



FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

**13th
Biennial
Convention
and
National
Seminar**

February 20 – 22, 2026

*Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan
West Bengal*

**New Frontiers in Agricultural Development -
Innovating Responsibly, Sustaining Ecosystems,
Empowering Farmers**



Organized by
Society for Fertilizers and Environment, Kolkata



In collaboration with
Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Visva-Bharati

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THE SOCIETY AND ITS MOTTO

The word 'Fertiliser' no more refers to only some primary chemical fertilisers, traditionally believed to represent this word. As per the statutory of Government of India [The Fertiliser (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) Order 1985] it covers straight, complexes, customized, fortified, secondary and micronutrients, water soluble, beneficial, liquid and nano fertilisers among chemical entities; besides encompassing all kinds of organic fertilisers, bio-fertilisers, and bio-stimulants. Hence, it is a holistic term representing all sources of crop nutrition and growth enhancement. Several of these are very important components for integrated and balanced nutrient management, for obtaining high quality yield on sustainable basis. However, wrong and/or misuse of any might cause yield reduction, decline in soil quality and increase in soil and environmental pollution. Hence, there is a delicate thread of balance which needs to be adhered to.

While the scientific aspect of this is deliberated among academicians, the policy makers need to be sensitized to pursue right kind of enabling frameworks. Promising technologies need to be converted to commercial products to ensure right kind of intervention; for which corporate entities dealing with agro-input need to pursue collaborative innovations in 'new product' research. There was a felt need to institute a professional forum to enable cross pollination of knowledge and ideas among all these stakeholders; with an aim to promote rational and safe use of crop nutrition products. Thus the 'Society for Fertilizers and Environment' came into being with a collective initiative from some eminent Scientists, Academicians, Agricultural Administrators and Corporate Professionals; headquartered at Kolkata. The Society had a modest beginning of its journey through a one-day Seminar held on 26th June, 2010 in memory of Late Prof. N.P. Datta, the doyen in fertiliser chemistry. With time, the Society grew in its stature and size; and now has proud 250+ Life Members spanning the length and breadth of our country. Over the years, we have also added the aspect of safe use of other Agro-chemicals in our deliberations.



About Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan



Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan is a central university and an institution of national importance located in Bolpur, West Bengal. It was founded in 1921 by Rabindranath Tagore, India's first Nobel laureate, with the vision of creating a place where the world would meet in a single nest — the meaning of "Visva-Bharati." The university began as a small school, **Patha Bhavana**, emphasizing learning in natural surroundings under open skies, away from rigid classroom systems. Over time, it evolved into an international centre for culture, arts, humanities, and rural reconstruction. It attracted scholars, artists, and thinkers from across the world, making it a symbol of India's cultural renaissance and intellectual freedom during the early 20th century.

Today, Visva-Bharati stands as a living embodiment of Tagore's educational philosophy, blending creativity, culture, and community life. It comprises various institutes such as **Kala Bhavana (Fine Arts)**, **Sangit Bhavana (Music and Performing Arts)**, and **Siksha Bhavana (Humanities and Sciences)**, each maintaining a unique artistic and academic heritage. The university also houses Sriniketan, devoted to rural reconstruction and sustainable development — reflecting Tagore's belief in self-reliance and rural upliftment. In 2023, Visva-Bharati was inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, recognizing its outstanding contribution to education and culture. Even today, it remains a beacon of holistic learning and a timeless tribute to Tagore's dream of uniting humanity through knowledge, nature, and creativity.



ABOUT THE NATIONAL SEMINAR

The 13th Biennial Convention and National Seminar of the Society for Fertilizers and Environment (SFE) is scheduled to be held from 20th to 22nd February 2026 at Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, in collaboration with the host university. The central theme of the seminar, “New Frontiers in Agricultural Development: Innovating Responsibly, Sustaining Ecosystems, Empowering Farmers,” reflects the Society’s commitment to promoting sustainable agricultural practices through innovation and environmental stewardship. The convention will bring together scientists, academicians, policymakers, and farmers from across the country to share their research and experiences on fertilizer use, soil health, agrochemicals, and integrated farming systems. The inaugural session will feature addresses by eminent dignitaries including Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Director General of ICRISAT, and memorial lectures honoring distinguished scientists such as Dr. H. S. Sen and Dr. N. P. Datta. Over the three days, the programme will comprise several technical sessions, special lectures, and poster presentations covering diverse themes such as innovations in agrochemicals, efficient resource utilization, integrated nutrient and pest management, and the social science perspectives of sustainable crop production. A Farmers’ Conclave, titled “From Research to Roots — Science that Speaks to Farmers,” will bridge the gap between scientific innovation and practical field application. The convention will conclude with a valedictory session recognizing outstanding research through awards for the best oral and poster presentations, followed by the Annual General Body Meeting of the Society. The final day will include a cultural and educational visit to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Santiniketan, allowing delegates to experience the legacy of Rabindranath Tagore and the harmony between nature, art, and education that defines the venue. Overall, the event promises to be a rich confluence of knowledge, innovation, and collaboration toward a greener and more resilient agricultural future.





THEMES OF THE NATIONAL SEMINAR



❖ Innovations in Agrochemicals and Sustainable Crop Production

(Focus: New-generation agrochemicals (pesticides, herbicides, bio-stimulants, nano-formulations), safe formulations, and productivity-enhancing technologies)



Efficient Resource Utilization vis-à-vis a Green Future

(Focus: Residue management, soil and water health, biodiversity conservation, pollution mitigation, and circular economy approaches)



Integrated Approaches: Nutrient & Pest Management, Climate-Smart Agriculture, and Allied Sectors

(Focus: INM & IPM strategies, reducing chemical dependency, climate-resilient practices, and synergy with livestock, fisheries, horticulture, and agroforestry)

Social Science Perspective of Sustainable Crop Production for achieving SDGs

(Focus: Blending science and tradition for efficient, eco-friendly crop care)

Special Session 1

(20.02.26 from 12.15 to 13.00 hrs)

Commemorative lecture:

In Honour of

Late Prof. LN Mandal Centenary



REGISTRATION FOR THE SEMINAR AND CALL FOR PAPERS



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1. Name (in block letters): _____
2. Designation: _____
3. Institution/Organization: _____
4. Correspondence Address: _____
5. Mobile No.: _____
6. E-mail ID: _____
7. Are you an SFE Member? Yes / No _____
8. Accompanying Person (if any): _____
9. Accommodation required? Yes / No _____
10. Date of Arrival: _____ Date of Departure: _____
11. Mode of Travel: _____
12. Payment Details: _____

Amount: _____ Date: _____

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Date: _____

Place: _____

Signature of the Delegate

REGISTRATION FEE

Delegate Type	Early Bird Registration (Dates: From 15.12.2025 To 15.01.2026)	Late Registration/Spot Registration (Dates: - From 16.01.2026 To 20.02.2026)
Scientist / Faculty / Govt. Officials & SFE Member	Rs. 3,000.00	Rs. 3,500.00
Research Scholar	Rs. 2,000.00	Rs. 2,000.00
Student	Rs. 1,000.00	Rs. 1,000.00
Corporate	Rs. 5,000.00	Rs. 6,000.00
Combo Offer (Life Member of SFE & Registration Fee)	Rs. 4000.00	Rs. 4000.00
Exhibition Stall (Size: - 10 Feet X 10 Feet)	Rs. 30,000.00	Rs. 30,000.00

CALL FOR PAPER

Abstract of original research work not exceeding 500 words (MS word, strictly in Times New Roman 12 font 1.5 line spacing) including figures should reach by email (sfenatsem2026@gmail.com) latest by **JANUARY 31, 2026.**

Participant may transfer their registration fee through online payment to the Society's Bank Account mentioned underneath, else they can submit the same physically on the inaugural day of the Seminar as applicable for Late Registration/Spot Registration as in the above table.)

Account details:

A/c name: Society for Fertilizers and Environment, A/c no. 08370110011294,
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"It is a universal problem to save resources from man's excessive greed...The Creator sent life, he made arrangements for nurturing it all around -- but man with his greed has supplied the instruments of death. Human society is cursed for his transgression of God's scheme.

-- Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore

**LOOKING FORWARD TO MEET YOU IN THE HEAVENLY ABODE OF
"GURUDEV"**