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Minute by Minute Programme
"Soil Scientists Meet"
Date: 05th June, 2026

Venue: NIFT Campus, Budgam, J&K

Organized by: Central Sericultural Research & Training Institute, Central Silk Board, MoT, Govt. of India, Pampore, J&K

Session – 1: Registration

Time	Programme/Activity
9.00 – 9.30 AM	Registration

Session – 2: Inaugural Session

Time	Programme/Activity
11.00–11.05AM	National Anthem
11.05–11.10 AM	Welcome address and felicitation of guests by Dr. Sakthivel N, Director, CSB-CSRTI Pampore
11.10–11.15 AM	Inauguration by lighting lamp
11.15 –11.20AM	Address by Dr. S. Manthira Moorthy, Director (Tech.), Central Silk Board, Bengaluru
11.20 –11.25 AM	Address by Sh. Ajaz Ahmad Bhat, IAS, Director, Sericulture Development Department, Jammu and Kashmir
11.25 –11.30 AM	Address by the Dr. Tapan Jyoti Purakayastha, Prof. Emeritus, ICAR – IARI, New Delhi
11.30-11.35 AM	Book release by dignitaries titled "*Climate-Resilient Sericulture in India: Challenges, Impacts and Adaptation Strategies*"
11.35–11.45 AM	Address by Sh. P. Sivakumar, IFS Member Secretary, Central Silk Board, Bengaluru ***(Virtual Mode).***
11.45–12.00 PM	Address by Jenab Javed Ahmed Rana, Hon'ble Minister for Forest, Ecology and Environment, J&K
12.00-12.15 PM	Address by Jenab Javed Ahmed Dar, Hon'ble Minister Agriculture Production, Rural Department & Panchayat Raj, Cooperative and Election Department, J&K
12.15–12.30 PM	High Tea for dignitaries and World Environment Day 2026: Plantation Drive

Session – 3: EXPERT TALKS

Time	Programme/Activity
09.30-10.00 AM	Welcome And Key Note Presentation by Eminent Soil Scientist Dr. Tapan Jyoti Purakayastha, ICAR – Emeritus Professor, IARI New Delhi ***"Carbon Farming: A Key to Mitigate Climate Change and Improve Soil and Plant Health"***
10.00-10.15AM	EXPERT TALK-2 – Dr. Sajad Un Nabi, Senior Scientist, ICAR-CITH Srinagar ***"Bacterial Endophyte – based Bio formulations: A Sustainable Approach to soil Health Management"***
10.15-10.30AM	EXPERT TALK-3 – Dr. Roomesh Kumar Jena, Senior Scientist, ICAR-Indian Institute of Water Management (IIWM), Bhubaneshwar, Odisha (Virtual mode) ***"Leveraging Remote Sensing and GIS for Advanced Soil and Water Mapping"***
10.30-10.45AM	EXPERT TALK-4 – Dr. Abir Dey, Senior Scientist, ICAR-National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning (NBSS&LUP), New Delhi (Virtual mode) ***"Regenerative Soil Management: Soil Health, Carbon security and Sustainable Productivity"***
10.45-11.00 AM	Tea Break

Formal Inauguration of the Soil Scientists Meet 2026 from 11.00 – 12.30 AM (Detailed above).

Session – 4: INSTITUTIONAL PRESENTATIONS ON REGIONAL SOIL ISSUES

Time	Programme/Activity
12.30-12.45 PM	EXPERT TALK-5 – Dr. Gazala Nazir, SMS, KVK Ganderbal, SKAUST –K ***"Soil Carbon Sequestration: A key Strategy for soil Health Improvement"***
12.45 –1.00 PM	CSB-CSRTI Mysuru, Karnataka

1.00 – 1.15 PM	CSB-CSRTI Berhampore, West Bengal
1.15 – 1.30 PM	CSB-CSRTI Pampore, Jammu and Kashmir
1.30 – 2.15 PM	Lunch Break
2.15 – 2.30 PM	CSB-CTRTI Ranchi, Jharkhand
2.30 – 2.45 PM	CSB-CMERTI Lahdoigarh, Assam

Session – 5: INNOVATIVE IDEAS

Time	Programme/Activity
2.45 – 3.00 PM	Innovative Concept – 01 **Soil Health Characterization & Carbon Credit Estimation Using Geospatial-AI Framework** by Dr. Selvaprakash R, CSB-CMERTI Lahdoigarh, Assam (***by Virtual Mode***)
3.00 – 3.15 PM	Innovative Concept – 02 **Development of Mineral Enriched Seri-Waste Compost (MESCO) for Improving Soil Fertility and Mulberry Productivity** by Sh. Jyotirmay Roy, CSB-CSRTI, Pampore
3.15 – 3.30 PM	Tea Break
3.30 – 3.45 PM	Innovative Concept – 03 **Valorization of Sericulture Waste into Serinutrichar: Development of Biochar-Based Nutrient-Enriched Slow-Release Fertilizer Pellets for Sustainable Mulberry Cultivation** by Dr. Karan S, CSB-CSRTI, Mysuru (***by Virtual Mode***)
3.45 – 4.00 PM	Innovative Concept – 04 **Farmer-Centric Regenerative Mulberry Farming System Models for Sustainable Soil Health and Carbon Credit Generation** by Dr. Anamika Barman, CSB-CSRTI, Berhampore

Session – 6: PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Time	Programme/Activity
4.00 – 4.30 PM	Panel discussion on future soil science and agronomical strategies to address challenges in Mulberry sericulture
4.30 – 5.00 PM	Panel discussion on future soil science and agronomical strategies to address challenges in Vanya sericulture

Session – 7: VALEDICTORY SESSION

Time	Programme/Activity
5.00 – 5.15 PM	Panel recommendations of Mulberry and Vanya sector by Panel chairpersons
5.15 – 5.30 PM	Suggestion/Feedback by the Directors and Expert members
5.30 – 5.35 PM	Concluding remarks of the chairman
5.35 – 5.40 PM	Vote of thanks by Dr. Irfan Illahi, Scientist-D, CSB-CSRTI, Pampore, Jammu and Kashmir
5.40 – 5.45 PM	National Anthem

Technical Sessions chairman and expert members

MULBERRY SESSION		
Dr. Tapan Jyoti Purakayastha	**Chairman**	**ICAR–Emeritus Professor, IARI New Delhi**
Dr. C M Babu	Expert member	Scientist-D, RCS, CO-CSB, Bengaluru
Dr. Ram Lakhan Ram	Expert member	Scientist-D, CSB-RSRS, Gonda, UP
Dr. Plabani Roy	Rapporteur	Scientist-B, CSB-CSRTI Berhampore, WB
VANYA SESSION		
Dr. Muzaffar Ahmad Malik	**Chairman**	**Prof &Head, Division of Soil Science, SKAUST-K**
Dr. Aftab A Shabnam	Expert member	Scientist-D, CSB-CSRTI Pampore, J&K
Dr. Jitendra Singh	Expert member	Scientist-D, CSB-RSRS Gonda, UP
Sh. Jyotirmay Roy	Rapporteur	Scientist-B, CSB-CSRTI, Pampore, J&K