



WORLD HONEY CONCLAVE-2026

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Celebrating Knowledge, Sustainability, and Innovation



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ABOUT THE WORLD HONEY CONCLAVE 2026

The World Honey Conclave is a platform for researchers, apiculture experts, conservation scientists, entrepreneurs, and policymakers to discuss challenges and opportunities in beekeeping and honey production. It highlights Ladakh's unique high-altitude ecosystem and promotes global collaboration on sustainable practices, biodiversity, and honey industry innovation.

Ladakh's unique cold-arid climate supports resilient native honeybee species and endemic medicinal flora that yield organic honey with distinctive biochemical properties.

The University of Ladakh recognizes this ecological significance and has convened the World Honey Conclave 2026 as a platform to advance scientific understanding, promote knowledge transfer, and catalyze sustainable development initiatives across Himalayan regions and beyond.

The conference will facilitate rigorous academic discourse, capacity development, and technological innovation tailored to high-altitude and challenging Himalayan and trans-Himalayan environmental conditions. Key objectives include advancing livelihood opportunities for rural communities, exploring value-added product development, and strengthening ecological preservation frameworks through evidence-based policy recommendations.

CONFERENCE THEME

"Honey: Sustaining Life, Sweetening Futures"

Thematic Tracks

A. Beekeeping, Apiculture, and Technological Innovation

- Advanced beekeeping methodologies and equipment
- Breeding programs and genetic improvement of bee species
- Digital technologies and precision apiculture
- Indigenous and traditional beekeeping knowledge systems

B. Biodiversity Conservation and Pollination Ecology

- Pollinator diversity and ecosystem services
- Native bee species conservation strategies
- Plant-pollinator interactions in high-altitude environments
- Impact of landscape change on pollinator communities

C. Nutrition, Health Sciences, Technology, and Entrepreneurship

- Nutritional security, and public health interventions
- Advances in health sciences, biomedical research, and preventive healthcare
- Emerging technologies in food processing, biotechnology, and digital health
- Entrepreneurship, innovation, and start-up opportunities in nutrition and health sectors

D. Economics, Market Dynamics, Policy, and Regulatory Frameworks

- Global honey trade and market analysis
- Certification systems and quality standards
- Policy interventions for sustainable apiculture
- Fair trade practices and supply chain transparency

E. Sustainability and Climate Action

- Climate change impacts on bee populations and honey production
- Carbon sequestration and environmental benefits of beekeeping
- Sustainable resource management in apiculture
- Adaptation strategies for extreme environments

F. Cultural Heritage, Traditional Knowledge, and Apitourism

- Ethnobotanical perspectives on honey use
- Cultural significance of bees in Himalayan societies
- Apitourism as a sustainable livelihood strategy
- Community-based conservation approaches



Global platform for

Researchers
Policymakers

Apiculture experts
Conservation scientists

Entrepreneurs

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Target Audience

- Academic Researchers and Faculty in Entomology, Ecology, Agriculture, Food science, and related disciplines
- Doctoral and postgraduate students conducting research in Apiculture and allied fields
- Beekeepers and Honey producers seeking advanced knowledge and technological solutions
- Agri-entrepreneurs and Industry professionals in honey value chain
- Conservation biologists and Environmental scientists are working on pollinator protection
- Policy makers and Development practitioners engaged in rural development and agricultural policy
- NGO representatives and Community development workers implementing grassroots beekeeping programs

Specialized Sessions

- **High-Altitude Apiculture Symposium:** Dedicated exploration of Ladakh's unique beekeeping ecology and challenges specific to extreme environments
- **Honey Diversity Exhibition & Demonstration** of cutting-edge technologies in hive management, honey processing, and quality control

Academic Programming

- Keynote Addresses by internationally recognized researcher's and practitioners in Apiculture and conservation science.
- Technical Sessions featuring peer-reviewed research presentations across thematic tracks.
- Panel discussions on policy implications and future research directions
- Poster presentations showcasing emerging research by early-career scholars.

Call for Abstracts and Participation

Submission Categories:

- Oral presentations/Poster Presentation
- Full Paper/Short communications
- Case studies and field implementation reports
- Technology demonstrations and innovations
- Policy briefs and review papers

Abstract Submission Guidelines

Format Requirements:

- Length: 250-300 words
- File Formats: Submit both PDF and Word (.doc/.docx) versions
- Structure: Title, authors' names and affiliations, introduction/background, objectives, methodology, key results/findings, and conclusion
- Language: English (British or American spelling accepted, but maintain consistency)
- Font: Times New Roman, 12-point
- **Submission Email:** whoneyc2026@uol.ac.in

Required Components for Poster

- **Dimensions:** 2.5 feet (Width) × 3.5 feet (Length)
- Title (clear and concise)
- Authors' names and institutional affiliations
- Introduction and background
- Materials and methods
- Results (with appropriate figures, tables, or graphs)
- Conclusion and implications
- References (if applicable)
- Acknowledgments (optional)

Design Recommendations:

Use clear fonts (minimum 24-point for body text), high-resolution graphics, logical flow from top to bottom, and effective use of white space for readability.

Virtual Participation

Online Presentation Mode: Selected abstracts of exceptional merit may be considered for online presentation. Specific guidelines for online presenters will be communicated upon acceptance.

Review Process:

All abstracts will undergo rigorous peer review by the scientific committee. Authors will be notified of acceptance and presentation format within the stipulated timeline.

Expected Outcomes

- Advancement of scientific knowledge on high-altitude apiculture and pollination ecology
- Development of evidence-based policy recommendations for sustainable beekeeping
- Establishment of international research networks and collaborative projects
- Capacity enhancement for local beekeeping communities
- Collaborative Research Initiatives: Establishing multi-institutional research consortia
- B2B Meetings: Facilitating connections between producers, processors, researchers, and market stakeholders
- Publication of conference proceedings in indexed journals
- Promotion of Ladakh as a center for high-altitude apicultural research

Recognition and Awards

The conference will recognize outstanding contributions through:

- Best Oral Presentation Awards
- Best Poster Presentation Awards
- Innovation Excellence Awards

Award recipients will receive certificates and recognition during the valedictory session.



Registration Details

Important Dates

Abstract Submission Opens: 20th March 2026

Abstract Submission Deadline: 05th May 2026

Notification of Acceptance/Rejection: within 10 days

Standard Registration Deadline: 10th May 2025

Conference Dates: 20th -22nd May 2026

Registration Categories and Fees:

| Categories | Amount in INR | Amount in USD |
|------------|---------------|---------------|
| Students | 300/- | \$50/- |
| Scholars | 1000/- | \$75/- |
| Faculty | 1500/- | \$100/- |
| Industries | 3000/- | \$150/- |

Note: Registration fees do not include travel and accommodation expenses

Important Links:

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/7o43NaPrjPgbZ85Y6>

Mode of Payment

The registration fee can be paid through RTGS/Google Pay.

Cash will be paid at the time of registration.

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About Ladakh

Ladakh is a high-altitude mountainous region bounded by the Karakoram Range to the north and the Great Himalayas to the south. Often described as Moonland on account of the unique lunar landscape, Ladakh abounds in awesome physical features set in an enormous and spectacular environment. For close to a millennium, the region was an independent mountain kingdom of strategic importance. Leh, the royal capital, was a major crossroads of Asia and a stopping point on the ancient migration routes of the trans-Himalayas, connecting Central Asia with the Indian subcontinent. From here, the old caravan routes led westward through Kashmir to the Silk Roads, northward across the Karakorum Pass to Central Asia, eastward across the Chang-thang highlands to Tibet and China, and southward through present-day Himachal Pradesh to the plains of India. Many migrants have traveled through Ladakh, some settling on the way, giving a distinctive characteristic to its population—from the west, early Dard settlers and later-day invaders from Baltistan; from the east, Tibetan settlers, invaders, and rulers; from the north, traders from Yarkand; and much later, Dogra conquerors from Jammu in the south.

About University of Ladakh

The University of Ladakh, established in 2019, is a premier higher education institution located in the Union Territory of Ladakh. The university was created to promote quality education, research, and innovation in the unique trans-Himalayan region. With campuses in Leh and Kargil, it serves as an important academic hub for students across the region.

The University focuses on interdisciplinary learning and research in areas such as Environmental science, Biodiversity, Climate change, Himalayan ecology, Sustainable development, Artificial Intelligence, Space science, History, Politics and Local cultural heritage. Given Ladakh's fragile ecosystem and rich biological diversity, the institution plays a vital role in promoting research on high-altitude ecosystems and conservation.

Committed to academic excellence and regional development, the University of Ladakh collaborates with national and international institutions to foster innovation, knowledge exchange, and community engagement. Through its teaching, research, and outreach activities, the university aims to contribute to sustainable development and scientific advancement in the Himalayan region.

The University of Ladakh provides specialized courses and research opportunities uniquely focused on Himalayan, Trans-himalayan, and South and Central Asian studies—areas of inquiry rarely addressed comprehensively in other Indian universities. This regional specialization positions the institution as an ideal host for international discourse on high-altitude ecological systems and sustainable development practices.

The University's commitment to transformative regional development through education, research, and social impact aligns seamlessly with the objectives of the World Honey Conclave 2026, making it an authoritative platform for advancing apicultural science and sustainable beekeeping practices in extreme environments.



Travel and Accommodation

How to Reach Leh Campus – University of Ladakh

The Leh Campus of the University of Ladakh is in Taru Thang, approximately 20 kilometers from Leh town, on the Leh-Kargil Road (NH1). Leh is well-connected by air and road.

By Air:

- Kushok Bakula Rimpochee Airport (Leh Airport) is the nearest airport, located about 18 kilometers from the university campus.
- The airport has regular flights from major Indian cities such as Delhi, Srinagar, Jammu, and Chandigarh.
- Taxis and local transport are easily available from the airport.

By Road:

- From Srinagar: Leh is about 420 kilometers from Srinagar via the Srinagar–Leh Highway (NH1). The road is open from May to November, depending on weather conditions.
- From Manali: Leh is around 470 kilometers from Manali via the Manali–Leh Highway, which is typically open from June to October.

Note:

No TA/DA will be provided by the organizers. As Ladakh is a popular tourist destination, outstation participants are advised to book their accommodation (hostels/hotels) well in advance due to the heavy tourist influx during the tourist season.

Health and Safety Guidelines

Altitude Considerations:

Leh is situated at approximately 3,500 meters (11,500 feet) above sea level. Participants are advised to:

- Allow adequate time for acclimatization (24-48 hours minimum)
- Stay well-hydrated.

Top Places to Visit in Leh-Ladakh

1. Pangong Lake: A breathtaking high-altitude lake known for its changing blue hues and serene landscapes.
2. Nubra Valley: Famous for its dunes, Bactrian camels, and picturesque villages like Hunder and Turtuk.
3. Khardung La: One of the world's highest motorable passes, offering stunning views and access to Nubra.
4. Shanti Stupa: An iconic, white-domed monument in Leh, ideal for sunrise and sunset views.
5. Leh Palace: A historic 17th-century palace overlooking Leh town with a rich cultural heritage.
6. Hemis Monastery: Ladakh's largest monastery, renowned for its vibrant annual festival.
7. Tso Moriri Lake: A peaceful high-altitude lake perfect for nature lovers and birdwatching.
8. Lamayuru Monastery: Known for its ancient monastery and unique "Moonland" terrain.
9. Hanle: Home to one of the world's highest observatories and India's Dark Sky Reserve—ideal for stargazing.