



NATIONAL SEMINAR ON MEDICINAL PLANT RESOURCES OF THE WESTERN HIMALAYA: TRADITION, SCIENCE AND CONSERVATION

Organised by

Regional Ayurveda Research Institute,
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05–06 October 2026



VENUE

Regional Ayurveda Research Institute
(RARI), Mandi, Himachal Pradesh, India

IMPORTANT DATES



Abstract Submission
Deadline

20
SEP 2026



Acceptance
Notification

25
SEP 2026



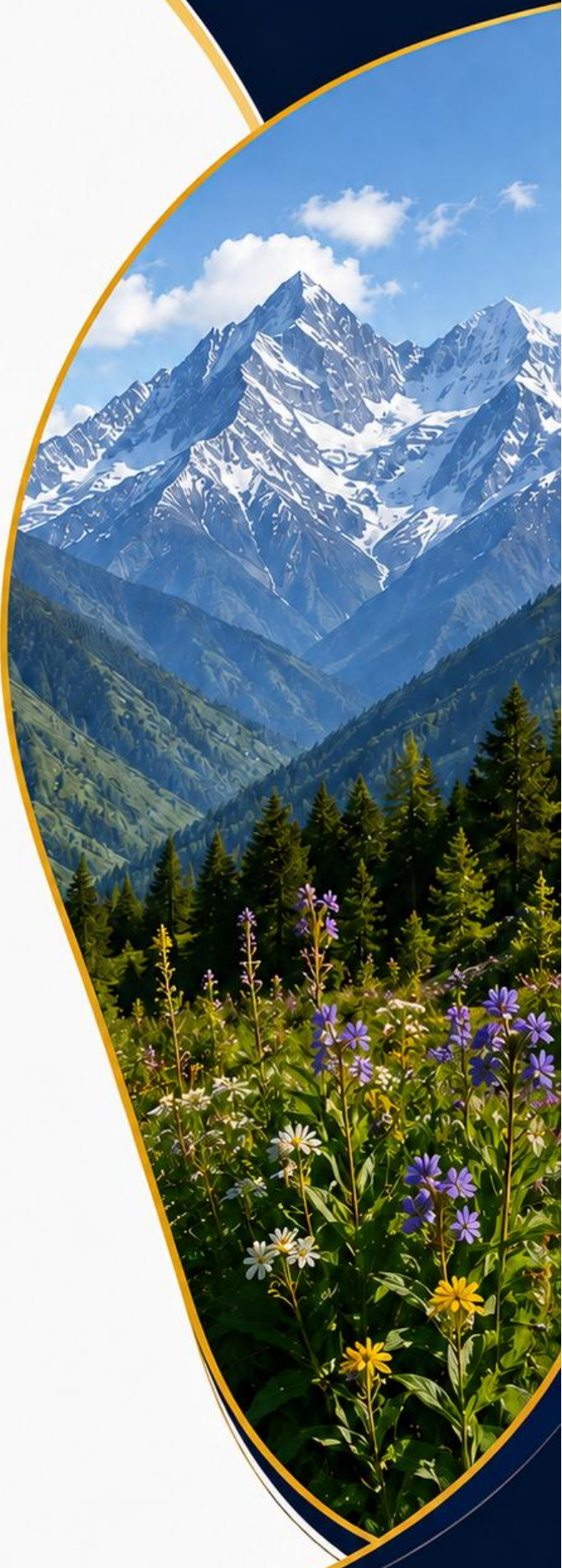
Full Paper & PPT
Submission

30
SEP 2026



Registration
Deadline

30
SEP 2026



THEMATIC AREAS

Medicinal Plant Resources of the Western Himalaya: Tradition, Science and Conservation

01

Plant Diversity, Taxonomy and Documentation of Medicinal Plants

- Taxonomy and systematics of Himalayan medicinal plants
- Molecular taxonomy, DNA barcoding and phylogenetic approaches for plant identification
- Diversity, distribution and documentation of high-altitude medicinal plants, endemic and threatened species, and Himalayan bioresources
- GIS, remote sensing, biodiversity informatics and species distribution modelling

02

Ethnobotany, Local Health Traditions and Traditional Knowledge Systems

- Ethnomedicinal knowledge and local healthcare practices
- Wild edible plants and their role in nutritional security
- Ethnodietary practices, traditional foods and nutraceuticals
- Ethnoveterinary knowledge and traditional animal healthcare
- Documentation of plants used in religious rituals, festivals and cultural ceremonies

03

Sustainable Utilization, Cultivation and Livelihood Development of Medicinal Plants

- Conservation and sustainable management of endemic, rare, endangered and threatened (RET) medicinal plants of the Western Himalaya
- Sustainable harvesting, resource management and Good Agricultural and Collection Practices (GACP)
- Cultivation, domestication and advanced agrotechnologies, including nursery techniques, micropropagation, tissue culture and protected cultivation
- Post-harvest management, processing, value addition, entrepreneurship and medicinal plant value chains for sustainable livelihood development

04

Raw Drug Authentication, Quality Assurance and Standardisation of Herbal Drugs

- Identification and authentication of medicinal plant raw drugs
- Adulteration, substitution and traceability
- Pharmacognostic, molecular and analytical tools for authentication and quality evaluation
- Standardisation, quality assurance, pharmacopeial aspects and regulatory guidelines

05

Dravyaguna, Ayurvedic Perspectives and Contemporary Research on Medicinal Plants

- Classical Ayurvedic nomenclature and modern plant taxonomy
- Taxonomic challenges in the botanical identification of Ayurvedic medicinal plants
- Anukta Dravya in Ayurveda: New medicinal plant resources and prospects for drug discovery
- Seasonal, ecological and geographical variation in the potency and quality of medicinal plants
- Correlation of traditional knowledge and classical Ayurvedic concepts with modern scientific evidence
- Prakriti-based research: Integrating Dravyaguna with genomics and personalised medicine
- Toxic and poisonous plants of the Western Himalayan region: Identification, traditional knowledge and therapeutic significance
- Pharmacological and clinical validation of therapeutic traditional claims

CALL FOR PAPERS & REGISTRATION

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Researchers, academicians, scientists, scholars and students are invited to submit original abstracts related to the thematic areas of the seminar. Selected abstracts will be considered for oral or poster presentation. Authors of selected contributions may subsequently be invited to submit their full papers.

PRESENTATION MODES

- Oral Presentation
 - Poster Presentation
- Poster size: 3 × 6 ft

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Fee: ₹750/-
Payment: UPI / QR Code
Includes: Seminar Kit • Breakfast • Lunch • Tea
On-spot Fee: ₹1000/- (30-09-2026 onwards)

SCAN TO REGISTER



REGISTRATION LINK

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1SFaOqDWwZOmXfXKPv9GQ6kd0FazHfNFDDeEj3JWO_zA0/edit?pli=1

SCAN TO PAY



REGISTRATION DEADLINE **30 September 2026**

ACCOMMODATION FOR REGISTERED DELEGATES

A list of nearby hotels and guesthouses will be shared with registered participants to assist them in arranging accommodation.

FOR ENQUIRIES

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ABOUT THE SEMINAR

Medicinal Plant Resources of the Western Himalaya: Tradition, Science and Conservation

ABOUT SEMINAR

This Two-Day National Seminar will explore the rich medicinal plant resources of the Western Himalaya, with emphasis on plant diversity, taxonomy, ethnobotany, traditional knowledge, sustainable utilization, cultivation, raw drug authentication, quality assessment and Ayurvedic perspectives.

The seminar aims to provide an interdisciplinary platform for bringing together traditional knowledge and contemporary scientific research through expert lectures, oral and poster presentations, and interactive scientific discussions. It will also provide an opportunity to deliberate on emerging challenges and future priorities for the conservation, scientific validation and sustainable utilization of Himalayan medicinal plant resources.

BRIDGING TRADITIONAL WISDOM WITH MODERN SCIENCE

ABOUT RARI-MANDI

The CCRAS–Regional Ayurveda Research Institute (RARI), Jaral, Pandoh, Mandi, Himachal Pradesh, is an integrated centre for Ayurvedic healthcare, medicinal plant research and scientific knowledge generation in the Western Himalaya. The Institute provides comprehensive Ayurvedic healthcare through general, specialised and geriatric OPDs, disease-specific clinics and a NABH-accredited 10-bed IPD, supported by diagnostic, pharmacy, Panchakarma, Yoga and other healthcare facilities.

With a strong focus on the region's rich medicinal plant diversity, RARI undertakes botanical, taxonomic, ethnobotanical and ethnomedicinal research, including field exploration, plant identification, documentation and scientific studies of traditional plant-use practices. The Institute also maintains a recognised herbarium, supporting systematic plant identification and research. Through the integration of Ayurvedic knowledge, botanical sciences, traditional plant-use practices and contemporary scientific approaches, RARI contributes to the evidence-informed understanding, conservation and sustainable utilization of medicinal plant resources of the Himalayan region.

PLACES TO VISIT

Himachal Pradesh, the Land of Gods, is a northern Indian state celebrated for its breathtaking landscapes, snow-clad mountains, lush valleys, and vibrant cultural heritage. Nestled in the western Himalayas, the state is a paradise for nature lovers, adventure seekers, and spiritual travellers alike. Its diverse topography offers everything from serene hill stations and dense forests to sacred temples and colorful festivals, creating a harmonious blend of natural beauty and cultural richness. At the heart of Himachal lies Mandi District, fondly known as the “Varanasi of the Hills” or “Chhoti Kashi” for its deep spiritual and cultural significance. Gracefully situated along the banks of the Beas River, Mandi serves as a gateway to renowned hill destinations such as Kullu, Manali, and Lahaul Spiti. The district is admired for its picturesque landscapes, centuries-old stone temples, and distinctive architecture, with nearly 81 temples featuring intricate carvings. Mandi also comes alive during the grand Shivratri Fair, an annual celebration that draws devotees and visitors from across the country, reflecting the town's unique charm where spirituality and natural beauty beautifully converge.



Nature Park



Panchvaktra Temple



Prashar



Shikari Mata Temple



Rewalsar

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