



4TH BOTANICAL CONGRESS 2026



March 26th to 28th, 2026



Organized by

RAJA NARENDRALAL KHAN WOMEN'S COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)

In collaboration with

THE BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF BENGAL



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GOPE PALACE,

VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY RD.

MEDINIPUR, PHULPAHARI, WEST BENGAL 721102



Established in 1957, Raja Narendralal Khan Women's College (Autonomous) proudly stands as a beacon of women's education and empowerment in Midnapore. Housed in the historic Gope Palace, the college has a rich heritage of academic excellence and social progress. With a diverse range of undergraduate and postgraduate programs, it fosters intellectual growth, research, and innovation. The college is accredited with an 'A+' grade by NAAC and is ranked 64th among India's top degree colleges by NIRF 2023. It also holds ISO 21001:2018 certification, underscoring its commitment to quality education and governance. Through initiatives like DST PG-CURIE, DST-FIST, UGC CPE I & II, DST BOOST etc. College fosters research, leadership, and social responsibility, inspiring women to make meaningful contributions to society and the nation.

Established in 1935, the Botanical Society of Bengal is one of India's oldest and most active organizations dedicated to advancing botanical research, particularly in Bengal (now West Bengal). Its first meeting took place at Calcutta University's Botanical Laboratory, with Vice-Chancellor Shyamaprasad Mukherjee emphasizing that the Society's role should extend beyond research and publications to include public education through lectures and exhibitions. Acknowledging the need for funding, he encouraged support for these efforts and wished the Society lasting success. Today, the Society continues its mission by organizing the 4th Botanical Congress at a women's college situated in the interiors of the Jungle Mahal area in order to promote botanical knowledge across diverse communities.

OBJECTIVES

Advance Scientific Knowledge: Provide a platform to share cutting-edge research across key botanical themes.

Promote Translational Research: Encourage application of plant science research in drug discovery, sustainable agriculture, and food innovations.

Capacity Building & Networking: Foster mentorship, collaboration, and partnerships among researchers, institutions, and industry.

THEMES

1. Cryptogamic World, Systematics and Evolution
2. Medicinal Plants, Drug Discovery and Biotechnology
3. Genetics, Embryology, Tissue Culture
4. Plant Physiology, Biochemistry and Plant Based Innovations
5. Plant Microbe interaction, Biogeography and Climate change
6. Food Science & Human Nutrition

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HIGHLIGHTS

Keynote lectures: Plenary and section-wise lectures by eminent global scientists.

Scientific Sessions: YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARDS from each theme.

Best Oral and Poster awards from each theme

Publication: Abstracts will be published in the Journal of the Botanical Society of Bengal

PROGRAMME FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS

In our congress 50 school children (class IX-XII) will be invited across the State to attend the popular lectures on Botany world and the Science fair on Applied Botany. There will be scope for scientific activity also. Four students will be accompanied by a Life Science Teacher. Interested school teachers should contact the organising committee through email given below: botanicalcongress26@gmail.com

Our Speakers



Prof. Arnab Sen, VC, Raiganj University



Dr. Debprasad Chattopadhyay, Director, School of Life Sciences, Swami Vivekananda University



Dr. Kalyan Rudra, Chairman, West Bengal Pollution Control Board



Prof. Samit Ray, Former Professor, Visva-Bharati University



Prof. (Dr.) Santanu Paul, Professor, University of Calcutta



Prof. Gourab Gangopadhyay, Professor, Bose Institute Kolkata



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Dr. Bhaskar Singh, Associate Professor, Central University of Jharkhand



Prof. Sudip K Ghosh, Professor, IIT Kharagpur



Prof. Ananda Sarkar, Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University



Prof. Pranab Kumar Mondal, Associate Professor, IIT Guwahati



Dr. Sudhansu Sekhar Dash, Scientist F, Botanical Survey of India

Payment details & Registration

	Registration Fees		BSB Life Member (New)		Total Disc
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Step 1

Take Membership

Step 2

Pay and Register for the Congress

Step 3

Fill up the Google Form

Step 4

Submit the Abstract

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name of AC: Botanical Society of Bengal
Name of the Bank: SBI
Branch Name: Garcha
Bank Account No.: 42495990261
IFSC Code: SBIN0003692

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR REGISTRATION

Name of AC: IQAC Raja Narendra Lal Khan Women's College
Name of the Bank: UCO
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REGISTRATION LINK

<https://forms.gle/XqzfQHAYY35fFgBA9>

MEMBERSHIP LINK

<https://botansocbengal.org/become-a-member/>



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Abstract Submission Guidelines

- ❖ Abstracts are invited from the participants for **Oral** and **Poster** presentation only.
- ❖ Abstract (within 300 words) should be submitted to the email: botanicalcongress26@gmail.com in a standard format (Title, Name of the author(s) with affiliation, Theme font: Times New Roman, Size 12).
- ❖ Name of the presenting author and the theme of the abstract must be highlighted.

- ❖ Last date of abstract submission: **06th March, 2026**
- ❖ Last date of Registration: **15th March, 2026**
- ❖ **BEST ORAL AND POSTER PRESENTER WILL BE AWARDED FROM EACH THEME.**

THINGS TO NOTE:

- **Eligibility:** Faculty members, PhD scholars, and students from the Department of Botany and allied disciplines (Microbiology, Biotechnology, Environmental Sciences, Agriculture, Nutrition, Geography, Forestry, etc.).
- **ID Requirement:** Participants must carry any one valid ID proof.
- **Abstract Submission:** Submit the abstract along with the payment receipt to botanicalcongress26@gmail.com.
- **Registration:** Register through the official registration link.

Sponsorship details:

- **Stall [Institute/Corporate]:** Rs. 25,000/-
- **Stall [NGO/Society/Alumni]:** Rs. 8,000/-
- **Full page Colour advertisement:** Rs.20,000/-
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LOCATION OF THE COLLEGE

AIRPORT : Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport (Kolkata) is ~120–130 km away. Travel by cab via NH16 (old NH6) to Midnapore, or go to Howrah Station and take a train to Midnapore/Kharagpur. From Midnapore Station, the college is ~2 km by auto/toto.

RAILWAYS : From Kharagpur Railway Station, the college is ~14 km to Midnapore plus ~2 km within town. Taxis, autos, buses, and shared vans are easily available.

ROAD : From Kolkata/Howrah, reach via NH16 (old NH6) through Uluberia. Distance is ~125–135 km; travel time ~3–4 hours. Regular buses run to Midnapore Bus Stand; the college is ~2 km from there.

ACCOMMODATION FACILITIES

Participants are required to make their own arrangements for accommodation.

● There are several comfortable mid-range hotels within about a 3-10 km radius of the college. Options range from comfortable mid-range stays which include **Jack Paul Residency** (with clean rooms and an on-site restaurant in the town itself), **Hotel Asmit Regency** (with clean rooms and an on-site restaurant at Mahatabpur), **Orbit Hotel Midnapur**, **Hotel Reshma**, and **Hotel Hindusthan**. These hotels are well connected to the college by auto-rickshaw or toto.

● **Budget-friendly accommodation options:** For affordable stays, there are many budget hotels and lodges near the college, especially around Midnapore town and the railway station area. Common options include **Hotel Debloke**, **Satabdi Lodge**, **Green Palace**, **Pronam Lodge**, **Prajapati Lodge** etc. These places provide basic, convenient accommodation and are easily accessible from the college by toto or auto, making them ideal for student-related travel.

● Accommodation for limited number of BSc/MSc female registered participants will be made available by the college as per institute rules.

