



NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM – 2026

“Scientific and Community-led Approaches for Sustainable Utilization and Management of Animal Genetic Resources towards Viksit Bharat@2047”



XXIII Annual Convention of Society for Conservation of Domestic Animal Biodiversity (SOCDAB)

8 – 9 April, 2026



Organized by

Society for Conservation of Domestic Animal Biodiversity (SOCDAB)

in collaboration with

ICAR–National Bureau of Animal Genetic Resources (NBAGR)
Karnal-132001, Haryana, India

About the Symposium

The National Symposium aims to provide a premier platform for scientists, academicians, policymakers, industry stakeholders, young researchers, and students to deliberate on recent scientific advances, innovative strategies, and community-led initiatives for the sustainable utilization and management of Animal Genetic Resources (AnGR). The symposium aligns with the national vision of Viksit Bharat@2047, emphasizing biodiversity conservation, climate resilience, farmer-centric approaches, and value addition of indigenous livestock resources.

About the Society

The Society for Conservation of Domestic Animal Biodiversity (SOCDAB) was established in the year 1998 at National Bureau of Animal Genetic Resources (NBAGR), Karnal, Haryana, India with an objective to create awareness among general public about domestic animal diversity and their conservation, to undertake activities fostering sustainable management of domestic animals, judicious use of animal genetic resources and to promote research, education and development of domestic animals. The Society is publishing a research journal "Journal of Livestock Biodiversity" and organizing National Symposium annually.

ABOUT ICAR-NBAGR, KARNAL

Established in 1984, ICAR-NBAGR is the national repository and nodal institute for the conservation, characterization, and sustainable utilization of indigenous farm animal genetic resources of India. The institute has played a pivotal role in the registration and documentation of native livestock breeds.

National AnGR Quiz Competition

A National level quiz competition for undergraduate students of SVU/SAU will be held and prior to the National Quiz, four zonal quiz competitions will be held. The students will be quizzed on "Livestock Biodiversity of India and Its Conservation". The zonal winners (team of 2 students +1 mentor) shall be competing during the conference. Travel grant (Train fare AC-3 tier) for the Zonal winners (students only) to attend the National Symposium 2025 will be provided by the SOCDAB.

TECHNICAL SESSIONS

8 April, 2026

- **Session I:** Characterization and Sustainable Management of AnGR
- **Session II:** Community-based and *Ex-situ* conservation strategies for AnGR

Annual General Body Meeting of SOCDAB will be conducted on the evening of 8 April, 2026.

9 April, 2026

- **Session III:** Genomic and Bioinformatic Approaches for Genetic Diversity Assessment
- **Session IV:** Trait Characterization, Valorization, and Value Addition for enhanced AnGR management
- **Session V:** Policy Frameworks, Socio-economic Perspectives & Future Roadmap for conservation and sustainable utilization of AnGR
- **Session VI:** Young Scientist Award Session

Call for Papers

The full length papers / abstracts are to be submitted to the Organising Secretary on or before 10 March, 2026. Full length papers should be limited to ten pages and abstracts to be limited to 300 words typed in 12 font size (Times New Roman) in 1.5 line spacing. The name of the presenting author should be in bold. These should contain the objectives of the study, brief methodology, results and conclusion. Selected papers will be considered for oral presentation and the remaining will be allotted for poster presentation.

Research Awards and Opportunities

Best Oral and Poster Presentation

To encourage research in the thematic areas among the researchers, Society confers different awards to the

participants. The First, Second and Third best oral and poster presentations in each technical session will be awarded based on number of participants.

SOCDAB Fellow Award (2026)

Society will invite the application on prescribed format. Application will be judged based on the score card for SOCDAB-FELLOW that will circulated separately by the society.

Young Scientist Award (2026)

The SOCDAB will accolade the 'Young Scientist Award' to inspire the young researchers. Lead/First Author must be below 35 years of age (as on 01.01.2026) and life member of the Society. Full paper should be submitted with marked clearly as "For Young Scientist Award". Authorship is limited to two only and work presented should be unpublished from the thesis/ research project of the scientist. Kindly note that abstracts of all the research articles received in this category will be published in the Compendium of the Symposium, whereas, it will be mandatory to submit the full text articles to the Journal of Livestock Biodiversity for publication by the society.

Dr. D. S. Balain Memorial Award (2026)

The Society shall accolade Dr. D. S. Balain Memorial award for the Best Research Scientist in Animal Sciences discipline. Applications for the award will be invited separately from the life-members of society. The awardee will be honoured with a citation and cash prize.

Prof. K. N. Sharma Memorial Award (2025 -26)

This award is given for the best research paper published in Journal of Livestock Biodiversity published by the Society (SOCDAB secretariat shall invite application separately).

Registration Fee

Category	Before 1 March	After 1 March 2026
Members of SOCDAB	₹ 5,500/-	₹ 6,500/-
Non-Members	₹ 6,000/-	₹ 7,000/-
Retired Officials	₹ 3,000/-	₹ 4,000/-
Students*	₹ 2,500/-	₹ 3,500/-
Accompanying Person (without registration kit)	₹ 2,500/-	₹ 3,500/-
Corporate / Industry Representatives	₹ 15,000/-	₹ 20,000/-
Foreign Delegates	\$ 200	\$ 250

*Students must submit a Bonafide Certificate from their parent institute.

Payment # acceptable in INR

MODE OF PAYMENT



Payment may be made through **UPI / NEFT / IMPS.**

Account Name: SOCDAB NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2026

Bank: Canara Bank

Branch: Alpha City, Sector-29, Karnal (Haryana)

Account Number: 120037879076

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After successful payment, participants are requested to send the transaction receipt for confirmation.

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Karnal, the land of legendary Danveer Karna, is an important agricultural research hub of Haryana and is well connected by road and rail. It is located on National Highway-44 (GT Road), about 125 km from New Delhi and 130 km from Chandigarh. Regular trains and bus services connect Karnal with major cities. The nearest airport is Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi, approximately 150 km away. ICAR-NBAGR is situated on the GT Road Bypass, around 5 km from Karnal Railway Station, and is easily accessible by local transport.

During April, the weather in Karnal is generally warm and dry, with temperatures ranging from 25°C to 35°C. Limited accommodation will be available in ICAR Guest House / Institute facilities on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants may also arrange accommodation in nearby hotels and guest houses in Karnal. The Organizing Committee will assist in providing accommodation details upon prior request.



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