



**All India Network Project on Agricultural Acarology**  
**Acarological Society of India**  
**University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore**  
**Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi**

## **National Symposium**

On

# **Challenges and Sustainable Management of Mites in Agriculture Horticulture and Sericulture**



**20-21 November, 2025**  
**Gandhi Krishi Vigyan Kendra**  
**(GKVK), Bengaluru-560 065**

**In Collaboration with**

**Central Silk Board, Bangalore**  
**Coconut Development Board, Kochi**  
**Academy for Indian Horticulture, Bengaluru**



## About the Symposium

Mites are microscopic creatures barely observed by the naked eye. The majority of the plant-associated mites are less than 500 microns in size. The plant-associated mites are either phytophagous, which feed on plants or predatory that feed on other plant-associated arthropods or saprophytic, feeding on plant debris, fungi, bacteria, algae, lichens *etc.* Phytophagous mite families include Tetranychidae, Tenuipalpidae, Tarsonemidae, Tuckerellidae and Eriophyidae, which infest and damage several agricultural, horticultural and other crops of economic importance. Mites belonging to predatory families *viz.*, Phytoseiidae, Cheyletidae, Cunaxidae, Bdellidae and Stigmaeidae, play a crucial role in agricultural and natural ecosystems, feeding on various pests such as spider mites, thrips and whiteflies, which makes them valuable allies in Integrated Pest Management strategies. However, the changing climate, inadequate monitoring and forecasting, emergence of new mite species, lack of awareness on use of predatory mites and resistance to pesticides led to increasing economic losses in productivity of several crops. In this context, constant interactions of faculty, scientists, researchers, students, policy makers and other stakeholders are desirable for mitigating the problems of mites. Thus, a national symposium is organized for discussing about the challenges of mite pests and exploring new sustainable management practices for mitigating the mite's problem in agricultural, horticultural and sericulture systems at the GKVK Campus of the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, Karnataka.

All India Network Project on Agricultural Acarology, Acarological Society of India, the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore and Indian Council of Agricultural research, New Delhi in collaboration with Central Silk Board, Bangalore, Coconut Development Board, Kochi, Academy for Indian Horticulture, Bengaluru and other partners invite scientists, research scholars, students, industries, entrepreneurs, policymakers and stakeholders in the agriculture, horticulture and sericulture sectors to participate in the **'National Symposium on Challenges and Sustainable Management of Mites in Agriculture, Horticulture and Sericulture'**. The symposium is soliciting research papers from scientists, research scholars and students to enrich its programme. Researchers across India are invited to present their work on the major thematic areas through oral and poster presentations at the symposium. The symposium will also feature a discussion on challenges of mite pests and policy-making, aimed at sustainable management of mite pests on the agricultural, horticultural and sericulture systems

## Thematic areas

Theme 1: Diversity and Integrative Taxonomy of Mites

Theme 2: Ecology of Plant-associated Mites

Theme 3: Biological Control of Phytophagous Mites

Theme 4: Sustainable Management of Mite Pests

Theme 5: Emerging Confronts in Acarology

Theme 6: Acarological Challenges in Sericulture

## Call for Abstracts

Abstracts along with 3-5 keywords are invited in the listed thematic areas for presentation during the Symposium. Abstract in MS Word (Times New Roman, Font size 12, single line spacing), not exceeding 250 words (excluding the title, author(s) and affiliations) must be submitted through the designated Google form or Organizing Secretary (acarologysymposium2025@gmail.com). The participants may indicate the options for oral or poster presentation. However, the final decision for oral/poster presentation of the paper is vested with the Organizing Committee.

## Oral presentation

Original research findings related to any of the thematic areas listed are invited for presentations in the Symposium. The presenter can prepare PowerPoint Slides for the presentation of their research findings. The time allotted for oral presentation is 8 minutes, followed by 2 minutes of discussion.

## Poster presentation

The suggested poster size is 120 cm in height and 90 cm in width, with vertical orientation (Times New Roman, Font size: title-85, author/s name-60, address-45, chapter headings-45 and text-36). The poster should include a short title, the author's name and address, a short introduction, materials and methods, brief results and discussion containing tables and graphs with 1-2 references. The presenting author's name should be in bold and highlighted.

## Important Dates

Last date for submission of Abstracts : **September 30, 2025**


Communication of Acceptance : **October 10, 2025**

Last date for Registration : **November 1, 2025**


## Registration Fee

Participants are requested to pay the specified amount of registration fee to the bank details as mentioned below.

Category	Early Bird Registration	On-Spot Registration
Students/Research Scholars	Rs. 2000/-	Rs. 3000/-
Faculty/Scientist/Industry /Corporate	Rs. 5000/-	Rs. 6000/-
Accompanying Person	Rs. 2500/-	Rs. 3500/-

<b>Google link for registration:</b> <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSekhbfre8wYWW3Ubyt6Q8eWh8Kbo4yqiJG0cEeFuf-0nK0RQQ/viewform?usp=header">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSekhbfre8wYWW3Ubyt6Q8eWh8Kbo4yqiJG0cEeFuf-0nK0RQQ/viewform?usp=header</a>	
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Participants are requested to send their travel plan and accommodation requirements to the Organizing Secretary (acarologysymposium2025@gmail.com) in advance to make the necessary arrangements. They may also mention the requirement of accommodation in the Google form. The accommodation will be provided in the University guest house on a shared basis/Dormitory (Payment basis). You may also book accommodation on your own at nearby Hotels.

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## About UAS, Bangalore and Agricultural Acarology

The University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore established in 1964 is one of the earliest Agricultural Universities in the country. It offers seven bachelor's degree programmes, 21 masters' programmes and 16 doctoral programmes through its five constituent colleges. The University has been bestowed with Sardar Patel outstanding ICAR Institution Award during 2002 and 2012 by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi. In 2021, the University was recognized as the Best Agricultural University in India and accredited with an A+ NAAC grade during 2025.

Realizing the importance of mites as pests on agricultural and horticultural crops, the research on agricultural acarology started with the All India Multi-location Research Project on Agricultural Acarology in 1983. The project was upgraded to the All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Agricultural Acarology in 1987. From the middle of the IX Plan, the project has been re-designated as the All India Network Project (AINP) on Agricultural Acarology. The Project Coordinating Unit is located at the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore. The Network unit is coordinating research activities with eight cooperating centres and one voluntary centre across the country. The Department of Entomology and the Network unit of AINP (Agril. Acarology) have organized National and State-level seminars and workshops in the field of Entomology and Acarology. The Network unit also regularly organizes training programmes for faculty, research scholars and students on various aspects in the field of acarology.

## How to reach the symposium venue

The symposium will be held at the Gandhi Krishi Vigyan Kendra (GKVK), University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore. The GKVK campus is 25 km away from Kempegowda International Airport, 12 km from Bengaluru City Bus Station & Bengaluru City Railway Station (Majestic), and 8 km from Yeshwanthapur Railway Station. One can hire or book a taxi (OLA/Uber/Rapido) from the airport/bus station/railway station to reach GKVK Campus, which will take 30-45 minutes to reach the venue.

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