



Organizers: M S Swaminathan Research Foundation, Wayanad District Tribal Development Action Council, SEEDCARE

**Programme Day 1 – January 30, 2025 Thursday**

**Session I**

**Registration: 09.00 am**

09:55 am	<b>Inauguration of the Seed Pavilion By Padma Shree Cheruvayal Raman</b>	
	<b>Inaugural Ceremony</b> Session Coordinator: Joseph John, Prajeesh Parameswaran, Monigha Das, CABC-MSSRF	
10:00 am - 10:05 am	Welcome address	<b>Dr Shakeela V.</b> , Director, CABC-MSSRF
10:05 am - 10:15 am	Address by the Chair	<b>Sri. I. C. Balakrishnan</b> , Member of Legislative Assembly, Sulthan Bathery
10:15 am - 11:00 am	Special Commemorative lecture on M S Swaminathan Centenary M. S. Swaminathan's effort to bring up Farmers' Rights over Seeds <b>Dr. N. Anil Kumar</b> , Chairman, Kerala State Biodiversity Board	
11:00 am - 11:10 am	Inaugural Address by the Chief Guest	<b>Sri. O. R. Kelu</b> , Minister, Govt of Kerala (Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and Backward Classes)
11:10 am - 11:12 am	Special Message	<b>Smt. Priyanka Gandhi</b> Member of Parliament, Wayanad
11:12 am - 11:27 am	<b>Giving away of Community Genome Savior Awards provided by Wayanad District Tribal Development Action Council</b>	
	Felicitations by	<b>Sri. O. R. Kelu</b> , Minister, Govt of Kerala (Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and Backward Classes)
	Special Address	<b>Sri. Samshad Marakkar</b> , President, District Panchayath, Wayanad
	Special Address	<b>Sri. James P George</b> , Deputy General Manager, NABARD
11:27 am - 11:37 am	<b>Felicitating the Key Contributors of Wayanad Community Seed Fest</b> By the Guests	
11:37 am - 12:25 pm	<b>Felicitations</b>	
	<b>Adv. Issac T. J.</b> , Chairman, Kalpetta Municipality	
	<b>Dr Homey Cheriyan</b> , Director, Directorate of Arecanut and Spices Development, Kozhikkode	
	<b>Dr R. Dinesh</b> , Director, ICAR-Indian Institute of Spices Research	

	<b>Dr Sridevi Annapurna Singh</b> , Director, CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute	
	<b>Sri. K. Babu</b> , President, Meppadi Gramapanchayath	
	<b>Ms. Raji</b> , Principal Agricultural Officer, Wayanad	
	<b>Dr P. E. Rajasekharan</b> , Formerly Principal Scientist, IIHR, Bangalore	
	<b>Dr N. S. Pradeep</b> , Principal Scientist & Director, KSCSTE-MBGIPS, Kozhikkode	
	<b>Sri. Muhammad Rafi</b> Keystone Foundation	
	<b>Sri. Joseph T.C.</b> District Biodiversity Management Committee, Wayanad	
	<b>Dr Karuthamani</b> , Joint Director (Extension) Coffee Board of India	
	<b>Sri. Balasubramanian</b> , District Mission Coordinator, Kudumbashree	
	<b>Dr Yamini C. K.</b> , ADR, Regional Agricultural Research Station, KAU, Ambalavayal	
	<b>Dr Deepa Surendran</b> , Programme Head KVK, Wayanad	
	<b>Sri. Raman Palliyara</b> , Tribal Leader and Farmer	
	<b>Dr Anil Zacharia</b> , Former Director ATMA, Wayanad	
	<b>Sri. V. K. Krishnan</b> , President, SEEDCARE, Wayanad	
	<b>Sri. G. Balagopal IAS (Rtd)</b> , Member, Steering Committee, CAbC-MSSRF	
	<b>Sri. K. V. Vinayarajan</b> , Head, Social Initiatives, Buimerc India Foundation	
	<b>Dr Rengalakshmi</b> , Executive Director (Area Operations), MSSRF	
	<b>Sri. D. Rajan</b> , Councilor, Kalpetta Municipality	
12:25 pm - 12:30 pm	Vote of thanks	<b>Smt A. Devaki</b> , President, Wayanad District Tribal Development Action Council

**Day 1 – January 30, 2025 Thursday, Session II**

<b>02:00 pm - 05:00 pm</b>	<p align="center"><b>Technical Session 1</b>  <b>Unfolding the Potentials of Community Seed Banks for Food and Nutrition Security</b>  <b>Chair: Dr R. Rengalakshmi, Executive Director (Area Operations), MSSRF</b>  Session Coordinator: Prajeesh Parameswaran &amp; Dr Pratheepa C. M., MSSRF  Welcome &amp; Vote of Thanks by WDTDAC (Mr. Balan Paramoola, Mr. Kelu Athikolly)</p>	
	<b>Invited Talks (10 mts each)</b>	<b>Topic CSBs: Transition of the concept, typology, and sustainability</b>
02:10 pm - 02:25 pm	<b>Dr. Regine Andersen</b> , Research Director & Research Professor, Fridtjof Nansen Institute, Norway; & Project Leader, DIVERISIFARM India)	Special Remarks
02:25 pm - 02:35 pm	<b>Dr V. Balakrishnan</b> , Member Secretary, Kerala State Biodiversity Board	Special Remarks
02:35 pm - 04:00 pm	<b>Mr. Eshwarappa Angadi</b> , Project Coordinator, Sahaja Samrudha, Karnataka	Sharing Experiences on Community Seed Banks and Farmer-Managed Sees

	<b>Ms Usha S.,</b> Co-Founder, Thanal, Kerala (ONLINE) <b>Shri Natanam,</b> Green Biodiversity Preservation and Community Seed Bank, Thiruvavur, Tamil Nadu <b>Dr EDI Oliver King,</b> Director, Biodiversity, MSSRF (ONLINE) <b>Ms Sunita Rao,</b> Trustee, Vanastree, Karnataka (ONLINE) <b>Ms Sowmya Balasubramaniam,</b> Founder & MD, Hooga Seed Collectives, Tamil Nadu <b>Sri. Sellappa,</b> Kazhi Seed Network, Tamil Nadu <b>Dr Pallavi H. M.,</b> Associate Professor, Seed Technology, Seed Unit, University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot	Systems with special emphasis to the <b>Transition of the concept, typology, and sustainability.</b>
04:00 pm - 04:05 pm	<b>Ms Viviana Meixner Vásquez,</b> Researcher, DIVERISIFARM India	Sharing Global Experience on CSBs
04:05 pm - 04:45 pm	<b>Lead Discussants</b> <b>Sri. Joseph T.C.</b> District Biodiversity Management Committee, Wayanad <b>Babu Nellarachal,</b> Farmer Conserver <b>Sri. Saneesh P. B.</b> Keystone Foundation <b>Paramoola Balan,</b> Farmer Conserver & Secretary, SEEDCARE <b>Sri Palliyara Raman,</b> Farmer & Advisor, WDTDAC <b>Smt Saleen Manuel,</b> Thanima, Wayanad	
04:45 pm – 05:00 pm	<b>Discussions Conclusion by the Chair</b>	
05:00 pm - 06:30 pm	<b>Cultural Evening organized by WDTDAC</b>	

### Day 2 – January 31, 2025 Friday, Session III

10:00 am - 01:15 pm	<b>Technical Session 2: Dr Verghese Kurian Memorial Session</b> <b>Celebrating UN International Year of Cooperatives (IYC2025)</b> <b>Cooperatives Build a Better World</b> Session Coordinators: Dr V. Shakeela, P. M. Nandakumar Welcome & Vote of Thanks by SEEDCARE (Sri Manikandan, Sri Suresh) <b>Chair: Sri. G. Balagopal, IAS</b> Head Climate-Smart Coffee Project Wayanad	
	<b>Invited Talks (10 mts)</b>	<b>Topic: The Role of Cooperatives in Sustainable Development</b>
11:00 am - 12:30 pm	<b>Sri. P. T. Gopala Kurup,</b> Former Chairman, MILMA <b>Sri. K. T. Thomas,</b> Former Former MD, MILMA <b>Dr T. S. Rajeev,</b> Director of Entrepreneurship, Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University <b>Sri. Bobby Kuriakose,</b> Dairy Manager, MILMA Wayanad <b>M. Kunhammad Master,</b> Director, Subicsha Producer Company, Kozhikkode <b>Sri. Rajesh Krishnan,</b> CEO, TAPCO <b>Sri. M. Prakash,</b> Joint Director (Rtd), Dairy Development Department	

	<b>Sri. S. Suresh Kumar</b> , National General Secretary, Kisan Service Society
12:30 pm - 01:10 pm	<b>Lead Discussants</b>
	Sri. P. J. Chackochan, Vanamoolika
	Sri. P. Sadanandan, WAMPCo, Kalpetta
	Smt Lilly, Entrepreneur
	Sri. Prabhakaran Maliyekkal, Innovative Dairy Farmer & Entrepreneur
	Sri. Krishnan, (FPO-Honey & Agri Products)
	George Mundakkal, Entrepreneur and Farmer
	Sri. George Mananthavadi, Milkman Of Wayanad
	Sri. Jaison Pulppally, Dairy Collective
01:10 pm - 01:15 pm	<b>Discussions &amp; Conclusion by the Chair</b>

**LUCNH BREAK: 01:15 pm - 02:00 pm**

2:00 pm - 04:10 pm	<p align="center"><b>Poster Session on Conservation of Agrobiodiversity</b>  <b>Chair: Dr P. E. Rajasekharan</b>  Formerly Principal Scientist, IIHR, Bangalore  Evaluators <b>Dr V. Balakrishnan</b>, Member Secretary, Kerala State Biodiversity Board;  <b>Dr N. S. Pradeep</b>, Principal Scientist &amp; Director, KSCSTE-MBGIPS, Kozhikkode;  <b>Dr M. K. Ratheesh Narayanan</b>, Associate Professor, Payyanur College  Session Coordinator: Dr Archana Bhatt., CAB-C-MSSRF</p>
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05:00 pm - 06:30 pm	<b>Cultural Evening</b>
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**Day 3 – February 01, 2025 Saturday**

10:00 am - 01:15 pm	<p align="center"><b>Session - Day 03 (10.00 AM to 1.00 PM)</b>  <b>Farmers as Spice Breeders and Conservers</b>  Welcome &amp; Vote of Thanks by: Sri. Raju Malambadi, Smt. Latha)  <b>Chair: Dr. B Sasikumar (Former Principal Scientist and Head, ICAR-IISR)</b>  Session Convener: Sanil P. C., CAB-C-MSSRF</p>	
	<b>Invited Talks (15 mts)</b>	<b>Topic</b>
10:15 am - 11:15 am	Sri. Balakrishnan Kammanna	Lead Talk (916 Turmeric)
	Sri. Mathew Sebastian	Lead Talk (Keralasree Nutmeg)
	Sri. John Joseph	Lead Talk (Surasa Ginger)
	Sri. George K V	Lead Talk (Agali Pepper)
11:15 am - 11:55 am	<b>Lead Discussants</b>	
	Dr Lijo Thomas, Senior Scientist, ICAR-IISR	Challenges and Opportunities in Farmer-Led Spice Breeding Programs.
	Mr. V A Muhammed Nissar, Scientist, ICAR-IISR	Participatory Plant Breeding Approaches for Tree Spices.

	Mr. Prajeesh Parameswaran, Scientist, MSSRF-CAbC	Farmer's rights to seed- MSSRF's Contribution.
	Sri. Aby Mathew (Farmer and Conserver)	
11:55 am - 12:30 am	<b>Discussions &amp; Conclusion by the Chair</b>	

**LUCNH BREAK: 12:30 pm - 02:00 pm**

	<b>Valedictory Ceremony</b> Session coordinator: Dr P. Vipindas <b>2:00 pm - 03:30 pm</b>	
	Welcome	<b>V. K. Krishnan</b> , President, SEEDCARE
	Presidential Address	<b>Ms Meghashree</b> , IAS, District Collector, Wayanad
	Valedictory Address	<b>Sri Samshad Marakkar</b> , President, District Panchayath, Wayanad
	Recap of the Fest & Way Forward Plan	<b>Dr. Shakeela V.</b> , Director, CAbC-MSSRF
	Seed Exchange by Guest of Honour	
	Participant Mementos	<b>Dr V. Balakrishnan</b> , Member Secretary, Kerala State Biodiversity Board
	Felicitations	<b>Sri K. Babu</b> , President, Meppadi Gramapanchayath
		<b>Sri. P. U. Das</b> , District Soil Conservation Officer (Rtd) Wayanad
		<b>Smt. Chandrika Krishnan</b> , President Kalpetta Block Panchayath
		<b>Sri. Ramachandran K. G.</b> , Keystone Foundation
		<b>Sri Aneesh E. B.</b> , WDTDAC
	Vote of Thanks	<b>Joseph John</b> CAbC-MSSRF

**PARALLEL EVENTS**

- ❖ Plant Clinic
- ❖ Students Corner
- ❖ Agrobiodiversity Games
- ❖ Traditional Food Court