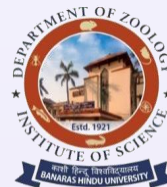




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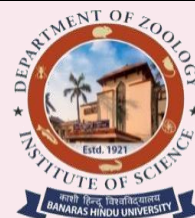
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Invitation



Dear Colleagues,

Warm Greetings!!!

It is our great pleasure to extend a cordial invitation to you to participate in the **"Global Summit on Innovations in Reproductive Biology: Emerging Frontiers and Discoveries and 36th Annual Meeting of the Indian Society for the Study of Reproduction and Fertility (ISSRF 2026)** to be organized by **Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi, India** during **20th – 22nd February, 2026**.

Reproductive biology is an interdisciplinary field that delves into the detailed molecular processes and clinical approaches shaping reproductive health and outcomes. **ISSRF 2026** is designed to bring together a diverse community of **biomedical experts, academic researchers, clinicians, and industry leaders engaged in the study of reproduction, reproductive cancers, and assisted reproductive technologies**. This conference will offer an excellent platform for participants to share their research, insights, and experiences across various dimensions of reproductive science. It will also foster meaningful discussions on recent advancements, emerging innovations, current challenges, and practical applications in the realm of reproductive health.

The conference will address a diverse array of topics, including **Advancements in Reproductive Physiology, Innovations in Reproductive Technologies, Reproductive Health and Disease, Maternal and Fetal Medicine, Contraception and Family Planning, Reproductive Cancers and Reproductive Biomedicine**. These discussions are expected to drive significant progress in research and innovation within this critical area of public health.

The scientific agenda will include keynote lectures, plenary talks, invited presentations, panel discussions, interactions with leading researchers and industry professionals, as well as poster sessions. The conference offers an excellent platform for students—ranging from **Ph.D., M.Sc., MD, DNB, B.Sc., to B.Tech.** programs—to connect with **senior scientists, gynaecologists, obstetricians, ART experts, public health officials, and academic mentors**. It will also provide them with an international stage to showcase and deliberate on their research in front of esteemed stalwarts in the field of reproductive biology.

We sincerely look forward to your timely response and active engagement in the event.

Best regards,

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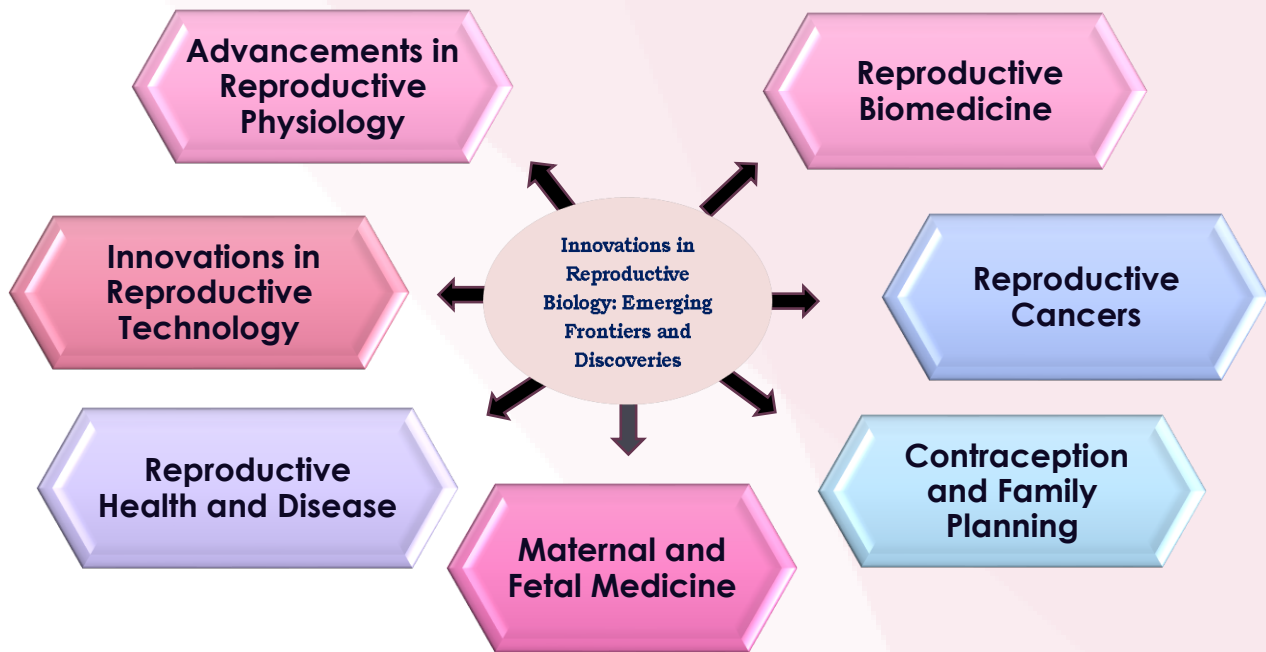
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1. Advancements in Reproductive Physiology:

- Testicular and ovarian function
- Reproductive aging and senescence
- Metabolic and environmental influences on reproduction
- Menstrual health and menopause
- Adolescent reproductive health
- Reproductive neuroendocrinology

2. Innovations in Reproductive Technologies:

- Assisted reproductive technologies (ART)
- Digital health and chronotherapy
- Stem cell applications in reproduction
- Fertility preservation
- Artificial intelligence and machine learning in reproductive Medicine
- Reproductive genetic engineering and CRISPR
- Integrating traditional medicine with modern reproductive technologies

3. Reproductive Health and Disease:

- Male and Female infertility
- PCOS, endometriosis, fibroids, and erectile dysfunction
- Environmental toxicology and reproductive health
- Reproductive psychiatry and mental wellness

4. Maternal and Fetal Medicine:

- Prenatal screening and diagnostics
- Pregnancy complications and management
- Minimally invasive obstetric surgeries
- Fetal and neonatal care

5. Contraception and Family Planning:

- Modern contraceptive technologies
- Global reproductive rights and policies
- Contraceptive counselling and education
- Long-term health outcomes of contraception

6. Reproductive Cancer:

- Gonadal and reproductive tract cancers
- Genetic screening and cancer risk assessment
- Early diagnosis modalities
- Advances in cancer therapies

7. Reproductive Biomedicine:

- AYUSH
- Herbal medicine
- Traditional practices
- Reproductive therapeutics
- Emerging therapeutics in reproductive health

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- Abstracts should be submitted online for oral or poster presentation.
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- The size of the poster should be 3ft (W) × 4 ft (H)
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Registration is Mandatory for All

The details of Registration Fee are given below. Kindly apply for registration online through conference website: [ISSRF -2026 - Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India](#) , after payment of appropriate registration fee (mentioned below)

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Varanasi Junction to BHU: BHU Campus is about 10 kms from Varanasi Junction railway station. Round the clock Auto/Taxi services are available from Varanasi Junction railway station to BHU (Lanka). The tentative charges are for reserve auto INR.150-200/-, shared auto INR. 25/- and for taxi, INR. 250/- to 350/-.

Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Junction to BHU: BHU Campus is about 20 km. from Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Junction. Round the clock Auto/Taxi services are available to BHU (Lanka). The tentative charges are for reserve auto INR 300/-, Shared auto INR. 60/- and for taxi, INR 400/- to 550/-

Banaras Railway Station to BHU: BHU Campus is about 6 Kms from Banaras Railway Station. This station connects mainly Varanasi within Uttar Pradesh/New Delhi. Auto/Taxi services are available from Banaras station to BHU (Lanka). The tentative charges are for reserve auto, INR.150-200/-, shared auto INR. 30/- and for taxi, INR. 250/- to 350/-

Banaras Hindu University -The University at a Glance



The biggest residential institution in **Asia** and a symbol of academic excellence, **Banaras Hindu University (BHU)** was founded in **1916** by the distinguished **Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya** under the BHU Act of 1915. The university is spread across 1,360 acres of lush land in the ancient and spiritual city of **Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh**, which is also home to the famous **Vishwanath Temple, architectural treasures**, and a historic **World War II runway**. BHU's



reach is further increased by a second, larger campus in Barkachha, Mirzapur.

The university offers a comprehensive array of disciplines across **6 Institutes, 14 Faculties, 144 Departments, and 4 Interdisciplinary Centres**, with distinguished research centres and **6 Centres of Advanced Studies**. BHU also boasts a 927bed hospital and the Bharat Kala Bhavan Museum, a treasure trove of rare collections.

The BHU community comprises around 15,000 students from all walks of life, including international students from across the globe, supported by 1,700 faculty and nearly 8,000 non-teaching staff. BHU's ethos transcends academics, fostering individuals of integrity, patriotism, and leadership, embodying a legacy of character, scholarship, and service to humanity while standing as a melting pot of intellect, Culture and global collaboration.



The **Vishwanath Temple**, located within the **Banaras Hindu University (BHU)** campus in Varanasi, is a modern temple dedicated to **Lord Shiva**. Also known as the New Vishwanath Temple, it was commissioned by **Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya** and funded by the **Birla family**. The temple is renowned for its architectural elegance and spiritual ambiance. Its towering spire and serene surroundings make it a prominent spiritual and cultural landmark within the university

Institute of Science, Banaras Hindu University

The Institute of Science stands as a leading hub for scientific education and research, comprising **13 departments** that offer highly regarded **B.Sc. and M.Sc. programs**. The Institute benefits from support through prestigious national initiatives such as **UGC-SAP, DST-FIST, and DBT-ISLS**, ensuring the maintenance of advanced laboratories and fostering global academic collaborations.

Faculty members at the Institute have not only undertaken research visits to renowned international universities but also maintain active collaborations with institutions across the world. Their academic excellence is reflected in numerous accolades, including the **J.C. Bose National Fellowship** and other fellowships awarded by premier bodies like the **Indian National Science Academy (INSA), Indian Academy of Sciences (IASc), National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI), and the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS)**, among others. A key feature of the Institute is the **Centre for Genetic Disorders (CGD), the DBT-supported multidisciplinary School of Life Sciences (ISLS), and the DST-supported Centre for Interdisciplinary Mathematical Sciences (CIMS)**. The Institute of Science has played a significant role in BHU's recognition as an "Institution of Eminence" by the Ministry of Education.



Department of Zoology, Banaras Hindu University

The **Department of Zoology**, established in 1921, leads in life science education and research, covering fields from cancer biology to evolutionary studies. Backed by advanced infrastructure and prestigious grants, the department has produced award-winning faculty and scholars. The Department fosters generations of scholars and researchers by providing undergraduate, graduate, and doctorate courses. The Department's growth is driven by state-of-the-art laboratories and faculty research supported by initiatives like **UGC-SAP, DST-FIST, and COSIST**. Its faculty members have earned prestigious accolades, including the **Padma Shri, SS Bhatnagar Prize, Jawaharlal Nehru Award, FICCI Award, Hari Om Trust Award, Vigyan Ratna**, and fellowships from **INSA** and other eminent academies. Facilities include modern labs, a Drosophila centre, and a museum with rare specimens.

A well-equipped rat and fish animal house, a Drosophila stock centre for genetic research, and cutting-edge technology including **flow cytometry, confocal microscopy, and SEM** are among the facilities. Furthermore, a sizable museum contains conserved specimens of everything from mammals to invertebrates, enhancing scholarly and research activities.



Varanasi – A Spiritual Destination

Varanasi, also known as **Kashi or Banaras**, is one of the world's oldest continuously inhabited cities and a spiritual epicentre in India. Situated on the banks of the sacred **Ganges**, it holds profound significance in **Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism**. Pilgrims flock to its ghats seeking moksha, drawn by the timeless chants, temple bells, and the mesmerizing evening aarti at **Dashashwamedh Ghat**. The city's vibrant streets are alive with bustling markets, street food, Banarasi silk artisans, and classical music, having nurtured legends like Ravi Shankar. Just northeast lies Sarnath, where Gautama Buddha delivered his first sermon, now a major Buddhist pilgrimage site and a proposed UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Beyond its religious and cultural richness, Varanasi is also a **centre of learning**, home to the esteemed **Banaras Hindu University**. The city's festivals, spiritual ambience, and artistic heritage make it a living tapestry of India's soul. A visit to Varanasi is not merely travel—it is a deeply moving spiritual experience that resonates long after one departs.

Tourist Places near Varanasi: Culture, Nature and Heritage



Ayodhya

- Ram Janmabhoomi Temple
- Shri Hanuman Garhi Temple
- Kanak Bhawan
- Saryu Ghat
- Shri Nageshwar Temple



Prayagraj

- Sangam Darshan
- Boating
- Anand Bhawan
- Aloopi Hanuman Temple



Gaya

- Pind dan
- Mahabodhi Temple
- Shri Vishnupad Temple

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The comprehensive approach to reproductive health demands increased awareness on methods of family planning, maternal health, neonatal morbidity and a growing burden of reproductive ill health resulting from reproductive tract cancers, concerns of reproductive organs, sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS, infertility and the adverse effect on gender-based violence. In order to provide a common Scientific Platform for all these specialties and for the common cause of promoting reproductive health research, the Indian Society for the Study of Reproduction and Fertility (ISSRF) was formed and registered in **1988**. Over the years, the mandate of the Society has broadened and includes various multidisciplinary components of reproductive health.

Objectives of the Society are:

- To provide a forum for the discussion of **Scientific, Clinical, Social and Veterinary** knowledge on all aspects of Human and Animal Reproduction.
- To facilitate exchange of knowledge and ideas in the area of reproduction through Seminars, Workshops, Conferences and Meetings held from time to time.
- To promote the growth of the discipline of Reproductive Biology and Reproductive Medical Care

ISSRF Newsletter (ISSN: 2395-2806): One of the most regular activities of the Society has been the publication of its biannual. Newsletter to disseminate information on reproductive health and also facilitate interpersonal communication between the members. The Society has published **32 issues** of the Newsletter on various priority areas of reproductive health.

Annual and Mid-Term Activities: The society provides a platform for international/national level interaction/deliberations in the form of annual and mid-term conferences/seminars etc. The ISSRF has organized **34 International** and more than **25 national events** with publication of proceedings. The **Mid-term activity** of the Society and various **webinars/seminars** are organized that provides a platform for the researchers and scientists working in the field of reproductive biology to interact and disseminate the recent findings with younger generations (Adolescents) and to make people aware about the burning issues of the domain. Society has instituted **Seven Orations and Twelve Young Scientist Awards** to recognize the extraordinary

contributions of researchers in the field of reproductive biology.

Strength of the Society: As on today the Society has **1844 founder and life members**, biomedical sciences, social sciences, veterinary sciences, clinicians-particularly gynecologists and andrologists, health care providers and women's health groups. ISSRF life-members representing **44 Medical Colleges, 66 Universities, 106 Hospitals, 53 Institutes, 52 Colleges, 134 Nursing Home/Clinics/Research Centers/Diagnostic Labs/Pharmaceutical Companies and 10 Funding Agencies**.

Contact: Kindly login the Society website (www.issrf.org) for seeking information on past, present and future scientific activities and feel free to provide your comments/suggestions for further strengthening its activities.

Journal of Reproductive Healthcare and Medicine (JRHM)



Journal of Reproductive Healthcare and Medicine (JRHM) (ISSN (Print):2768-1106; (Online): 2768-1114) is an official publication of ISSRF, published by the **Scientific Scholar LLC, USA**. JRHM is an open access journal and can be accessed online (<https://jrhm.org/>), it is a peer-reviewed, open-access journal dedicated to advancing knowledge in the field of reproductive health. It publishes original research, reviews, and clinical studies spanning topics such as fertility, contraception, maternal-fetal medicine, reproductive endocrinology, and public health. JRHM aims to provide a multidisciplinary platform for researchers, clinicians, and policymakers to address pressing issues in reproductive science and healthcare, with a focus on both clinical application and basic research.

Glimpses of ISSRF-2025



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Tourist attractions in and around the Holy City-Varanasi



Important Dates to Remember

Last date for submission of abstracts – **30st September, 2025**

Last date for early bird registration – **15th September, 2025**

Last date for award application – **30th November, 2025**

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