

Registration Link (AERA Regional Conference - 2026)

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The registration fee for the Conference is as shown below

Category	AERA Members (INR)	Spot Registration
	Non-Members (INR)	
Scientists/ Academicians	3000.00	4000.00
Students including JRFs, SRFs, RAs, PDFs	1000.00	2000.00
Accompanying Person	2000.00	3000.00

Conference Bank Account Details

Bank Name : Canara Bank
Beneficiary Name : Organising secretary
Branch : GKVK Campus, Bengaluru
Account No. : 110013371200
IFSC Code : CNRB0002737
MIRC Code : 560015126



Note

Payments (in any form) should be in favor of "The Organizing Secretary", AERA Regional Conference, College of Agriculture, University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK, Bengaluru - 560 065. Participants are requested to fill registration form and upload the proof of payment of registration fee.

How to Reach the Campus (GKVK)

- Kempegowda International Airport located approximately 23 km from the University.
- Bengaluru City Railway Station (Majestic) approximately 15 km away & Yeshwanthpur Railway Station, the closest major station, about 10 km from the University.
- Nearest Major Bus Terminal (Majestic): About 15 km from the University.

Accommodation will be provided in the University Guest Houses

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Regional Conference

Digital Agriculture for Sustainable and Inclusive Food Systems

June 17 -18, 2026

Venue

North Block Auditorium, University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK, Bengaluru



Organized by

University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru

&

Agricultural Economics Research Association

(In collaboration with International Food

Policy Research Institute)

Regional Conference on Digital Agriculture for Sustainable and Inclusive Food Systems

About the Conference

Indian agriculture is undergoing a significant structural transformation driven by the rapid expansion of digital technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT), GIS, remote sensing, blockchain, and mobile-based advisory platforms. These technologies are reshaping agricultural production systems, strengthening market integration, improving decision-making, and enabling climate-resilient farming practices.

Despite these advances, adoption remains uneven due to digital literacy gaps, connectivity constraints, affordability issues, and institutional fragmentation. Addressing these challenges requires stronger collaboration among researchers, policymakers, universities, and technology stakeholders.

This Regional Conference aims to provide a high-level platform for dialogue, knowledge exchange, and collaborative strategy development to advance digital agriculture in India.

Objectives of the Conference

- Examine the role of digital technologies in transforming agricultural production systems and resource management
- Analyse the potential of digital platforms to improve agricultural markets and value chain coordination
- Explore policy and institutional frameworks required for responsible and scalable adoption
- Identify opportunities for integrating digital innovations with climate-smart agriculture
- Facilitate dialogue among researchers, policymakers, agri-tech entrepreneurs, and development organizations

Technical Sessions

The conference will include an inaugural session followed by four thematic technical sessions:

- Session I
Digital Technologies and Agricultural Productivity
- Session II
Digital Markets, Value Chains and Supply Chain Transformation
- Session III
Policy, Institutions and Governance of Digital Agriculture
- Session IV
Inclusiveness, Capacity Building and Digital Empowerment of Farmers

Programme Schedule

Day 1: 17 June 2026 (Wednesday)

10 AM - 11 AM	- Inaugural Session
11 AM - 11:15 AM	-Tea Break
11:15 AM - 1:15 PM	- Technical Session I
1 PM - 2 PM	-Lunch Break
2 PM - 4 PM	- Technical Session II

Day 2: 18 June 2026 (Thursday)

10 AM - 12 PM	- Technical Session III
12 PM - 12:15 PM	-Tea Break
12:15 PM - 2:15 PM	- Technical Session IV
2:15 PM - 3 PM	-Lunch Break
3 PM - 5 PM	-Valedictory Session and Policy Roundtable

Call for Papers

Research papers aligned with the conference themes are invited from academicians, researchers, and postgraduate students.

Paper presenters may adhere to the guidelines mentioned in AERA website for paper submission.

Papers may be submitted to: aerars2026@gmail.com

Abstract submission deadline: 28 May 2026

Full paper submission deadline: 30 May 2026

Acceptance notification: 4 June 2026

Agricultural Economics Research Association (AERA)

The Agricultural Economics Research Association (India), a registered society, came into being in 1987, and on date has more than 1000 life members, 110 ordinary members, 122 institutional members and 33 honorary life members from India and abroad. Through its journal, Agricultural Economics Research Review, the Association contributes to improving quality of research in agricultural economics & policy analysis and rural development

To encourage young professional, the journal also publishes abstracts of the Master's and Doctoral dissertations in agricultural economics. The Association regularly organizes annual conference on the issues of contemporary importance and undertakes sponsored research in agricultural economics and rural development.

The Association is now widely recognized for its professional contributions and credibility. The journal of the Association, Agricultural Economics Research Review is highly rated by the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, New Delhi, India.

University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore

The University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS) Bangalore, established in 1964, is a premier institution dedicated to agricultural education, research, and extension in India. With a legacy spanning over five decades, UAS Bangalore has been at the forefront of pioneering innovations in agriculture, contributing significantly to the development of sustainable farming practices, crop improvement, and the overall advancement of agricultural sciences. The university is renowned for its commitment to excellence, fostering a vibrant academic environment that nurtures future leaders in the agricultural sector.



UAS Bangalore is spread across multiple campuses, each equipped with state-of-the-art facilities and a diverse range of research programs tailored to address the challenges faced by modern agriculture. The university's faculty comprises eminent scholars and researchers who are deeply engaged in ground-breaking research, often in collaboration with national and international institutions. UAS Bangalore's unwavering focus on integrating education with practical applications has made it a hub for knowledge dissemination and a catalyst for rural development, impacting the lives of countless farmers and agricultural professionals across the country.