phitons Bioengineering: Sustainable Packaging for Agri-Horti Value Chains                                  |
| 12:05hrs –12:55hrs               | Session 22: Network Meeting for Plant Suppliers (FLOWERS, RETAIL, INDUSTRY: BRIDGING SUPPLY, DEMAND, QUALITY & DESIGN) |
| 13:00hrs –13:30hrs               | Session 23: Agriplast Special Session                                                                                  |
| 13:40hrs –14:40hrs               | Session 24: HortiConnect Awards — Main Awards Distribution (Technical Advisors Awards)                                 |
| 14:45hrs –15:15hrs               | Closing Leadership Roundtable: Bengaluru Agricon–HortiConnect Action Agenda 2030                                       |
| 15:15hrs onwards                 | End Of Conference Programme                                                                                            |

**Timing note:** The programme is designed to run to time. Minor protocol adjustments may be made by the organisers without affecting the overall sequence.

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### DAY 1 | THURSDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2026 — CLIMATE • PEOPLE • POLICY • SMART FARMING

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| 10:55–11:10<br>(15 min) | <b>INAUGURATION AT THE CONFERENCE AREA</b><br><i>Lamp Lighting • National Anthem</i><br><b>DELEGATES/SPEAKERS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>H.E. Mr. Silvio Erkens, Hon'ble Minister, Food Security, Fisheries and Horticulture, Government of the Netherlands.</li> <li>Mr. Bhupinder Singh, President IMEA, Messe München &amp; CEO, Messe Muenchen India</li> <li>Mr. S.K. Gutgutia, Founder, Florance Flora</li> <li>Dr. Srikanth Bollapally: Director, HortiConnect Global.</li> <li>Shri. D.K. Shivakumar, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka, Government of Karnataka,</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 11:15–11:25<br>(10 min) | <b>WELCOME ADDRESS</b><br><b>SPEAKERS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Bhupinder Singh, President IMEA, Messe München &amp; CEO, Messe Muenchen India</li> <li>Mr. Rajeeb Kumar Roy, Director - HortiConnect; Leadership, HortiConnect Global.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 11:25–12:00<br>(30 min) | <b>INAUGURAL ADDRESS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shri D.K. Shivakumar, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka, Government of Karnataka.</li> </ul> <b>SPEICAL GUEST ADDRESS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>H.E. Mr. Silvio Erkens, Hon'ble Minister, Food Security, Fisheries and Horticulture, Government of the Netherlands.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 12:00–12:45<br>(45 min) | <b>SESSION 1: CLIMATE-READY AGRI-HORTICULTURE: RESILIENT CROPS, SOILS, WATER &amp; BIODIVERSITY</b><br><i>From climate risk to field-level adaptation and resource intelligence</i><br><b>SESSION CHAIR:</b> Dr. N.B. Prakash, Vice-Chancellor, University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad<br><b>CO-CHAIRS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Tusar Kanti Behera, Director, ICAR-IIHR, Bengaluru</li> <li>Dr. M. Prabhakar, Director, ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ATARI), Bengaluru.</li> </ul> <b>RAPPORTEURS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. P. Pavan Kumar, Assistant Professor, COHUHS Bagalkot</li> <li>Dr. Lakshmiddevamma T.N., Associate Professor, COHUHS Bagalkot</li> </ul> <b>FELICITATION:</b> Mr. Rajendra Kumar and Mr. Bhavin Takkar<br><b>PANELISTS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. M. Prabhakar, Director, ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ATARI), Bengaluru</li> <li>Mr. Radhakrishna, CEO, PlantGro, Large Scale Scientific Compost Producer; and natural/organic farming practitioner</li> <li>Sri. Prasana Prabhu, Chairman, Art of Living and Sri Sri Naisargik Pvt. Limited</li> <li>Dr. Prafull Gadge, Founder &amp; CEO, Principal Scientist, Biome Technologies Private Limited.</li> </ul> <p>Note : Ensure Dedicated Live Broadcasting and Social Media Feeds.   Strict Time with Time Ticker</p> |

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| <p>12:50–13:35<br/>(45 min)</p> | <p><b>SESSION 2: NEXT-GENERATION FARMERS: ATTRACTING YOUTH &amp; WOMEN TO AGRI-ENTREPRENEURSHIP</b></p> <p><i>Making agriculture and horticulture high-skill, high-tech and high-aspiration careers</i></p> <p><b>SESSION CHAIR:</b> Dr. Lavanya Mundayur, CMD, Agriculture Insurance Company – AIC</p> <p><b>CO-CHAIRS:</b><br/>Dr. Shaik N Meera, Director, ATARI 10</p> <p><b>RAPPORTEURS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr Karthik Reddy P – Assistant Professor COH, ANGRAU</li> </ul> <p><b>FELICITATION:</b> Mr. Rafi &amp; Mr. Rownak Gutgutia -Directors, HortiConnect</p> <p><b>PANELISTS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Pavana Y.J., Managing Director, Nutriio Products</li> <li>Dr. Rajeshwari, Assistant Professor, COHUHS Bagalkot</li> <li>Dr. Harishchandra Naik, Associate Professor, UHS Bagalkot. Student voices</li> <li>Dr. Ramachandra R K, Professor and Head, College of Horticulture, UHS Campus, Bengaluru</li> <li>Mr. Amit BK Khare, Founder &amp; Managing Partner, Snail Integral Pvt. Ltd.</li> <li>Mr. Anand Chandra, Founder, ARYA</li> <li>Ms. Nituben Patel, Founder, SAJEEVAN</li> <li>Dr. Akhilamol, Founder, NMSK</li> <li>Mr. Aaditya Jain, Founder, JAYNA</li> <li>Ms. Parnitha, Scholar, Knowledge Partner / Student</li> <li>Ms. Manasa E., Scholar, Knowledge Partner / Student</li> <li>Ms. Y. Gauthami, Scholar, Knowledge Partner / Student</li> <li>Mr. Jones Ponraj, Scholar, Knowledge Partner / Student</li> </ul> <p>Note : Ensure Dedicated Live Broadcasting and Social Media Feeds.   Strict Time with Time Ticker</p> |
| <p>13:35–14:00<br/>(25 min)</p> | <p><b>NETWORKING BREAK / SIDE EVENTS /SPONSERS SHOW</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p>14:00-14:20<br/>(20 min)</p> | <p><b>SESSION 3: VVIP LEADERS INTERACTION</b></p> <p><b>SPECIAL ADDRESS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. S.K. Pattanayak, Former Secretary, Agriculture &amp; Farmers' Welfare, Govt. of India</li> <li>Dr. GSG Ayyangar, IAS (Retd.), Principal Secretary, Government of Tripura</li> <li>Dr HP Singh , Former DDG Horticulture ICAR, New Delhi</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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| <p>14:20–15:05<br/>(45 min)</p>  | <p><b>SESSION 4: POLICY PATHWAYS FOR VIKSIT KRISHI 2047: PRODUCTIVITY, SUSTAINABILITY, PROCESSING, MARKETS &amp; FARMER PROSPERITY</b></p> <p><i>Policy and institutional reforms for competitive, resilient and farmer-centred agri-food systems</i></p> <p><b>SESSION CHAIR:</b> Dr. Ashok Dalwai, CEO, NRAA</p> <p><b>CO-CHAIRS:</b> Dr. Tarun Shridhar, IAS, Former Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry &amp; Dairying, Chairman AgriCon India Advisory NAC Committee</p> <p><b>RAPPORTEURS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Harish B.S., Associate Professor, UHS, Bagalkot</li> <li>• Dr. Rajeshwari, Assistant Professor, UHS Bagalkot</li> </ul> <p><b>FELICITATION:</b> Dr. Srikanth Bollapally &amp; Mr. Rajendra Kumar – Directors HortiConnect.</p> <p><b>PANELISTS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. ML Jat, Director General, ICAR</li> <li>• Dr. Maninder Kaur Dwivedi, IAS, Additional Secretary, GoI</li> <li>• Dr. Poonam Malakondaiah, IAS (Retd.) Former Secretary (Agriculture) &amp; Agriculture Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh &amp; Telangana</li> <li>• Mr. Mrityunjaya Singh, Former MD Claas Agriculture and Volvo India</li> <li>• Dr. Vasudeva K.R., Director, CoE-FPO, Bengaluru</li> </ul> <p>Note : Ensure Dedicated Live Broadcasting and Social Media Feeds.   Strict Time with Time Ticker</p> |
| <p>15:05 –15:25<br/>(20 min)</p> | <p><b>SESSION 5: TRANSITION TO SUSTAINABLE AND REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE: BUILDING RESILIENT AND MARKET-READY AGRICULTURE VALUE CHAINS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Saurabh Sinha, Lead Markets &amp; Partnerships, IDH</li> <li>• Dr. Anupa Alice Mathew, Research and Development Manager at REKA India/ KoSSIL, Reka group BV</li> <li>• Dr. Chandra Shekar, R&amp;D Head, East West Seeds</li> <li>• Ms. Sanne van den Dungen, Director, Raddis</li> <li>• Dr Debopriya Bhattacharyya, Managing Director, Peterson India</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| <p>15:25 –15:45<br/>(20 min)</p> | <p><b>SESSION : 6 INDUSTRY INNOVATION SHOWCASE: LEAD EXHIBITORS</b></p> <p><b>AP Holland:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Egbert Bruins</b>, Operational &amp; Sales Director &amp; Juan Chamorro Gonzalez, CEO, AP Holland – BigGrower</li> <li>• <b>Ruben Kalkman</b>, Sales Manager, BOM Group</li> <li>• <b>Khushal Khan</b>, Project Manager, Delphy</li> <li>• <b>Rahul Pagar</b>, General Manager – India, East-West Seed Trading B.V</li> <li>• <b>John van Breugel</b>, Co-Founder &amp; CFO, GrowGroup IFS</li> <li>• <b>Pritam Kumar Nanda</b>, Program Manager, IDH India</li> <li>• <b>Raymond Beimers</b>, Sector Head AgriFood, Invest International</li> <li>• <b>Robert Keijzer</b>, Business Development Director, Kubo</li> <li>• <b>Luuk Stellmach</b>, Sales manager, Meteor Systems</li> <li>• <b>Ivo Meijer</b>, Sr. Manager - National and Economic Affairs, Municipality of Westland</li> <li>• <b>Michiel Klompenhouwer</b>, Director, Plantum NL</li> <li>• <b>Marcus van Heijst</b>, Account Manager, Priva Oceania</li> <li>• <b>Sanne van den Dungen</b>, Director, Raddis</li> <li>• <b>Anupa Alice Mathew</b>, R&amp;D Manager, Reka Group BV/KOSSIL</li> <li>• <b>Willem Schoustra</b>, Director, SeedNL</li> <li>• <b>Daan Mansveld</b>, Sales Director Asia, Van der Hoeven Horticultural</li> <li>• <b>Suzanne van der Meulen</b>, Lecturer-Resercher, Van Hall Larenstein University</li> <li>• <b>Edith Feskens</b>, Dean of Research, Wageningen University &amp; Research</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p>15:45 –16:30<br/>(45 min)</p> | <p><b>SESSION 7: SMART AGRI-HORTICULTURE – AI, DIGITAL MAPPING, DRONES, ROBOTICS &amp; LABOUR-<br/>SAVING SYSTEMS</b></p> <p><i>Digital augmentation that improves decisions, reduces drudgery and delivers measurable ROI</i></p> <p><b>SESSION CHAIR:</b> Dr. Vishnuvardhana, Vice-Chancellor, University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot</p> <p><b>CO-CHAIRS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Chandrashekhar M. Biradar</b>, Former Country Director, CMD Global Green Growth; Technical Advisor -AgriCon HortiConnect</li> <li>• <b>Dr. B. Fakrudin</b>, Director of Research, University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot</li> </ul> <p><b>RAPPORTEURS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Harishchandra Naik</b>, Associate Professor, UHS Bagalkot;</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Venu Gopal</b>, Field Data and Agri Business Manager, DSS/ GGGC, Bengaluru</li> </ul> <p><b>FELICITATION:</b> Mr. Bhavin Takkar &amp; Mr. Rajeeb Kumar Roy – Directors HortiConnect.</p> <p><b>PANELISTS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Jaisimha Rao</b>, Founder and CEO, Niqo Robotics, Bengaluru</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Siddharth Sachdeva</b>, Doerr School of Sustainability, Stanford University, USA</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Manjunatha K.</b>, Scientist, ICAR – Directorate of Cashew Research, Puttur, Dakshina Kannada, Karnataka</li> <li>• <b>Dr. I. B. Biradar</b>, Dean and Special office, CoH Almel, UHS Bagalkot</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Sunil Shirwal</b>, Associate Professor (Farm Mechanization), University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Pravin Prajapati</b>, Founder &amp; CEO of Indrones Solutions Pvt. Ltd</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Ram Nayan Singh Yadav</b>, Ex Principal Scientist (ICAR)/Group, Director (MGI Bhopal)</li> </ul> <p>Note : Ensure Dedicated Live Broadcasting and Social Media Feeds.   Strict Time with Time Ticker</p> |

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| 16:30 –16:50<br>(20 min) | <p><b>SESSION 8: ICCT SPOTLIGHT: ELECTRIC TRACTORS FOR INDIAN AGRICULTURE: TECHNOLOGY READINESS &amp; REAL-WORLD PILOTS</b></p> <p><i>Decarbonising farm mechanisation while improving performance and economics</i></p> <p><b>SPEAKERS:</b> Mr. Aravind Harikumar, Researcher, International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT), India.</p> |
| 16:30 onwards            | <p><b>PROCEED TO AGRI100 AWARDS - JACARANDA HALL</b></p> <p><i>Details and seating protocol to be communicated by the organisers.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

## DAY 2 | FRIDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2026: PROTECTED PRODUCTION • DIVERSIFICATION • ALLIED FARMING

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| 09:00–10:00             | <p><b>Note: Prepare for Celebration of Gandhi Jayanathi (MMI Team)</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 10:00–10:45<br>(45 min) | <p><b>SESSION 9: PROTECTED CULTIVATION 2.0: GREENHOUSES, HYDROPONICS, PRECISION IRRIGATION &amp; ENERGY-SMART CEA</b></p> <p><i>Global science adapted to Indian climates, crops and farm economics</i></p> <p><b>SESSION CHAIR:</b> Dr. T. Janakiram, ICAR – Emeritus Prof, UHSB; Former Vice-Chancellor, Dr Y.S.R. Horticultural University; Technical Advisor, AgriCon HortiConnect 2026</p> <p><b>CO-CHAIRS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr S L Jagadeesha, Associate Director of Research and Extension, RHREC BENGALURU</li> <li>Dr. Dinakar Adiga, Director, ICAR, Directorate of Cashew Research, Puttur</li> </ul> <p><b>RAPPORTEURS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Ittagi Prabhakar, Associate Professor, UHS Bagalkot.</li> <li>Dr. Shankarappa K.S Head &amp; Associate Professor, UHS Bagalkot</li> </ul> <p><b>FELICITATION:</b> Mr. Srikanth Bollapally &amp; Mr. Rajeeb Kumar Roy-Directors HortiConnect</p> <p><b>PANELISTS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Ittagi Prabhakar, Associate Professor, UHS Bagalkot.</li> <li>Dr. Shankarappa K.S Head &amp; Associate Professor, UHS Bagalkot</li> <li>Dr. B Hemla Naik, Director of Education &amp; Sr. Professor Horticulture, KSNUAHS Shivamogga</li> <li>Dr. Pavan Kumar, Assist Professor, Floriculture, UHSB Bengaluru</li> <li>Dr. Amara Nanjundeswara – Head &amp; Professor, CoHUHSB</li> <li>Ms. Veena Laxman Ugare, CEO and Founder, Lenora Express Packers And Movers.</li> </ul> <p>Note : Ensure Dedicated Live Broadcasting and Social Media Feeds.   Strict Time with Time Ticker</p> |

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| <p>10:55–11:40<br/>(45 min)</p> | <p><b>SESSION 10: FUTURE-READY AGRI-HORTICULTURE ACROSS AGROECOLOGIES: FROM RESILIENT DRYLANDS TO ECO-SMART PRODUCTION SYSTEMS</b><br/><i>Drylands &amp; Rainfed Regions to protected systems: crop portfolios, water smart, climate resilience, market fit and resilient income</i></p> <p><b>SESSION CHAIR:</b> Dr. Chandrashekhar M. Biradar, Former Country Director, CMD Global Green Growth; Technical Advisor - AgriCon HortiConnect</p> <p><b>CO-CHAIRS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Ashok Alur, Vice Chancellor, Kodagu University, Kushalnagara</li> <li>• Prof. Ramachandra Naik, Dean, UHSB, Bengaluru</li> </ul> <p><b>RAPPORTEURS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. M. Sankaran, Principal Scientist &amp; Head, Division of Fruit Crops, ICAR-IIHR</li> <li>• Dr. Raghavendra G., Assistant Professor, UHS Bagalkot.</li> </ul> <p><b>FELICITATION:</b> Mr. Rownak Gutgutia &amp; Mr. Rajendra Kumar - Directors HortiConnect.</p> <p><b>PANELISTS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Sadananda G.K., Deputy Director, Centre of Excellence for Farmer Producer Organizations (CoE-FPO), Bengaluru</li> <li>• Mr. Prasad Mailengi, Entrepreneur &amp; Sweet Potato Grower-Practical farmer-enterprise</li> <li>• Dr. Harish B.S., Associate Professor, UHS, Bagalkot</li> <li>• Dr. Raghavendra K. Mesta, Director of Extension, KSNUAHS Shivamogga</li> <li>• Dr. KV Prasad, Director ICAR-DFR Directorate of Floriculture, Pune</li> <li>• Dr. Jagdish Rane, Director, ICAR-CIAH, Bikaner</li> </ul> <p>Note : Ensure Dedicated Live Broadcasting and Social Media Feeds.   Strict Time with Time Ticker</p> |
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| <p>11:45–12:35<br/>(50 min)</p> | <p><b>SESSION 11: INTEGRATED LIVESTOCK &amp; ALLIED FARMING: PATHWAYS TO RURAL PROSPERITY</b><br/><i>Connecting crops, livestock, dairying, fisheries, circular nutrients and diversified farm income</i></p> <p><b>SESSION CHAIR:</b> Dr. Tarun Shridhar, IAS, Former Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry &amp; Dairying, Chairman AgriCon India Advisory NAC Committee.</p> <p><b>CO-CHAIRS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. K.M.L. Pathak, Former Vice-Chancellor, DUVASU, Mathura</li> <li>• Dr. Raghavendra Bhatta, Deputy Director General (Animal Science), ICAR.</li> </ul> <p><b>RAPPORTEURS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. C Sathish Gowda, Scientist, ICRA, Bangalore</li> <li>• Dr. GB M Reddy, Senior Scientist, ICRA, Bangalore</li> </ul> <p><b>FELICITATION:</b> Mr. Rafi &amp; Mr. Bhavin Takkar – Directors HortiConnect.</p> <p><b>PANELISTS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Baladev Raj Gulati, Director ICAR NIVEDI</li> <li>• Dr V. Sejian, Principal Scientist, ICAR-National Institute of Animal Nutrition and Physiology (NIANP), Bengaluru</li> <li>• Shri Satish Babu Gadde, Progressive Farmer, Livestock Based Agriculture</li> <li>• Dr. DVR Prakash Rao, CMD, Prakash Foods</li> <li>• Dr. Pankaj Shukla, Dean Poultry Science, DUVASU</li> <li>• Mr. Aseem Rawat, Founder, Hetha Organics</li> </ul> <p>Note : Ensure Dedicated Live Broadcasting and Social Media Feeds.   Strict Time with Time Ticker</p> |
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| 12:40–13:30<br>(50 min) | <p><b>SESSION 12: AGROLT SOLUTIONS KNOWLEDGE SESSION: PROTECTED CULTIVATION &amp; SUSTAINABILITY</b></p> <p><i>Designing protected systems for climate resilience, resource efficiency and return on investment</i></p> <p><b>SPEAKER:</b> Mr. Vishal Kothari, Founder, Agrolt Solutions Pvt. Ltd.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 13:35–14:00<br>(25 min) | <p><b>NETWORKING BREAK / SIDE EVENTS / SPONSERS SHOW</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 14:00–14:20<br>(20 min) | <p><b>SESSION 13: HI-TECH AUTOMATION FOR HORTICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS</b></p> <p>Technologies that empower our customers to grow smarter and more sustainably. From advanced robotics to AI-driven systems, our solutions are designed to grow Beyond Limits. Discover our high-tech equipment Empowering ambitious growers worldwide. Transplanting plugs, transplanting cuttings, Sorting, Grafting, Germination correction, Harvesting, Pot &amp; tray handling,</p> <p><b>SPEAKER:</b> Mr. Joep Hendricks, Regional Sales Director &amp; Business Development, TTA-ISO</p> |
| 14:30–14:50<br>(20 min) | <p><b>SESSION 14: ROOT-ZONE 2.0: PROPAGATION, SUBSTRATES &amp; PRECISION WATER–NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT</b></p> <p><i>Practical root-zone engineering for nursery, greenhouse and high-value crop systems</i></p> <p><b>SPEAKER:</b> Mr. Abhijit Joshi, Technical Business Development Manager, APAC &amp; Middle East, Oasis Grower Solutions, a division of Smithers-Oasis</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 15:00–15:30<br>(30 min) | <p><b>SESSION 15: Ball Cut Flower Show &amp; Live Demonstration (13:30–14:10, Demonstration Area).</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 15:30–15:55<br>(25 min) | <p><b>SESSION 16: EUSTOMA GENETICS AND COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION</b></p> <p><i>From young plants to uniform quality, protected production and market-ready flowers</i></p> <p><b>SPEAKER:</b> Ms. Lisa van Deujnhoven, Export Manager, Florensis</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 16:00–16:20<br>(20 min) | <p><b>SESSION 17: ISRAEL–INDIA PROTECTED VEGETABLE MASTERCLASS</b></p> <p><i>Growing Indian vegetables under Israeli protected-cultivation conditions</i></p> <p><b>SPEAKER:</b> Ms Sharon Cherry, Israel (featured grower / protected-cultivation practitioner)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 16:20–16:55<br>(35 min) | <p><b>SESSION 18: new plants and trends from Europe</b></p> <p><i>Design, value addition, retail, events and premium market creation</i></p> <p><b>SPEAKER:</b> Mr. Michael Featured UK Floral Designer</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 17:00–17:45<br>(45 min) | <p><b>SESSION 19: AGRICON-HORTICONNECT AWARDS – SPECIAL RECOGNITION CEREMONY</b></p> <p><i>Recognition of innovation, grower excellence and sector leadership. Categories and awardees to be added</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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### DAY 3 | SATURDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2026: INNOVATION RIGHTS • MARKET • GLOBAL VALUE CHAINS

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| 09:00–10:00<br>(60 min) | <b>NETWORKING &amp; EXHIBITION</b><br><i>Buyer–seller meetings, technology displays, Knowledge Partner engagement and exhibition visits.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 10:05–10:50<br>(45 min) | <b>SESSION 20: PLANT BREEDERS' AND FARMERS' RIGHTS AND BENEFIT-SHARING POLICY</b><br><i>Plant breeders' and farmers rights, GI crops, land races, heirlooms, benefit sharing and responsible policy</i><br><b>SESSION CHAIR:</b> Dr. R. R. Hanchinal, Chairperson, Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority (PPVFRA), Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India, New Delhi. Former Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR.<br><b>CO-CHAIRS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr S.B. Dandin, Former Vice-Chancellor, UHS Bagalkot; Technical Advisor, AgriCon HortiConnect</li> </ul> <b>PANELISTS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. R. S. Kulkarni, Former Director of Research, UAS Bengaluru, and Advisor, NUNHEMS</li> <li>Dr. K Madhusudan, Registrar, UAS GKVK, Bengaluru</li> <li>Dr. Lakshmidheevamma T.N., Associate Professor, COHUHS Bagalkot</li> </ul> |
| 10:55–11:25<br>(30 min) | <b>Presentation: Transforming rural livelihood in Himalayas through Floriculture</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Sudesh Kumar Yadav, Director, CSIR-Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology (CSIR-IHBT), Palampur, Himachal Pradesh, India</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 11:30–12:00<br>(30 min) | <b>SESSION 21: PHITONS BIOENGINEERING: SUSTAINABLE PACKAGING FOR AGRI-HORTI VALUE CHAINS</b><br><i>Materials innovation, circularity and practical alternatives to conventional packaging</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 12:05–12:55<br>(50 min) | <b>SESSION 22: Network Meeting for Plant Suppliers (FLOWERS, RETAIL, INDUSTRY: BRIDGING SUPPLY, DEMAND, QUALITY &amp; DESIGN)</b><br><i>Connecting growers, florists, retailers, event designers and institutional buyers</i><br><b>Panelists :</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. T. Janakiram, ICAR – Emeritus Prof, UHSB; Former Vice-Chancellor, Dr Y.S.R. Horticultural University; Technical Advisor, AgriCon HortiConnect 2026</li> <li>Mr S.K. Gutgutia, Founder, Florance Flora; representative — flower retail / wedding &amp; events industry.</li> <li>Dr. M. Viswanath, MD, IFAB and Additional Director, Department of Horticulture, Government of Karnataka</li> <li>Dr. Srikanth Bolapally, Managing Director, Vensai Flowers</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                           |
| 13:00–13:30<br>(30 min) | <b>SESSION 23: AGRIPLAST SPECIAL SESSION</b><br><i>Industry knowledge session and invited stakeholder interaction</i><br><b>PANELISTS:</b> Alasker Napso, COO, Ginegar Plastic Products Ltd                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| 13:40–14:40<br>(60 min) | <p><b>SESSION 24: HORTICONNECT AWARDS — MAIN AWARDS DISTRIBUTION (Technical Advisors Awards)</b></p> <p><i>Main awards ceremony; final categories, presenters and awardees to be announced by the organisers.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 14:45–15:15<br>(30 min) | <p><b>CLOSING LEADERSHIP ROUNDTABLE: BENGALURU AGRICON–HORTICONNECT ACTION AGENDA 2030</b></p> <p><i>Converting three days of dialogue into a practical science–technology–enterprise roadmap</i></p> <p><b>SESSION CHAIRS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Bhupinder Singh</b>, President IMEA, Messe München &amp; CEO, Messe Muenchen India</li> <li>• <b>Sri SK Gutgutia</b>, AgriCon HortiConnect leadership representative.</li> </ul> <p><b>CO-CHAIRS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Chandrashekhar M. Biradar</b>, Former Country Director, CMD Global Green Growth; Technical Advisor -AgriCon HortiConnect</li> <li>• <b>Dr. T. Janakiram</b>, ICAR – Emeritus Prof, UHSB; Former Vice-Chancellor, Dr Y.S.R. Horticultural University; Technical Advisor, AgriCon HortiConnect 2026</li> <li>• <b>Dr S.B. Dandin</b>, Former Vice-Chancellor, UHS Bagalkot; Technical Advisor, AgriCon HortiConnect</li> </ul> <p><b>RAPORTEURS:</b> Mr. Kedarnath B Danappanavar, Agribusiness Manager, DSS, GGGC</p> <p><b>PANELISTS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. N B Surendra Babu</b> – CGM NABARD, Government, ICAR, industry, exporters, FPOs, investors and farmer organizations.</li> </ul> <p><i>Proposed final output: "Bengaluru AgriCon–HortiConnect Action Agenda 2030 — Priorities for Science, Technology, Enterprise and Global Competitiveness in Indian Agriculture &amp; Horticulture."</i></p> |
| 15:15                   | <p><b>END OF CONFERENCE PROGRAMME</b></p> <p><i>Exhibition activities continue as per Expo schedule.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

## PROGRAMME EXECUTION & SPEAKER PROTOCOL

- Balanced panels:** Each technical session should balance science/research, technology/industry, grower/FPO/entrepreneur experience and policy/market perspectives.
- Evidence over promotion:** Commercial presentations should be evidence-led and include performance, costs, limitations and grower/customer outcomes.
- Presentation discipline:** Technical inputs should be concise. Standard panel inputs: 5–7 minutes; no long institutional presentations unless specifically programmed as a keynote/masterclass.
- Three-slide rule:** Where feasible, every technical speaker should include: (1) proof / field evidence, (2) economics / ROI / risk, and (3) adoption pathway / prerequisites.
- Rapporteur output:** Rapporteurs should capture three actionable takeaways from each session for the Bengaluru AgriCon–HortiConnect Action Agenda 2030.
- International speakers:** Virtual participation may be used where travel is difficult. International content should be paired with Indian adaptation and economics.
- Time discipline:** The conference should adhere to the published sequence and timing. Protocol adjustments should not cascade into delays across subsequent sessions.
- Final confirmation:** Only confirmed names should be announced publicly on stage or in final digital updates. Organisers should reconfirm spelling, designation, affiliation and participation mode before publication / printing.

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### KNOWLEDGE PARTNER ROLE

- Nominate chairs, co-chairs, rapporteurs and domain speakers from the university / institute.
- Showcase research technologies with potential for licensing, startup formation or field-scale adoption.
- Link progressive farmers, alumni entrepreneurs, FPOs and university incubatees to the Expo.
- Nominate student / researcher innovations and future-skills demonstrations.
- Review session takeaways and contribute to the final Action Agenda.

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