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# Pomegranate-2026

**Climate Resilient Pomegranate Ecosystem for  
Amritkaal: Fostering Sustainability,  
Innovation & Global Health**



**06-08<sup>th</sup>**  
**September, 2026**



**YASHADA**  
Pune, Maharashtra





## About the Conference

Pomegranate (*Punica granatum*) is an ancient fruit crop valued for its nutritional, medicinal, and economic importance and is widely known as a "Superfruit." In India, it is cultivated on about 2.24 lakh hectares, but rapid expansion has led to several challenges such as flower and fruit drop, major pests and diseases, including shot hole borer, thrips, bacterial blight, wilt complex, fruit rot, and cercospora fruit spot (Tikri).

To address these challenges, the National Research Centre on Pomegranate (NRCP), Solapur and the Society for Advancement of Research on Pomegranate (SARP), Solapur are jointly organizing the International Conference on Pomegranate during 06–08<sup>th</sup> September 2026 at Yashada, Pune, Maharashtra (hybrid mode) in collaboration with Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth (MPKV), Rahuri.

The conference theme, "Climate Resilient Pomegranate Ecosystem for Amritkaal: Fostering Sustainability, Innovation & Global Health," aims to bring together scientists, industry leaders, policymakers and farmers to discuss innovations, identify research priorities, and develop resilient crop production and protection strategies that promote sustainable agriculture, farmer prosperity and inclusive growth, contributing to India's vision of becoming a developed nation by 2047.

## Conference Themes

### 1. Pomegranate Genetics, Improvement and Biotechnology

- Conventional and molecular breeding techniques in pomegranate
- Advances in biotechnological tools for pomegranate improvement
- Alternative strategies (Speed breeding, RGA) for pomegranate improvement

### 2. Climate-Smart Pomegranate Production and Protection

- Root stocks, clean planting material and innovations in pomegranate propagation for disease free planting material
- Climate-informed production practices
- Use of artificial intelligence in pest and disease diagnosis and their management

### 3. Pomegranate Microbiome and Bio-Inputs

- Bio-prospecting of microbes for nutrition management
- Bio-intensive management of pomegranate pests and diseases
- Role of microbes in residue-free pomegranate production

### 4. Post-Harvest Handling, Processing and Value Addition

- Value addition, phytochemicals and emerging processing technologies
- Strategies and practices to boost pomegranate export
- Market intelligence

### 5. Farmer-Researcher-Entrepreneur Interface

- Farmer's innovations and indigenous technologies
- Knowledge transfer and technology dissemination
- Policy Support & Institutional Framework





## About National Research Centre on Pomegranate (NRCP), Solapur

The ICAR–National Research Centre on Pomegranate (ICAR–NRCP) is a premier research institute located in Solapur, Maharashtra, established in 2005 under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). It is the only dedicated center in India focused exclusively on pomegranate research and development. The institute works on improving pomegranate cultivation through advanced research in crop improvement, pest and disease management, water management, and post-harvest technology. It has developed high-yielding and climate resilient varieties, along with scientific farming practices that help farmers increase productivity and fruit quality. ICAR–NRCP also provides training, technical guidance, and extension services to farmers, playing a crucial role in boosting pomegranate production and supporting India's position as one of the leading producers of this fruit in the world.



## Society for Advancement of Research on Pomegranate (SARP), Solapur

The Society for Advancement of Research on Pomegranate (SARP), based in Solapur, Maharashtra, is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting research, development, and sustainable cultivation of pomegranate. Established with the aim of supporting farmers and researchers, SARP works closely with scientists, agricultural institutions, and growers to improve productivity, fruit quality, and disease management practices. The society organizes training programs, workshops, and field demonstrations to spread awareness about modern cultivation techniques and innovations in pomegranate farming. By acting as a bridge between research and field application, SARP plays an important role in strengthening the pomegranate industry in Solapur and surrounding regions, which are well known for their contribution to India's pomegranate production.





## Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri

Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth (MPKV) is the first state agricultural university established in 1968 at Rahuri. It serves the farming community across several districts of Western Maharashtra. The university focuses on three main areas: education, research, and extension, offering undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programs in agriculture and allied sciences. It has a vast rural campus with numerous research stations and has developed many improved crop varieties and farming technologies to support agricultural development. MPKV plays a significant role in training skilled professionals and promoting modern agricultural practices to improve productivity and sustainability in the region.

## About Pune, Maharashtra

Pune in September experiences the pleasant transition from the monsoon to early autumn, making it one of the most enjoyable times to visit the city. The weather remains cool and refreshing, with temperatures typically ranging between 20°C and 28°C, while occasional light showers add to the greenery left behind by the rains. The surrounding hills and forts appear lush and vibrant, attracting nature lovers and trekkers. The air feels cleaner, and the city's gardens, such as Saras Baug and Pashan Lake areas, look especially scenic. September also brings a festive spirit with the celebration of Ganesh Chaturthi, one of Pune's most important cultural events, filling the city with energy, decorations, and traditional processions. Overall, it is a great time to experience Pune's natural beauty and cultural richness.



## Important Dates

|                                             |                         |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Abstract Submission and Registration Begins | 15 April, 2026          |
| Last date for Abstract Submission           | 15 August, 2026         |
| Last Date of Early Bird Registration        | 15 August, 2026         |
| Conference Regular Registration             | until 06 September 2026 |

## Registration Fee

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📍 ~ 20 km from YASHADA | 40 min



2

## Shaniwar Wada

The former seat of the Peshwas of the Maratha Empire. Famous for its grand architecture and evening light & sound show.

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3

## Sinhagad Fort

A magnificent hill fort known for its valor and scenic beauty. Ideal for trekking, photography and history enthusiasts.

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4

## Pataleshwar Cave Temple

An 8th-century rock-cut temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, located in the heart of Pune. A fine example of ancient Indian architecture.

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5

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One of the most famous Lord Ganesha temples in India, attracting devotees and visitors throughout the year.

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6

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A renowned museum with a rich collection of artifacts, sculptures, musical instruments, paintings and cultural treasures.

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7

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A global center for meditation and wellness offering a serene environment for relaxation and self-discovery.

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8

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9

## Parvati Hill & Temple

One of Pune's oldest heritage sites offering panoramic views of the city and ancient temples dedicated to Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati.

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10

## Lal Mahal

The historic residence associated with the childhood of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. A symbol of Maratha heritage.

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11

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A scenic dam on the Mutha River, known for its tranquil surroundings, boating and beautiful sunset views.

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