International Seminar

On

Prospective, Priorities and Preparedness of Sustainable Agriculture Growth and Rural Empowerment for Viksit Bharat

August 18-19, 2026 (Tuesday & Wednesday)

Venue

Conference Hall, School of Earth and Environmental Sciences (SEES),
Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University
(A Central University),
Vidya- Vihar, Rae Bareli Road, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, INDIA

Organized By:

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In Collaboration — *With* —

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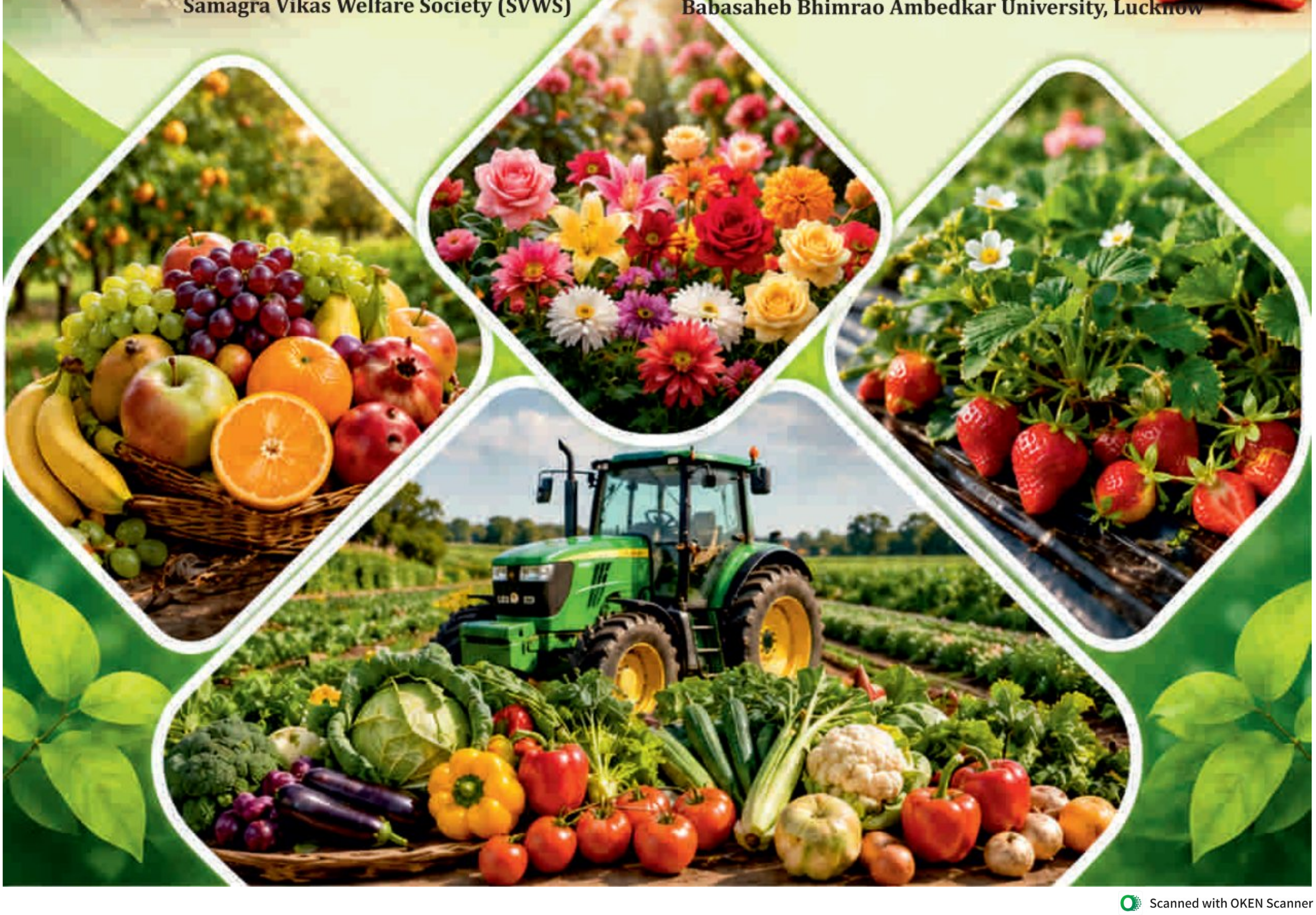

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Background

The background for an international seminar focused on **Sustainable Agricultural Growth and Rural Empowerment for Viksit Bharat** is deeply rooted in India's vision to become a developed, inclusive, and environmentally sustainable nation by 2047, the centenary of its independence. This initiative aims to transform the rural economy—where 68% of the population resides. The goal is to evolve from a developing to a developed nation, emphasizing the harmony between economic growth, environmental sustainability, and social equity. Agriculture is regarded as the backbone of rural livelihoods, contributing around 18% to the GDP and requiring modernization to enhance food security and rural incomes. The vision goes beyond GDP growth, aiming for high-quality life, infrastructure, and rural-urban integration.

Prospective and Priorities (Future Focus)

Climate-Smart Agriculture: Given the climate crisis, the focus is on developing agriculture that is resilient to environmental changes.

Technological Integration: Prioritizing AI, IoT, GIS, and blockchain in agricultural sciences to increase efficiency and precision.

Agri-Entrepreneurship: Promoting Agri-Startups, MSMEs, and Value Addition to shift from subsistence to commercial farming.

Sustainable Practices: Shifting toward organic farming, natural farming, and reducing environmental degradation (e.g., net-zero-goals).

Preparedness and Rural Empowerment (Implementation)

Legislative Reforms (VB-G RAM G Act, 2025): The "Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin)" Act, effective July 1, 2026, replaces MGNREGA to focus on creating durable rural assets and sustainable livelihoods.

Empowering Institutions: Enhancing the capacity of Panchayats, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and self-help groups for local governance and economic activity.

Infrastructure Development: Strengthening rural connectivity, post-harvest technology, and cold chain infrastructure to minimize losses.

Skill Development: Focusing on educating the rural youth in modern agriculture techniques and entrepreneurship.

Key Challenges To Be Addressed

Smallholder Fragmentation: Over 85% of Indian farmers are small or marginal, making individual access to technology and markets difficult.

Water Scarcity & Soil Health: The need for better water management and improving soil health to ensure long-term sustainability.

Regional Disparities: Bridging the gap between rural, urban, and tribal areas

An International Seminar on 'prospective, Priorities and Preparedness of Sustainable Agriculture Growth and Rural Empowerment for Viksit Bharat' would explore Agricultural research, extension and strategies to enhance the agricultural sector's contribution to India's economic growth. Key areas of discussion would include agricultural reforms, rural development, and the role of research and technology in boosting productivity and farmer incomes. The seminar would also address challenges like inadequate infrastructure, market inefficiencies, and the need for sustainable practices. policy changes and structural reforms needed to modernize the agricultural sector and improve its efficiency. Exploring ways to enhance rural livelihoods through skill development, entrepreneurship, and access to resources. Digital technologies, precision farming, resource management and other innovations can boost agricultural productivity and sustainability. Improvement of market linkages for farmers, particularly women farmers, reducing post-harvest

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losses, and creating value-added agricultural products. Exploring ways to improve access to credit and financial services for farmers and rural entrepreneurs. Identifying opportunities for leveraging technology to improve agricultural productivity and sustainability for Viksit Bharat.

A Brief About Samagra Vikas Welfare Society (SVWS)

Samgra Vikas Welfare Society (SVWS) is a non government organization registered under the societies act 21, 1860. The main objectives of the society are to promote a holistic approach in order to improve quality of life and socio- economic conditions of farming community in the villages. Since India lives in villages, hence our society which is managed by well qualified youth intends to demonstrate that if dedicated and joint efforts are made, life even in remote villages can see light of development. The society aims to bring advance knowledge in door steps of the farming community. 'Samagra Vikas Welfare Society (SVWS), working for inclusive growth of rural & farming population in the country. In the past, this society had organized successful events like seminars/workshops/ farmers' fair, Kisan Goshthis at different places of the country with huge participation of stakeholder groups.

A Brief About Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University A Central University (BBAU)

Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University is a Central University situated in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. The Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University was established by an Act passed by the parliament (No. 58 of 1994). The University came into existence on 10.01.1996 vide GOI, Ministry of HRD, Education Department Notification No. 8-16/GOI/desk/U-1 dated 05.01.1996. The basic philosophy and policies of the University are spelt out and enshrined in the University Act and Statutes. The University offers graduate and post-graduate students the knowledge and skills needed to succeed as persons and professionals, and the values and sensitivity necessary to serve the society. The University distinguishes itself as a socially responsible learning community of high quality scholarship and academic rigor sustained by social justice and equity principles for which Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar worked during his lifetime. The University draws from the cultural, intellectual and economic resources of Uttar Pradesh and other states to enrich and strengthen its educational programs.

Issues To Be Addressed

- Sustainable agriculture growth and rural empowerment face critical challenges, including high initial investment costs, climate change impacts, smallholder land fragmentation, and poor market access. While necessary to restore soil health and conserve water, sustainable farming (e.g., organic, agroforestry) often entails higher labor demands and slower economic returns, hindering adoption.
- **Environmental Degradation:** Conventional farming has led to declining groundwater levels, depleted topsoil, and reduced biodiversity.
- **Technological and Knowledge Gaps:** Limited access to modern techniques, training, and education hampers the adoption of sustainable farming practices.
- **Lower Potential Yields:** Sustainable methods may have lower productivity in the short term, posing challenges to food security.
- **Bridging Gap Between Agriculture & Stakeholders :** Bridging the gap between agriculture and its stakeholders requires connecting farmers, researchers, policymakers, and markets using practical tools like participatory research, digital platforms, and local extension services.
- **High Input/Labor Costs:** Transitioning to sustainable practices can be expensive, and organic methods often require more intensive manual labor.
- **Smallholder Vulnerability:** Fragmented land holdings make it difficult for farmers to invest in

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technology, resulting in low incomes.

- **Gender Inequality:** Women in agriculture face discrimination, including limited access to land ownership, financial resources, and extension services.
- **Market Inaccessibility:** Poor infrastructure and lack of market information restrict farmers from getting fair prices for their produce.
- **Climate Change Risks:** Increasing water scarcity and unpredictable weather patterns disproportionately threaten the livelihoods of rural communities.
- **Policy and Institutional Reform:** Strengthening property rights and providing better financial support to farmers is essential for a successful transition.
- **Investment in Infrastructure:** Improved infrastructure supports better market access and reduces post-harvest losses.
- **Empowering Local Communities:** Encouraging local control over planning and resource allocation to ensure sustainable, context-specific development.
- **Scaling Climate-Smart Agriculture:** Adopting practices like crop rotation and integrated farming to improve resilience to climate changes.

Themes

Sustainable Agricultural research and innovations: Agricultural Education and Agricultural Extension, Agri Business Management, Natural Resource Management, Food Science Technology, Dairy Technology, Dairy Science, Fisheries Science, Animal Science, Veterinary Science, Animal Biotechnology, Community Science, Water Science and Technology, Agricultural Engineering and Technology, Forestry/Agro forestry and Silviculture, Horticulture, Statistical Science, Agricultural Economics, Agriculure Extension Education, Agronomy, Entomology, Pathology, and Nematology, Agriculture Meteorology, Soil Science, Environmental Science, Plant Breeding and Genetics, Plant Pathology, Agricultural Microbiology, Seed Science and Technology, Plant Biotechnology, Natural Farming, Computer Science, Social Science, Agriculture Development and farmers initiatives for **Viksit Bharat**.

Agro-ecology and Regenerative Farming: Sustainable agriculture uses ecological principles, such as agroecology, organic farming, and agro-forestry, which enhance soil fertility and crop diversity while reducing chemical reliance.

Water Resource Management: Crucial to sustainability is adopting techniques like rainwater harvesting, artificial recharge of groundwater, and efficient irrigation to protect the natural resource base.

Value Addition and Market Access: Rural empowerment is driven by increasing the value of agricultural products and linking farmers directly to markets that offer fair prices for sustainable goods.

Women and Marginalized Group Empowerment: Focusing on gender-responsive policies, including women in decision-making, and fostering leadership among women and youth, often through initiatives like kitchen gardens and collective farming.

Capacity Building and Knowledge Sharing: Empowering farmers with skills in modern sustainable technologies, such as precision farming and integrated pest management (IPM), often facilitated by farmer producer organizations.

Diversification of Income Streams: Rural livelihoods are strengthened by expanding beyond traditional crops, such as introducing dairy, poultry, or agro-based enterprises.

Climate-Resilient Agriculture: Developing techniques to adapt to climate change, including drought-resistant crops and soil moisture management, to stabilize rural incomes.

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Sustainable Energy Use: Shifting to renewable energy sources, such as solar power for irrigation and farm machinery, reduces dependency on fossil fuels.

Social and Institutional Support: Strengthening local institutions, creating financial inclusion, and fostering community-led watershed management.

Agro-forestry Expansion: Integrates trees and shrubs to improve land productivity while conserving resources.

Community-Driven Development: Encouraging collective action through platforms for farmers to share knowledge and resources.

Policy Support: Implementing government initiatives, such as India's PKVY (Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana) and MOVCDNER (Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region).

Foreign Trade & Sustainability : International trade can serve as an engine for inclusive economic growth and poverty reduction by enabling access to wider markets.

Sustainable Exporting: Export-oriented agriculture can be made sustainable through practices that ensure environmental and social standards, such as those promoted by Fair-trade.

Policy & Standards: WTO discussions focus on trade policy tools—such as environmental provisions in trade agreements—to encourage sustainable practices and address the impact of agricultural subsidies. Trade policies must navigate trade-offs, as exporting can sometimes lead to increased pollution or land-use changes, requiring careful environmental management Connecting.

Local to Global: Aligning local sustainable practices (like organic farming) with international trade requirements allows rural communities to benefit from global demand for sustainable products. Strengthening local food systems, reducing food losses, and enhancing the role of women in agriculture are vital for improving both rural livelihoods and overall sustainability.

Market Driven Extension: Market-driven (or market-led) extension is an approach that shifts agricultural focus from simply increasing crop production to aligning farming with actual market demand, customer needs, and profitable business returns.

Call of paper:

Participants are requested to send abstract of the article including title, author's name and address in not more than 400 words on or before 10th August, 2026, along with duly filled registration form.

Authors are requested to send abstract and the papers in MS – WORD by e-mail on **secretarysvws@gmail.com**

Deadlines:

Receipt of registration fee/ Acceptance of paper/ poster and Acceptance of abstract - 14.08.2026

Incomplete Application or not as per due date are likely not to be considered.

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Registration fee may please be sent by DD/NEFT/Cash deposit in favor of Samagra Vikas Welfare Society A/c no. 680710110002572, Bank of India, Kaisharbagh, Lucknow. IFSC Code: BKID0006807.

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- Invited Papers ad Lead Talks
- Oral Presentation
- Poster Presentation
- Experts' View
- Farmer- Experts' Interaction
- Certificate and Honors
- Souvenir With Isbn
- Proceeding and Recommendation



Awards and Recognition

- Best oral presentation
- Best poster presentation

Awards of Society

Interested persons are requested to read notification and guidelines of the award along with the brochure available on website: ***www.svws.co.in***

Participants:

- Vice Chancellors, Directors Research and Director Extension of State Agricultural Universities (SAU's), State Universities (SU's), Central Agricultural Universities (CAU's), Central Universities (CU's) and Scientific Institutions.
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- National/International institutions working in the field of Agriculture.
- Government Officials, Representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Rural Development, and related departments. Experts in agricultural economics, rural development, and related fields. Individuals involved in shaping agricultural policies and rural development strategies.
- Representatives from agricultural businesses, food processing companies, and technology providers. Representatives from farmer producer organizations (FPOs), SHGs, agricultural cooperatives and Progressive farmers.

Accommodation

Arrangement of accommodation for the delegates will be made in guest houses, hostels and hotels on special request and own payment basis. However, Participants are advised to explore stay arrangements by their own.

How to Reach Lucknow

By Air – Chaudhry Charan Singh international airport, Lucknow is 11 Km from BBAU.

By Rail - Lucknow is well connected by the Northern and NE Railway networks. this seminar venue (BBAU) is about 8 Km away from (Charbagh/Junction) From the Lucknow

By Road -Lucknow is Located on the important National Highways 24, 25 and 28 running east, west and south. It is well connected by road with major cities like Ayodhya (140), Agra (363 Kms), Matura (396), Prayagraj (225Kms), Kolkata (985 Kms), Delhi (497 Kms), Kanpur (79 Kms) and Varanasi (305 Kms), BBAU is about 8 Km away from Charbagh bus station.

Agra-Lucknow Expressway: A 302 km, 6-lane access-controlled highway allowing for travel to Agra and onto Delhi with a design speed of 120 km/h.

Lucknow-Kanpur Expressway (NE-6): Under development, this 6-lane, 63 km project will significantly enhance connectivity, offering a 35-45 minute commute.

National Highways: NH-24 (Delhi-Lucknow) connects to the East-West Corridor, providing major arterial connectivity.

Outer Ring Road: A significant project improving urban connectivity and logistics around the city.

Lucknow Green Corridor: A 28 km, four-phase project (under construction) improving quick, non-stop access across the city from IIM Road to Kisan Path.

Excursion

Lucknow is the capital city of Uttar Pradesh and it has always been a multicultural city. Courtly manners, beautiful gardens, poetry, music, and fine cuisine patronized by the Persian-loving Shia Nawabs of the city are well known amongst Indians and students of South Asian culture and history. Lucknow is popularly known as The City of Nawabs. It is also known as the Golden City of the East, Shiraz-e-Hind and the Constantinople of India. Lucknow is very interesting place with a large numbers of historical buildings Imambada, Clock Tower etc. Lucknow represents good blend of ancient and modern architecture and all places of tourist interests are situated in the heart of the city. Frequent transport facilities are available round the clock to visit these places.

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The Interested candidates may send the Bio-data in prescribed format, summary of research contributions and academic record along with a photograph on e-mail to secretarysvws@gmail.com on due date.

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S.No.	Award Category	Eligibility
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02	Scientific Pioneer Award	Principal Scientist/Professor with excellent academic record and publications in any discipline.
03	Endowed Professor Award	Professor with excellent academic record and publications in any discipline.
04	Research Accolade Award	Senior Scientist/Associate Professor with good academic record in any discipline
05	Innovative Research Award	Principal Scientist/Professor/Senior Scientist/Associate Professor/ Scientist/Assistant Professor with good academic record and innovative research in any discipline
06	Research Excellence Award	Any working scientist/university teacher with Outstanding contributions to research, innovation, and knowledge creation across various academic disciplines, including science, technology, and humanities
07	Outstanding Teacher Award	Assistant/ Associate Professor with good academic record in any discipline
08	Teaching Excellence Award	Any working scientist/university teacher with Outstanding contributions to research, innovation, and knowledge.
09	Teacher of the year-2025 Award	Scientist/Teacher, up to 50 years age, Outstanding research/teaching contribution in the current year along with good publications.
10	Scientist of the year-2025Award	Scientist/Teacher, up to 50 years age, Outstanding research/teaching contribution in the current year along with good publications.

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11	Excellence in Extension Award	Senior SMS/Senior Scientist of KVKs with excellent academic records and extension achievements.
12	Best Transfer of Technology Award	KVK Scientist/T6 having good academic record with specified transfer of technology.
13	Best Technology Dissemination Award	Any KVK Scientist/T6
14	Best Agricultural Technology Adoption Award	Any KVK Scientist/T6
15	Early Career Researcher Award	Working Scientist/Assistant Professor/T-6, up to 45 years age with excellent academic record.
16	Young Researcher Award	Working Scientist/Assistant Professor/T-6, up to 45 years age
17	Rising Star in Research Award	Research Associate/Senior Research Fellow/Research Assistant/Teaching Assistant/PDF/T-3, T4, T5 etc. with excellent research work.
18	Emerging Scholar Award	Research Associate/Senior Research Fellow
19	Premier Research Fellow Award	Pursuing PhD
20	Exceptional Doctoral Research Award	Research Thesis and Completed PhD degree in the concerned year.
21	Academic Excellence award	PG Thesis/dissertation Completed degree in the concerned year.

Society Contribution and Seminar Registration for the Award

Category	Registration Fee of Seminar	Society Contribution	Total
Academia	INR 6000.00	INR 6000.00	INR 12000.00
RA/SRF/PDF/Non Permanent Staff	INR 5000.00	INR 5000.00	INR 10000.00
Students	INR 3000.00	INR 3000.00	INR 6000.00
Old Members of SVWS	3000.00	INR 2000.00	INR 5000.00

Candidates may send the society contribution and seminar registration fee for award through balance transfer/cash deposit/NEFT/IMPS in the account of 'Samagra Vikas Welfare Society (SVWS).
Account Detail: Samagra Vikas Welfare Society". **A/c no. 680710110002572, Bank of India, Kaisharbagh, Lucknow, IFSC Code: BKID0006807.**

General Guidelines for Award:

- Candidates are requested to send a bio-data in prescribed format along with the Seminar registration and society contribution fee for the award form any one category of different awards.
- Bio-data for the award will be screened by the screening committee constituted by the society.
- Presence & participation of the candidate in the seminar is mandatory.
- The complete bio-data should be sent by the official mail only. Candidates who are applying for Exceptional Doctoral Research Award/ Academic Excellence award /Thesis award must be sent a soft copy of the synopsis along with a complete bio-data forwarded by the concerned advisor/competent authority.
- Award confirmation letter for the screened candidates will be sent to personal/official e-mail of the candidate in due date.
- Awards will confer on the Occasion of International Seminar on "Prospective, priorities and preparedness of sustainable agriculture growth and rural empowerment for Viksit Bharat" Jointly organized by Samagra Vikas Welfare Society and Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, A Central University, Lucknow during August 18-19, 2026..
- Participants are requested to read the information brochure before applying the award.
- Membership certificate/award certificate/seminar participation certificate will be provided for the awardee.
- **For further query about seminar/awards feel free to contact on Secretary SVWS Mob. No 9335692231 or E-mail to secretarysvws@gmail.com, Web.: www.svws.co.in**

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