

How To Reach

OUAT is located in Surya Nagar (Unit 8) area, near Lok Bhawan, which is about 2 km from Biju Patnaik International Airport and 5 km from Bhubaneswar Railway Station. The distance from Baramunda Bus Stand (ISBT) to OUAT is approximately 3 km. One can avail public transport (Ama Bus route nos. 21, 23 and 26) to reach OUAT from different parts of Bhubaneswar, in addition to app-based Auto and Taxis (Uber/Ola/Rapido).

Places to Visit

Bhubaneswar, the Temple City of India, is renowned for its rich cultural heritage and magnificent Kalinga architecture. The city is home to famous temples such as Lingaraj, Rajarani, and Mukteswara, along with historic sites like the Khandagiri-Udayagiri Caves and Dhauligiri Shanti Stupa. Attractions including Nandankanan Biological Park, Regional Plant Resource Centre, and Jayadev Vatika enhance its natural appeal. Together with Sri Jagannath Temple of Puri and Sun Temple of Konark, Bhubaneswar forms Odisha's famous Golden Triangle tourist circuit.

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Day 1 (November 20, 2026, Friday)

08:30 am – 10:00 am Registration
10:00 am – 11:30 am Inaugural Function & Felicitations
11:30 am – 11:40 am Tea Break
11:40 am – 12:20 pm Keynote Address
12:20 pm – 01:00 pm Invited Lecture I
01:00 pm – 02:00 pm Lunch Break
02:00 pm – 04:00 pm Parallel Technical Sessions
04:00 pm – 04:15 pm TEABREAK
04:15 pm – 05:30 pm Parallel Technical Sessions (to continue)

Day 2 (November 21, 2026, Saturday)

10:00 am – 11:30 am Panel Discussion
11:30 am – 11:40 am Tea Break
11:40 am – 12:20 pm Invited Lecture II
12:20 pm – 01:00 pm Invited Lecture III
01:00 pm – 02:00 pm Lunch Break
02:00 pm – 03:50 pm Poster Presentations
03:50 pm – 04:20 pm Invited Lecture IV
04:20 pm – 05:20 pm Valedictory Function

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ODISHA BIGYAN 'O' PARIBESH CONGRESS

NATIONAL SEMINAR

on

'SCIENCE FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE'

(Vision for Viksit Odisha 2036)

20-21 November, 2026

Organizers

Orissa Environmental Society

&

Odisha University of

Agriculture and Technology



Venue

Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Auditorium, OUAT
Bhubaneswar

Web: <https://odishaenvironment.org/obpc-this-year/>

Background

The Odisha Bigyan 'O' Paribesh Congress (earlier Orissa Bigyan Congress) had its genesis in the year 1997 to create and foster an apt platform for the scientific community of the State to reflect and deliberate upon the advances of science and technology in diverse frontiers. Since then, it is being organized as an annual event in reputed universities/institutions of Odisha with the objective of bringing to a common forum the scientists, academicians, technologists and environmentalists of the State as well as from other parts of the country for sharing their experiences and innovations. On the occasion of the Congress, a national seminar is being organized on a theme of current significance. Noted scientists and academics of the State are also felicitated during the Congress for their lifetime contributions, while young researchers are awarded prizes for best oral and poster presentations. The 27th session of the Congress is organized under the joint auspices of the Orissa Environmental Society, Bhubaneswar and the Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneswar.

Focal Theme

With the global population projected to reach 9.8 billion by 2050, agriculture must produce significantly more food despite limited land and water resources. Future food security depends on increasing productivity through innovation, efficient resource management, and greater investment, particularly in developing countries.

Sustainable agriculture provides a balanced approach by integrating economic viability, social well-being, and environmental conservation. It restores soil health, conserves water, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and protects biodiversity through practices such as cover cropping, reduced tillage, integrated pest management, and agroforestry. Science and technology play a crucial role by enabling precision farming, climate-resilient crops, smart irrigation, and data-driven decision-making, while society contributes through responsible consumption, policy support, and community participation.

As climate change and environmental degradation intensify, adopting sustainable agricultural practices is no longer optional but essential. Collective efforts from scientists, policymakers, farmers, and citizens can ensure resilient food systems that meet present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to thrive. Sustainable agriculture is therefore the foundation of a secure, productive, and environmentally responsible future. In such a scenario, this year's OBPC focuses on "Science for Sustainable Agriculture" keeping in view the vision of Viksit Odisha 2036.

Call for Papers

Research papers from all branches of Science and Technology in respective fields of work are invited for oral / poster presentations for the technical sessions of the conference. Selected abstracts will be published in the proceedings of the 27th OBPC. Soft copies of the abstracts in English (~400 words) in MS-Word format (Times New Roman, font size 12) with names of authors, their affiliations, corresponding author's email and key words must be submitted to the Organizing Secretary by email (obpc.oes@gmail.com) latest by 5th November, 2026 along with their paid registration fee particulars. Best presentations (oral/poster) will be recognized and awarded in the valedictory function of the Congress.

Parallel Technical Sessions

- ♦ **Life Sciences - I**
(Animal, Plant, Agricultural, Medical Sciences, etc.)
- ♦ **Physical Sciences – II**
(Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Geosciences, etc.)
- ♦ **Technological Sciences – III**
(Engineering, Technology, Applied Sciences, etc.)
- ♦ **Environmental Sciences - IV**
(Ecology, Natural Resources, Pollution and Waste Management, Climate Change, etc.)

Registration & Fees

One can register through the google form given below:

<https://forms.gle/qJRMTMwkPC19p9aNA>

- ♦ ₹ 1000/- Faculty, Scientists and Industry
- ♦ ₹ 700/- Research Scholars and Students
- ♦ ₹ 700/- OES Life Members



Accommodation

Delegates are requested to make their own arrangements for their stay during the Congress. However, limited accommodation arrangements can be made for delegates in OUAT hostels and guesthouses on payment basis. Delegates must indicate their option during registration for the conference.

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Orissa Environmental Society (OES)

Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India

<https://www.odishaenvironment.org>

The Orissa Environmental Society, established in 1982, is a leading voluntary organization dedicated to promoting environmental awareness and conserving Odisha's rapidly depleting natural resources. Since its inception, the Society has worked towards protecting the environment through research, education, advocacy, and public awareness programmes. It has consistently emphasized the principles of sustainable development by encouraging ecologically balanced, economically viable, and socially responsible practices. In recognition of its significant contributions, the Society is represented in several state and national committees and forums related to environment, wildlife, science, and technology. It has made notable contributions to the conservation and management of important ecological regions, including the Similipal Biosphere Reserve, Chilika Lagoon, Mahendragiri Hills, and the Angul-Talcher industrial area. The Society has also published numerous books, reports, and educational materials on environmental and natural resource issues. With around 900 life members, it enjoys recognition and accreditation from several national and international organizations. Additionally, the Society played a pivotal role in establishing the Bhubaneswar Chapter of the Indian Science Congress Association in 1996, further strengthening scientific and environmental initiatives in Odisha.

Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology (OUAT)

Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India

<https://www.ouat.ac.in>

Odisha University of Agricultural Technology, established in the year 1962, has contributed immensely for the cause of agricultural development through teaching, research and extension in agriculture and allied sectors. The University imparts education on Agriculture, Horticulture, Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry, Agricultural Engineering, Community Science, Forestry Science, Fishery Science, Basic Science, Bioinformatics, Computer Application and Agri-business Management through 10 constituent colleges, one Center for Post Graduate Studies and 10 Agro-polytechnic Centres.

The University undertakes research activities in 10 agro-climatic zones of Odisha with an objective to generate location specific technologies for enhancing production in agriculture and allied sectors. The research activities are carried out in 8 Regional Research and Technology Transfer Stations, 4 Regional Research & Technology Transfer Substations and 7 Commodity Research Stations. Besides, 50 All India Co-ordinated Research Projects and various *ad hoc* research projects are in operation with financial support from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Govt. of India and other agencies. The Directorate of Extension Education disseminates technological know-how to the farming community through a network of 31 Krishi Vigyan Kendras, University Extension Block Programme, Information and Communication Centre, Distance Education, Video Project, Agricultural Technology Information Centre and Odisha Gender Resource Centre.