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Travel and Accommodation

Outstation participants will be paid for the onward and return journey, restricted to AC-II tier train fare as per rules. Outstation participants will also be provided with accommodation on a shared basis. Single accommodation and family accommodation will not be available.

Eligibility

Assistant/Associate professors, Scientists/Senior Scientists or equivalent working in the field of Forestry, Agroforestry, Agriculture, Horticulture, Life sciences, and allied fields.

Registration Fee

The shortlisted candidates must pay a registration fee of Rs 1000/- (One Thousand only) to the following account.

Account Name: College of Forestry

Bank Name: State Bank of India

Branch: Kerala Agricultural University Campus (KAUC)

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ICAR-Sponsored Winter School on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Strategies Through Agroforestry Systems

21st January - 10th February 2026

Kerala Agricultural University
Thrissur, Kerala



Kerala Agricultural University (KAU), established in 1971 at Vellanikkara, Thrissur, is Kerala's premier institution for Agricultural education, research, and extension, accredited with an A Grade by ICAR. With a statewide network of colleges, research stations, and KVKs, it offers programmes from undergraduate to doctoral levels across agriculture, horticulture, forestry, and agricultural engineering. It contributes significantly to the state's agricultural advancement through improved varieties and climate-resilient technologies.

College of Forestry (CoF), located at KAU's main campus, is a leading forestry institution accredited with A++ by ICFRE. With four decades of academic excellence, it offers comprehensive programmes in wood science, forest management, wildlife studies, and geospatial technologies. Its research spans agroforestry, sustainable forest management, ecosystem restoration, and climate adaptation, contributing nationally to professional forestry education and science-based conservation.

Background

This training programme on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation through Agroforestry provides comprehensive, practice-oriented learning in climate-resilient land management. Participants can engage with climate-change science, carbon sequestration, and the role of agroforestry in adaptation and mitigation through expert lectures, case studies, and field visits.

Technical modules cover carbon stock assessment, allometric modelling, RS-GIS applications, biodiversity evaluation, and ecosystem-services valuation, alongside policy frameworks, climate finance, and value-chain development. Practical sessions include soil and biomass analysis, stakeholder negotiations, participatory planning, and proposal development.

By integrating scientific theory with field-based learning, the programme equips participants to design, evaluate, and upscale climate-resilient agroforestry systems that support sustainable development.

Weather

This period marks the cool and dry phase of Kerala's climate. Days are generally warm and pleasant, with temperatures ranging from 24°C to 32°C, while nights remain mild. Humidity is moderate compared to other seasons, and rainfall is minimal, offering clear skies and stable weather ideal for field activities and travel.

How to Reach KAU

The nearest airport is Cochin International Airport (COK) (approx. 55 km), and the nearest railway station is Thrissur Railway Station (TCR) (approx. 15 km). From both points, taxis and buses are readily available, ensuring smooth travel to the campus.

Location



How to apply

Interested participants are requested to email the duly filled application form in the prescribed format.

e-mail: winterschool.kau@gmail.com

Application form link:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/11W_prI-ikMnBs1GggYlshobNdl0FVbjp/view?usp=sharing



Please download the application form from the link or QR code provided and submit the completed form to winterschool.kau@gmail.com.

Last date for registration: 25 December 2025

Date of intimation of selection: 31 December 2025