BRIEF REPORT

CFI Conference and Allocation of CFI Budget under its Research Grant for 2025-26

India exhibits significant fruit diversity across its various agroecological zones. Despite this, fruit consumption remains below recommended levels for many households, particularly within low-income groups. The Centre for Fruitful India (CFI) aims to address

this concern by promoting fruit-based food systems designed to enhance nutrition security, support farmer livelihoods, and bolster climate resilience.

In response to **CFI's Call for Proposals 2025 for Research Grants**, *185 proposals* were received nationwide, reflecting India's breadth of diversity and innovation potential (refer to Annexure 1 for the full list of proposals). Following a comprehensive evaluation process aligned with CFI's objectives, *32 proposals* were shortlisted. To determine the most suitable proposal for the CFI research grant, the National Conference on **"Strengthening Food Systems through Increased Fruit Cultivation"** was organized on *18-19 November 2025* at the NASC Complex, New Delhi. The conference brought together scientists, policymakers, development practitioners, private sector representatives, and grassroots organizations to discuss strategies for advancing fruit-based food systems in India. This event was coordinated under the CFI initiative by the Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT.

The conference included keynote addresses, technical sessions, and panel discussions centred on innovative fruit cultivation methods, biodiversity conservation, and strengthening fruit value chains. Experts highlighted how vital it is to promote indigenous fruit species, ensure better access to quality planting materials, and strengthen partnerships between research bodies, development agencies, and private sector players. The conference underscored that fruit diversity plays a key part in nutrition security, stressed the importance of community-based fruit cultivation initiatives, and called for stronger supply chains for top-quality planting materials.

Three major technical sessions focused on themes such as innovative fruit cultivation strategies, biodiversity conservation, and private sector innovations in horticulture. Presentations highlighted community-driven fruit systems, agroforestry models, WADI orchard systems, and emerging opportunities for adding value to fruits.

A prominent element of the conference was the **CFI Grant Proposal Workshop**, where shortlisted principal investigators presented their research proposals to the CFI Scientific Committee for final evaluation based on their potential for national impact and scalability. After presentations and subsequent discussions, **16 proposals** were selected for funding under the CFI grant agreement.

Conference programme highlights

Inaugural Session

The conference began with opening remarks from prominent figures in horticulture and agricultural research. Featured speakers were:

Dr Chris Kettle – Global Program Leader, Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT
Dr P. N. Mathur – CFI Technical Advisor, Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT
Dr R. R. Burman – ADG (Agriculture Extension), Indian Council of Agriculture Research
Dr R. S. Paroda – Chairman, Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences
Dr S. K. Malhotra – Vice Chancellor, Maharana Pratap University of Horticulture

Dr H. P. Singh – Chairperson, Confederation of Horticulture Associations of India

The inaugural address highlighted the critical importance of including fruit cultivation in national strategies for nutrition security and building climate resilience. Additionally, the session marked the launch of the book "**Fruitful Insights: Heritage, Ecology and Promise of India's Fruit Trees**."

Session I: Innovative strategies for fruit tree cultivation and community engagement:
This session focused on contemporary methodologies to advance fruit cultivation across varied landscapes. The main presentations addressed:

- Promotion of non-traditional fruit cultivation in urban environments
- Enhancement of supply chains to ensure quality planting materials
- Revival of lesser-known fruit species to support nutrition security
- Implementation of WADI-based orchard systems for smallholder farmers
- Community-led initiatives for post-harvest management
- Collaborative fruit planting efforts for climate resilience and improved nutritional outcomes

Discussions underscored the importance of community involvement and reliable access to high-quality planting materials as essential factors in scaling up fruit tree cultivation efforts.

Session II: Enhancing and conserving fruit tree diversity to strengthen nutritional security

The session underscored the critical role of fruit biodiversity in advancing nutritional security. Key topics addressed included:

- Fruit Tree Diversity for Nutritional Security and the Periodic Table of Food Initiative
- Plate to Plough: Implications of Emerging Trends in Fruit Consumption

The discussion emphasized the necessity of leveraging India's extensive fruit biodiversity to enhance dietary quality and increase farmer incomes.

Session III: Sharing experiences for advancing fruit tree cultivation from grassroots key stakeholders

This session encompassed presentations from both the private sector and grassroots initiatives. Notable examples included:

- Jain Irrigation Systems – Micro-irrigation technologies
- Indo-Israel Avocado – Avocado promotion
- DragonFlora Farms LLP – Dragon fruit promotion
- VNR Nursery Private Limited
- National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NHRDF)

- Sachdeva Nursery
- Chaturvedi Botanicals
- Orchards of Nayanagar

The presentations underscored the increasing significance of **private sector innovation in the development of fruit cultivation systems, using quality planting materials.**

Key messages from the conference

1. **Fruit diversity is fundamental to nutritional security:** Presenters underscored that encouraging a range of fruit species plays an important role in combating micronutrient deficiencies.
2. **Community-based fruit systems are crucial:** Approaches such as WADI orchards, nutrition gardens, and community orchards were identified as effective methods to enhance fruit availability among economically disadvantaged households.
3. **Enhancing quality planting material systems is necessary:** Ensuring access to high-quality germplasm and planting materials was recognized as a significant challenge in the expansion of fruit cultivation.
4. **Cross-sector partnerships are indispensable:** The conference emphasized the need for robust cooperation among research institutions, government bodies, NGOs, and the private sector.

Outcomes of the Conference

The conference produced several key outcomes:

1. **Establishment of a national network for fruit system innovation:** Participants agreed to collaborate through the CFI platform to advance fruit-based research and development.
2. **Selection of CFI research projects:** Following presentations and scientific review, projects were identified and approved for funding under the CFI programme.
3. **Identification of priority research themes:** These include climate-resilient fruit systems, indigenous fruit species conservation, fruit-based nutrition interventions, and innovative cultivation models for land-poor households.

The CFI National Conference 2025 represented an important step forward in advancing India's fruit-based food systems. By uniting a broad range of scientists, policymakers, and practitioners, it established the groundwork for a national platform focused on encouraging fruit diversity, improving nutrition security, and fostering agriculture that's resilient to climate change. With the introduction of the CFI research grant programme and the selection of pioneering projects, this initiative is set to create scalable solutions

aimed at increasing access to nutritious fruits for millions of low-income families throughout India.

Next steps

After the conference, CFI is in the process to:

- Complete grant agreements with chosen institutions.
- Begin project implementation across several states.
- Develop monitoring and learning frameworks.
- Share research findings with policymakers and practitioners.

These initiatives are aimed at advancing the overarching objective of enhancing fruit-based food systems in India.

Update of Grant agreements

A central component of the conference was the CFI Research Grant Workshop, where principal investigators presented project proposals to the scientific committee.

Indicator	Number
Proposals Received	185
Proposals Shortlisted	32
Final Projects Approved	16

Summary of projects approved:

Indicator	Value
Total projects approved	16
Total Budget	US$ 540,000 = INR 4,75,20,000
Project Duration	2–3 Years
Implementing Institutions	Universities, NGOs, ICAR institutes, Development organisations
Geographic Coverage	North-East India, Bundelkhand, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Himalayan region
Strategic Focus	Fruit-based nutrition systems, climate resilience, indigenous fruits, community orchards, small-space fruit cultivation

List of projects selected for CFI funding

S. No	Project title	Institution	Principal Investigator	Project Duration Year)
1	Forests of the future: empowering indigenous women through food forests.	ICFRE– Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB), Coimbatore	Rekha R Warrier	3
2	Fruit based multi-storeyed cropping system for ensuring nutritional and livelihood security to small landholders of Chitrakoot district Bundelkhand region.	Deendayal Research Institute (DRI), Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Chitrakoot, Uttar Pradesh	R.S Negi	3
3	Increased availability of bio-diverse fruits among poor and rural people for better household nutritional security, livelihood, and sustainable land management.	Banda University of Agriculture & Technology (BUAT), Uttar Pradesh	Akhilesh Kumar Srivastava	2
4	Exaltation of quality planting material production of nutritious and climate resilient varieties of fig, Bael, karonda, jamun, phalsa, prickly pear, mulberry and carambola fruits for diversification towards livelihoods and environment sustainability in Haryana.	Maharana Pratap Horticulture University (MHU), Karnal, Haryana	Shalini Pilania	3
5	Community -led locally adapted fruit Nutri-gardens in Anganwadi centres and schools, in the aspirational district of Bahraich, Uttar Pradesh.	Aga Khan Foundation (AKF), India	Tinni Sawhney	3
6	Enhancing nutrition through women led horticulture in thar (ENWH).	Gramin Vikas Vigyan Samiti (GRAVIS), Jodhpur, Rajasthan	Prakash Tyagi	3
7	Pathways to “Eco-Nutrition” and climate resilient livelihood for small and marginal farmers.	PRAGATI, Koraput, Odisha	Luna Panda	2
8	Nurturing ecological sustainability and tribal livelihoods through innovative and climate-smart fruit tree systems in NEHR of India.	Central Agricultural University (CAU), Imphal	Dr Prashant Kisan Nimbolkar	3
9	Agroecology for nutrition and resilience: Scaling natural farming for sustainable fruit production.	Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry (UHF) Nauni, Solan, Himachal Pradesh	Sudhir Verma	2
10	Unconventional modes of growing fruit trees that makes efficient use of land planting on	Gram Chetna Kendra (GCK), Rajasthan	Om Prakash Sharma	3

	wasteland, field bunds, community land.			
11	Promotion of growing fruit trees for efficient land use, food security, nutrition and value addition.	Sri Karan Narendra Agriculture University (SKN AU), Jobner, Rajasthan	Dr Rajeev Kumar Narolia	2
12	Innovative and community -based approaches for fruit tree cultivation to enhance nutrition and livelihoods in limited land households of Prayagraj (UP).	e-PAHEL, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh	Gopal Krishna	2
13	Testing different farming practices of fruit production aiming farm sustainability and environmental wellbeing.	BAIF Development Research Foundation, Pune	Ganesh Bedare	3
14	Litchi-Based Diversified Fruit Production Models and Participatory Genetic Resource Management for Nutritional Security of Small and Marginal SC and ST farmers in Nawada and Jamui districts of Bihar.	ICAR – National Research Centre on Litchi (NRC-Litchi) Muzaffarpur, Bihar	Bikash Das	2
15	Climate – Smart Fruit Farming through Crop Diversification.	ICAR–Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (IIHR) Hesaraghatta Lake Post, Bengaluru, Karnataka	Dr G. Karunakaran	2
16	Clonal propagation, nutritional profiling and value addition of climate resilient native fruit species for sustainable horticulture in arid region.	ICAR – Central Institute for Arid Horticulture (CIAH), Bikaner, Rajasthan	Dr Kishan Lal Kumawat, Senior Scientist (Fruit Science)	2

List of Projects shortlisted for CFI funding and project presentation

S. No.	Lead Applicant Name	Name of Organisation	Title
1	Dr Sunil Kumar	ICAR- National Research Centre on Litchi	Nutritional Profiling and Functional Characterization of Sapindaceous Fruits
2	Dr Shoaib Nissar Kirmani	ICAR-Central Institute of Temperate Horticulture	Enhancing Affordable Access to Nutritious Fruits for Underprivileged Communities through Diversified Production, Value Chain Optimization and Nutrition-Sensitive Interventions.
3	Nimisha Sharma	ICAR -Indian Agricultural Research Institute	Characterization and Evaluation of Citrus Genotypes for Nutrition-rich and Zero-waste Utilization

4	Dr M. Mathiyazagan	Nagaland University	Nutritional Profiling, Mass Multiplication, and Promotion of Scientific Cultivation of Indigenous Wild Edible Fruits in Nagaland for Nutritional Security and Sustainable Income Generation for Farmers.
5	Dr Vikas Chandra	Bihar Agricultural University	Identification of suitable fruit crops for year-round nutrition through Nutri-garden in Bihar
6	Pallavi Gill	Aga Khan Foundation	Community-led locally adapted fruit Nutri-gardens in Anganwadi Centres and Schools, in the aspirational district of Bahraich (Uttar Pradesh)
7	Kishan Lal Kumawat	ICAR-CIAH	Clonal propagation, nutritional profiling and value addition of climate-resilient native fruit species for sustainable horticulture in arid region
8	Dr Muralidhara BM	ICAR-Indian Institute of Horticulture Research	Harnessing Wild Edible Fruit Diversity of Western Ghats of India for Nutritional Security, Sustainable Livelihoods and Conservation
9	Dr Manisha Choudhury	Assam Agricultural University	Underutilized Wild Fruits for Nutrition Security: Profiling, Public Health Impact, and Community Access in Assam's Upper Brahmaputra Valley
10	Akhilesh Mishra	Jan Evom Krishi Vikas Sansthan	Development of New Cultivation Methods through Community Participation to Improve Access to Nutritious Fruits for Landless and Marginalised Communities in Rural, Peri-Urban and Urban Landscapes – District Kaushambi, Uttar Pradesh
11	Dr M. Thenmozhi	SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST)	Develop new cultivation methods through community participation to improve nutritious fruit access for landless and marginalised communities in rural, peri-urban and urban landscapes
12	Nimbolkar Prashant Kisan	Central Agricultural University Imphal	Project NEST for NEHR: Nurturing Ecological Sustainability and Tribal Livelihoods through Innovative and Climate-Smart Fruit Tree Systems in NEHR of India
13	Dr Rekha R Warrier	ICFRE– Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB), Coimbatore	Forests of the Future: Empowering Indigenous Women through Food Forests
14	Reji Joseph	JaivOrg (NGO)	High-density multilayered agroforestry (FOOD FOREST)
15	Ganesh Bedare	BAIF Development Research Foundation	Testing different farming practices of fruit production aiming farm sustainability and environmental well being
16	Dr Akhilesh Kumar Srivastava	Banda University of Agriculture & Technology	Increased availability of bio-diverse fruits among poor and rural people for better household nutritional security, Livelihood, and Sustainable Land Management
17	R.S Negi	Deendayal Research Institute, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Chitrakoot, UP	Fruit based Multistoried Cropping System for Ensuring Nutritional and Livelihood Security to Small Landholders of Chitrakoot district Bundelkhand region
18	Dr Hari Om Saxena	ICFRE – Tropical Forest Research Institute	Promoting nutritional security through Cultivation of Chironji, Tamarind, and Wood Apple in Forest Fringe Areas
19	Dr Narender Negi	ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources	Kiwifruit as a Catalyst for Crop Diversification and Nutrition in the Himalayan Mid-Hills under Climate Change
20	Dr Dheeraj Thakural	ICAR- Central Arid Zone Research Institute	Improving Rural Livelihoods through collection, domestication and establishment of Indigenous Fruit Trees in arid zone
21	Gopal Krishna	e-PAHEL	Innovative and Community-Based Approaches for Fruit Tree Cultivation to Enhance Nutrition and Livelihoods in Limited Land Households of Prayagraj (UP)
22	Dr Rajeev Kumar Narolia	Sri Karan Narendra Agriculture University	Fruitful Lands India: Promotion of Growing Fruit Trees for Efficient Land Use, Food Security, Nutrition and Value Addition
23	Dr Luna Panda	Pragati, Koraput	Pathways to "Eco-Nutrition" and Climate Resilient Livelihood for Small and Marginal Farmers
24	Om Prakash Sharma	Gram Chetna Kendra	Unconventional Modes of Growing Fruit Tress that Makes Efficient use of Land Planting on Wasteland, Field Bunds, Community Land

25	Dr Yamuna Pandey	Central Agricultural University (CAU), Imphal	Collection, Conservation and morpho-phenological Characterization of Avocado germplasms found in Sikkim.
26	Dr Shalini Pilania	Maharana Pratap Horticultural University	Exaltation of quality planting material production of nutritious and climate resilient varieties of Fig, Bael, karonda, Jamun, phalsa, prickly pear, mulberry and carambola
27	Grey 2 Green Foundation	Grey2Greens Foundation	Development of “Model Fruit Farm” for sustainable livelihood through Innovative Fruit Cultivation”
28	Dr Neetu Sharma	Gramin Vikas Vigyan Samiti (GRAVIS)	Enhancing Nutrition through Women led Horticulture in Thar (ENWH)
29	Dr E.D Israel Oliver King	M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation	Research for Fruiting Nutrition in Tribal India
30	Dr Rajeshwar Singh Chandel	Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry	Agroecology for Nutrition and Resilience: Scaling Natural Farming for Sustainable Fruit Production
31	Dr G Karunakaran	ICAR- Indian Institute of Horticultural Research	Climate – Smart Fruit Farming through Crop Diversification
32	Dr Omveer Singh	G. B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology	Developing a community-based innovative model for the cultivation of locally adapted climate-resilient fruit crops and their processing in the Hill districts of Uttarakhand

Annexure 1- List of proposals received

S. No	Lead Applicant Name	Name of Lead Organisation	Project Title
1	Manish Kumar Vijay	ICFRE – Tropical Forest Research Institute	Exploration, Characterization, Conservation, and post-harvest management of Wild Custard Apple (Annona squamosa L.) and Bael (Aegle marmelos (L.) Corrêa) for Rural Livelihood Enhancement
2	Manish Kumar Vijay	ICFRE – Tropical Forest Research Institute	Exploration, Nutritional Profiling, and Value Addition of Tendu (Diospyros melanoxylon Roxb.) Fruits for Nutrition Security and Livelihood Enhancement in Central India
3	Dr Naseer Mohammad	ICFRE – Tropical Forest Research Institute	Establishing a Wild Fruit Gene Banks: Safeguarding Genetic Resources from Central Indian Forests
4	Alauddin Ahammed	Panitar Pally Unnayan Samiti	Fruit Tree-Based Agro-ecological Farming for Nutrition and Climate Resilience in Sundarbans Region
5	Jawahar Mehta/Dr Shakeelur Rahman	Vikas Sahyog Kendra	Assessment and in situ conservation of locally adapted fruit trees to improve food and nutrition of the tribal people in Palamu district of Jharkhand
6	Chandan Suravi Maiti	Nagaland University	Sustainable Livelihood improvement through Fruit crops-based nutraceutical garden
7	Anil Kumar Verma	PRAN	Community-led Fruit Cultivation and Value-Chain Innovation for Nutrition Security in Rural Bihar
8	Rakesh Kumar Pandey	Shramik Bharti	Micro Food Forests for Nourishing the Rural Community and Healing the Mother Earth in Rural Uttar Pradesh
9	Dr Mahendra Kumar Verma	ICAR-Central Institute of Temperate Horticulture	Technological Interventions and Community-Led Value Chain Development in Apple-Based Fruit Systems for Enhancing the Nutritional Resilience and Rural Livelihoods in the Himalayan Belts of J&K
10	SH. Rajbir Singh Panwar	National Horticultural Research and Development Foundation	Fruits research in India
11	Dr Sunil Kumar	ICAR- National Research Centre on Litchi, Muzaffarpur (Bihar)	Nutritional Profiling and Functional Characterization of Sapindaceous Fruits
12	Krishna Giri	Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education	Promoting the Cultivation of High-Value Fruit Species through High-Density Plantation Method for Generating Alternative Livelihoods and Cost-Effective Nature-based Solution for Restoring Ecological Functions of Abandoned Rainfed Farmland
13	Dr Manish Kumar Singh	Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education	Development of cultivation methods & promotion of Machilus edulis King ex Hook.f. through community participation for income generation, nutrient management and sustainable land utilization in rural areas of Uttarakhand.
14	Deodas Tarachand Meshram	ICAR–Central Citrus Research Institute	Next-Generation Solar-IoT Fertigation for Climate-Smart Citrus Production
15	Dr R. Jayavalli	Tamil Nadu Agriculture University	Exploration, evaluation, conservation and development of value-added products of Underutilized fruits
16	Dr Shoaib Nissar Kirmani	ICAR-Central Institute of Temperate Horticulture	Enhancing Affordable Access to Nutritious Fruits for Underprivileged Communities through Diversified Production, Value Chain Optimization and Nutrition-Sensitive Interventions.

17	G J Janavi	Tamil Nadu Agriculture University	In vitro regeneration studies for mass multiplication of underutilised fruit varieties (Jamun: PKM-1, Wood Apple: PKM-1, Manila Tamarind: PKM-1 & PKM-2) for conservation, distribution and promotion in dry and waste lands of Tamil Nadu and India
18	Sh. Manorath Sen	Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education	Documentation of Traditional Practices, Nutritional Analysis, Value Addition and Organoleptic Evaluation of Wild Edible Fruits from Tribal belt of Rajasthan
19	Vartika Srivastava	ICAR- National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources	Bridging Biodiversity and Agriculture: Conservation of Endemic and Underutilized Fruit Species from Biodiversity Hotspots of India
20	Shiran K	ICAR- Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Rajasthan	Enhancing income and livelihood of farmers in hyper-arid region through participatory nursery network and improved Khejri fruit production
21	Dr Ashok Yadav	ICAR-Central Agroforestry Research Institute	Sustainable Fruit Forest Models for Nutrition Security and Livelihood Enhancement through Underutilized Fruits in the Bundelkhand Region
22	Adhappan	Rural Organisation for Social Education (ROSE)	Cultivating Nutrition Equity: Sustainable Fruit Access for Low-Income Households
23	Nimisha Sharma	ICAR -Indian Agricultural Research Institute	Characterization and Evaluation of Citrus Genotypes for Nutrition-rich and Zero-waste Utilization
24	Dr M. Mathiyazagan	Nagaland University	Nutritional Profiling, Mass Multiplication, and Promotion of Scientific Cultivation of Indigenous Wild Edible Fruits in Nagaland for Nutritional Security and Sustainable Income Generation for Farmers.
25	Dr Senpon Ngomle	Central Agricultural University, College of Agriculture, Pasighat	Investigating the potential of gingerol based nano emulsion to control postharvest diseases in Apple.
26	Dr Sneh Sharma	Dr YS Parmar university of Horticulture and Forestry	A value-chain framework for sustainable agriculture: Development of antioxidant-rich strawberry varieties through plant tissue culture
27	Dr V. Arivudai Nambi	The Covenant Centre for Development (CCD)	Promoting Cultivation and Consumption of Indigenous Fruit Trees on Field Bunds and Boundaries of Rainfed Farms in Virudhunagar District, Tamil Nadu for Enhancing Nutrition and Climate Resilience.
28	Dr Amit Kumar	Council of Scientific & Industrial Research	Harnessing dragon fruit potential through its cultivation and metabolomics profiling in the Mid hills of Western Himalaya
29	Dr Narendra Singh	ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute	Nutritional potential of wild fruits from tribal region of Eastern India: pathways for dietary diversification, livelihood security, and promoting healthy consumption
30	Dr Vikas Chandra	Bihar Agricultural University	Identification of suitable fruit crops for year-round nutrition through Nutri-garden in Bihar
31	Dr Shirisha Junuthula	Centre for Sustainable Agriculture (CSA)	Roots of Resilience: Community Nutri-Gardens and Fruit Forests for a Nourished Telangana
32	Pallavi Gill	Aga Khan Foundation	Community-led locally adapted fruit nutri-gardens in Anganwadi Centres and Schools, in the aspirational district of Bahraich (Uttar Pradesh)
33	Gaurav Mishra	Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education	Agroecological Intensification of Apple Orchards for Livelihood Security and Climate Resilience in Harshil Valley of Uttarakhand

34	Sheikh M. Sultan	ICAR-NBPGR	Evaluation of nutritional profiles and sensory attributes in the underutilized small fruit species of blackberries and raspberries growing in Kashmir, India
35	Dr Debashis Mandal	Mizoram, University (MZU)	Community based eco-farming of Khasi mandarin (Citrus reticulata Blanco) involving growth promoting Rhizo bacteria and in situ participatory composting for crop nutritional sufficiency and economic sustainability of marginal tribal farmers in NEH Region
36	Kishan Lal Kumawat	ICAR-Central Institute of Arid Horticulture	Clonal propagation, nutritional profiling and value addition of climate-resilient native fruit species for sustainable horticulture in arid region
37	L R Lakshmikanta Panda	Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education	Documentation, Cultivation and Post-Harvest Processing of Selected Wild Edible Fruit Species in the Terai Region of India
38	Dr D. Kalaivanan	ICAR-Indian Horticulture Research Institute	Community-Driven Soilless Fruit Cultivation Models for Improving Nutritional Security of Landless and Marginalized Communities
39	Dr Muralidhara BM	ICAR-Indian Institute of Horticulture Research	Harnessing Wild Edible Fruit Diversity of Western Ghats of India for Nutritional Security, Sustainable Livelihoods and Conservation
40	Sangeeta Tripathi	Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education	Nutritional Profiling, Product Development and Capacity Building through Wild Edible Fruits for Improved Tribal Livelihood in Rajasthan and Gujarat
41	Dhananjay Kumar	Manav Vikas Sansthan	Horticultural Resilience and Nutritional Upliftment through HRMN-99
42	Dr Nripendra Vikram Singh	ICAR- Indian Agriculture Research Institute	Cultivating/conserving local pomegranate varieties/genotypes promote biodiversity conservation on lands with minimal inputs.
43	Dr Ankita Sahu Scientist	ICAR-Central Institute for Women in Agriculture	Design of Community Mango Orchard-based Integrated Multi-Enterprise Model for Women Empowerment in Eastern India
44	Dr Hans Raj	Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education	Rehabilitation of flood affected orchards and restoration of irrigation infrastructure in Himachal Pradesh through community led approach and decentralized resource sharing mechanism
45	Dr Manisha Choudhury	Assam Agricultural University	Underutilized Wild Fruits for Nutrition Security: Profiling, Public Health Impact, and Community Access in Assam's Upper Brahmaputra Valley
46	Ravindran Chandran	Tamil Nadu Agricultural University	Commercialization of Kiwi cultivation in Kodai Hills of Tamil Nadu
47	Dr Sarath Babu Balijepalli	Dr Y S R Horticultural University	Enhancing Tribal Livelihoods through Minor Fruit Value Addition in North Coastal Andhra Pradesh and Telangana
48	Dr Gurpreet Singh	Jindal School of Government and Public Policy, O.P. Jindal Global University	Climate Resilient Citrus Cultivation in South Punjab through Community-Led, Knowledge-Driven Models
49	Prof. Ranjan Gupta	Head of Department of Basic Science, MHU	Nutritional Profiling and Behavioural Impact Study of Indigenous Wild Fruits in Karnal and adjoining regions: A Strategic Approach to Promote Jhar Ber, Pilu, and Bael through Scientific Validation
50	Shyju Machathi	Indigenous Fruit Plants Conservation Education and Research Trust	Nutritional Profiling and Diversity Assessment of Selected Indigenous Mangoes in the Western Ghats and Adjoining Regions
51	S P Yazhini	Tamil Nadu Agriculture University	Nutritional profiling of less known fruits for domestic and export markets

52	Dr Vijay Singh Meena	ICAR-Central Institute of Arid Horticulture	Mainstreaming of unexplored/ underutilized fruit species for enhanced productivity, profitability and fight malnutrition for small/ marginal farmers of in arid and semi-arid region of India
53	Sathish B N	Keladi Shivappa Nayaka University of Agricultural & Horticultural Sciences, Shivmoga	Integrative study on the biochemical and metabolomic profiling of edible wild fruits from Kodagu region of Western Ghats
54	Dr Nilesh Bhowmick	Uttar Banga Krishi Viswavidyalaya, Pundibari	Assessment of species diversity, bio-active compounds of underutilized fruit crops for nutritional security and development of fruit-based cropping system, community fruit nursery for rural empowerment in northern parts of West Bengal
55	Akhilesh Mishra	Jan Evom Krishi Vikas Sansthan;	Development of New Cultivation Methods through Community Participation to Improve Access to Nutritious Fruits for Landless and Marginalised Communities in Rural, Peri-Urban and Urban Landscapes – District Kaushambi, Uttar Pradesh
56	Kalpana Pant	Chaitanya India org	Enhancing livelihood security for the rural women in Maharashtra through sustainable agriculture and entrepreneurship development
57	Dr Mahesh Kumar Dhakar	Farming System Research Centre for Hill and Plateau Region, Ranchi under ICAR-Research Complex for Eastern Region	Characterization and Commercialisation of Traditional Farmers' Fruit Genetic Diversity in the Eastern Plateau and Hill Region
58	Dr Y. Anbu Selvam	Annamalai University	Breeding and Molecular Characterisation of Drought-Resistant and Nutrient-Rich Muskmelon (Cucumis melo L.) for Affordable and Accessible Cultivation in Tamil Nadu
59	Dr M. Thenmozhi	SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST).	Develop new cultivation methods through community participation to improve nutritious fruit access for landless and marginalised communities in rural, peri-urban and urban landscapes
60	Dr Ruby Rani	Bihar Agricultural University	To develop innovative Models to Promote Palmyra Palms (Borassus flabellifer L) and Wild Date Palm (Phoenix sylvestris Roxb) for Nutritional and Livelihood Security of Weaker Sections in Bihar, India
61	Jayant Sarnaik	Applied Environmental Research Foundation	Development of innovative products from underutilized fruit trees for nutritional security and biodiversity conservation in the Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg districts of Maharashtra, India
62	Dinesh Balam	Watershed Support Services and Activities Network - Wassan	Transforming Food Systems through Underutilized Fruits at Chitrakonda, Odisha
63	Nimbolkar Prashant Kisan	College of Horticulture and Forestry, Pasighat (Central Agricultural University)	Restoring the Nutritional Potential of Underutilized Fruits of Northeast India: Implications for Human Health and Conservation
64	Dr J. Auxcilia	Tamil Nadu Agriculture University	Linking Biodiversity to Nutrition: Leveraging Traditional and Underexploited Fruits for Small Farmer Prosperity
65	Dr Bhagyasree S N	ICAR-Indian Institute of Horticulture Research	Integration of beekeeping in underutilised fruit crops: accelerating food and nutritional security, livelihood empowerment and ecological restoration
66	Kumar Avinash Bharati	Botanical Survey of India	Promotion of *Corylus jacquemontii Decne*. through establishment of protocol for propagation, cultivation and transfer of knowledge among rural community for plantation of the species which leads to addition of nutrition and food in local diet.

67	Stutilina Pal	Self-Reliant Initiatives through Joint Action – India	Nano Orchard Models: Enabling Climate Resilience, Sustainability and Nutritional Impact
68	CHANDRANI DAS	Bharat Agroecological Fund	"Fruitful Futures: Nutrition and Sustainability through Local Fruits"
69	Arivalagan Manivannan	ICAR-Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Bengaluru, Karnataka	Harnessing Climate-Resilient Fruits for Preventive Healthcare and Nutrition Security: Nutritional Profiling and Community-Based Strategies
70	Dr U. Senthilkumar	Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment, Bangalore	Agroecological regimes on the cultivation of the fruit tree *Phyllanthus indofisheri* in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu and the scalability scales to address NTFP solutions for tribal communities
71	Anand Singh	Banda University of Agriculture and Technology,	Establishment and Promotion of a Fruit Cultivation Model for an Inspirational Village in Bundelkhand
72	Dr Hidayatullah Mir	Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu	Pomegranate cultivation for nutritional security and climate resilient livelihood in the North-western Himalayas
73	Mr. Mohan Surve	Vikas Sahyog Pratishthan and Waatavaran Foundation	Community-led Fruit Agroforestry for Nutrition Security and Climate Resilience in Maharashtra
74	Dr Umasankar Nayak	Dept. of Horticulture, Govt. of Odisha	Conservation and commercial exploitation of underutilized fruit genetic resources for enhanced food, nutrition and livelihood security of rural communities of Odisha, India
75	Sukanya Banerjee	Grameen Vikas Kendra Society for Rural Development	Community-Led Agroforestry for Climate Resilience and Nutrition Security in Indigenous & marginalized communities
76	Dr Archana Das	Native Women Food Products Foundation	Integrative Valorisation of Underutilized Wild Fruits of Southern Western Ghats for Nutraceutical Development, Sustainable Cultivation, and Community Empowerment.
77	Dr Trina Adhikary	Punjab Agricultural University	A Transformative Agroecological Model: Co-developing Dragon Fruit-Based Cropping Systems with Landless and Marginalized Communities for Enhanced Nutritional Resilience and Livelihoods
78	Palak Babel	Shambhav Trust, India	Reviving knowledge and practice of under-utilised wild edible and medicinal fruiting plants in the Thar and Aravalli ecosystems
79	Dr Anchal Srivastava	University of Lucknow	Nanomaterials driven plant health and compensation for nutrients deficiency in Khasi Mandarin
80	Ravi Gopal Singh, Ph.D.	Gramin Uthan Awam Vakalpik Vikas Samiti	Safe and sustainable mango production in central Uttar Pradesh
81	Kripa Shankar	ICAR–Indian Institute of Soil and Water Conservation	Enhancing fruit accessibility and nutrition of indigenous fruits for rural communities in Bundelkhand
82	M Kavitha	Vallabhbhai Patel Farmers Welfare Trust	Indigenous fruit crops for nutritional and sustainability of rural, peri-urban and urban livelihood
83	Dr J. Rajangam	Tamil Nadu Agricultural University	"Integrating Dragon Fruit into Indian Horticulture: A Farmer-Led Approach to Nutrition and Livelihood Security"
84	Dr T. Damodaran	ICAR-Central Institute of Sub -Tropical Horticulture	Climate-Resilient and Nutri-smart Mango Varieties based Community-Led Model for Fair Access to Fruits

85	Heiplanmi Rymbai	ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region	Development of efficient propagation techniques for cultivation and community-based conservation strategies of nutrient-rich Indigenous fruit crops of Meghalaya.
86	Dr S. Saraswathy	Tamil Nadu Agriculture University	Enhancing nutritional livelihood security and socio-economic resilience of low-Income farmers through the introduction of multifunctional underutilized fruit crop cape gooseberry (Physalis peruviana L.)
87	Dr Resmi J	Kerala Agricultural University	Empowerment of Attappady tribal communities by strengthening banana-based farming and value addition
88	C. Ravindran	Indian Pomological Society	Nutritional security for government school children
89	Dr G. Bupesh	Nagaland University	Nutritional Profiling of Underutilized Indigenous Wild Fruits (*Phoebe cooperiana, Choerospondias axillaris Roxb, and Gynocardia odorata*) of Nagaland to Enhance Nutrition Security and Promote Sustainable Consumption
90	Dr Rahul Bahulikar	BAIF Development Research Foundation	Exploration and Conservation of Wild Mango (Mangifera spp.) Genetic Resources in Maharashtra through Morphological, Chemical, and Molecular Characterization
91	Shubhendu Dwivedi	Faretrade Basket India Private Limited	Climate-resilient, community-led fruit tree systems for nutrition, income and ecological benefits — multi-district demonstration & research across 20 districts of Madhya Pradesh
92	Gaurav Mishra	Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education	Promoting the Expansion of Persimmon Cultivation in West Kamen, Arunachal Pradesh through Soil Health and Farmer Knowledge Networks
93	Dr Mohan C	Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education	Ecofriendly Integrated Pest Management Strategies for Major Wild Edible Fruit Trees of Central India
94	Dr Manjunatha, L. Senior Scientist-Plant Pathology	ICAR-Indian Institute of Horticultural Research	Green Strategies for Post-Harvest Fungal Disease Management and Quality Maintenance in future Fruit Crops (Avocado and Dragon fruit)
95	Dr Nidheesh T D	ICFRE-Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur	Assessment of Insect Pest Tolerance in Underutilized Fruit Trees of Forest-Fringe Areas and Development of IPM Strategies
96	Rekha R Warrier	Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education	Forests of the Future: Empowering Indigenous Women through Food Forests
97	Reji Joseph	JaivOrg	High-density multilayered agroforestry (FOOD FOREST)
98	Manish Thakur	Rural Technology and Development Centre	Fruitful Hills: Research and Demonstration of Climate-Resilient Community-Led Fruit Tree Cultivation in Himalayan Agroecology's
99	Dr Mohana, G.S.	ICAR- Directorate of Cashew Research	Cashew fruit for improving the livelihood and nutritional security of low-income group farmers in Orissa, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala
100	Sadashiv D Nimbalkar	BAIF Development Research Foundation	Ex Situ Conservation and Comparative Assessment of Morphological and Nutritional Traits in Local Germplasm of Custard Apple (Annona squamosa L.) for Nutritional Security and Sustainable Livelihoods of Low-Income Households, Maharashtra, India.

101	Dr Dinesha	University of Agriculture Sciences, Hassan	Standardization of planting geometry and sustainable agronomic practices for improved production and marketability of Jackfruit and Avocado as climate-resilient future crops.
102	Uday Kumar Choudhary	Abhivyakti Foundation	Empowering Rural and Tribal Communities through Value Addition of Mahua and Jackfruit in Jharkhand.
103	Ganesh Bedare	BAIF Development Research Foundation	Testing different farming practices of fruit production aiming farm sustainability and environmental well being
104	N. Lyngdoh,	Mizoram University, Aizawl	Strengthening the Role of Community Forests for improved nutrition, livelihood options and ecological services in Khasi and Jaintia hills of Meghalaya
105	Dr P. Balasubramania n	ICAR-All India Coordinated Research Project on Arid Zone Fruits	Studies on Arid Zone fruit crops climate resilient Technology for year-round fruit production of Arid Zone fruit crops in Virudhunagar district of Tamil Nadu, India
106	Dr Akhilesh Kumar Srivastava	Banda University of Agriculture & Technology,	Increased availability of bio-diverse fruits among poor and rural people for better household nutritional security, Livelihood, and Sustainable Land Management
107	Prof. Pallab Datta	Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya	Year-round production of organic fruits in the homestead kitchen garden for nutritional security and socio-economic upliftment of rural women
108	Deendayal Research Institute	Deendayal Research Institute, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Chitrakoot, UP	Fruit based Multistoried Cropping System for Ensuring Nutritional and Livelihood Security to Small Landholders of Chitrakoot district Bundelkhand region
109	Ajit Kumar Maurya (Scientist-B)	ICFRE – Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur	Optimization and standardisation of preservation method of the Wild fruits.
110	Mr. Sagar Kadao-Sr. Thematic Program Executive	BAIF Development Research Foundation	Enhancing Nutritional Security through the Promotion of Drought-Tolerant Fruit Trees in the Desert Areas of Barmer Block, Rajasthan
111	Dr Hari Om Saxena	ICFRE – Tropical Forest Research Institute	Promoting nutritional security through Cultivation of Chironji, Tamarind, and Wood Apple in Forest Fringe Areas
112	Dr T. Selvamuthukum aran	Annamalai University	EcoNano-Sponge: A Nanoporous Plant Essential Oil Delivery System for Integrated Eco-Management of Major Mango Pests under Climate-Smart Orchard Systems
113	Dr I. Muthuvel	Tamil Nadu Agricultural University	Integrating Biotechnology with Community-Based Banana Fiber and Pseudostem Biorefineries for Circular Bioeconomy Development
114	Dr N. Manikanda Boopathi	Tamil Nadu Agricultural University	Rapid and Precise Detection of Male and Female Plants in Papaya Using Molecular Markers at Nursery Level for Enhancing Resource Efficiency and Productivity
115	Dr N. Manikanda Boopathi	Tamil Nadu Agricultural University	Molecular Screening and Rootstock Selection for Salt and Drought Tolerance in Guava and Citrus under Tamil Nadu Agroclimates
116	Dr S. Nakkeeran	Tamil Nadu Agricultural University	Exploring the commercial potential of multifaceted Bacillus velezensis VB7 for the management of Fusarium wilt and nematode complex of banana and guava
117	Dr P.S. Kavitha	Tamil Nadu Agricultural University	Multifaceted Assessment of Blueberry (Vaccinium spp.) Genetic Resources for yield and quality under Organic Production, Nutraceutical Enhancement, Climate Adaptability and Empowerment of Tribal Farming Communities

118	Dr Marimuthu S	Tamil Nadu Agricultural University	HexFresh: Extending freshness from the farm to Table with Hexanal Technology
119	Dr K. Manmonia	Tamil Nadu Agricultural University	Precision Microneedle Screening System for Producing and Maintaining HLB-Free Citrus Rootstock Nurseries
120	Dr Narender Negi	ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources	Kiwifruit as a Catalyst for Crop Diversification and Nutrition in the Himalayan Mid-Hills under Climate Change
121	Dr Desha Meena	ICFRE-Arid Forest Research Institute, Jodhpur	DNA Barcoding, Biochemical Profiling and Bioprospecting of Underutilized Fruit Species of Rajasthan and Gujarat
122	Dr B.L. Manjunath	ICAR-Indian Institute of Horticultural Research	Development of model fruit-based homestead organic orchard for sustainable nutrition and profitability
123	Nikhil Verma	ICFRE-Tropical Forest Research Institute	Selection of superior genotypes of Aegle marmelos (Bael) (Linn.) correa, and propagation & supply of QPM for livelihood Security
124	Dr Divya Prakash	ICFRE-Tropical Forest Research Institute	Evaluation and Selection of Superior Tendu Trees for Nutritional Quality and Fruit Yield
125	Dheeraj Thakural	ICAR- Central Arid Zone Research Institute	Improving Rural Livelihoods through collection, domestication and establishment of Indigenous Fruit Trees in arid zone
126	P. Mareeswari	Tamil Nadu Agricultural University	Developing endophyte as biocapsule for management of fruit rot disease in Manila tamarind
127	Mr. Arbind Kumar Sai	The College of Horticulture & Research Station, Kotba	Demonstration of progressive jackfruit cultivation
128	Dr Indira Singh	Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS)	Enhancement of Growth, Yield and Quality of Guava (Psidium guajava) and Papaya (Carica papaya) using Rhizosphere Microbial Consortia for Improved Nutritional Attributes.
129	Mohana Kumara Patel	University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot	Enhancing nutritional security by ensuring the availability, accessibility, and affordability of cultivation of underutilized fruit crops to combat anaemia and promote bone health in women."
130	Gopal Krishna	e-PAHEL	Innovative and Community-Based Approaches for Fruit Tree Cultivation to Enhance Nutrition and Livelihoods in Limited Land Households of Prayagraj (UP)
131	Dr Rajeev Kumar Narolia	Sri Karan Narendra Agriculture University	Fruitful Lands India: Promotion of Growing Fruit Trees for Efficient Land Use, Food Security, Nutrition and Value Addition
132	Dr Virendra Kumar Patel	Institute of Horticulture Technology	Community-Based Multiplication and Promotion of Indigenous Nutritious Fruit Trees in the Northeast through Innovative Land Utilization and Capacity Building
133	Vishal Singh	Centre for Ecology Development and Research	What leads to the adoption and success of fruit tree plantations by women self-help groups in North India?
134	Jagannath Kumar	PRAVAH	Community-Based Fruit Tree Cultivation on Wastelands and Field Bunds for Nutritional and Ecological Security in Sonaraithari Block, Deoghar, Jharkhand
135	Dr Luna Panda	Pragati, Koraput	Pathways to “Eco-Nutrition” and Climate Resilient Livelihood for Small and Marginal Farmers

136	Prof. Mohammad Feza Ahmad	Bihar Agricultural University	Harnessing Fruit Biodiversity for Enhanced Accessibility, Affordability, Nutritional Security, and Innovative Cultivation Models for Inclusive Growth
137	Dr Siddhartha Singh	College of Horticulture and Forestry, Pasighat, Central Agricultural University	Transcriptome-wide Analysis of Pathogenesis-Related (PR) Protein Genes from Arunachal Mandarin (Citrus reticulata) for Understanding Its Role in Huanglongbing (HLB) Disease Resistance
138	Om Prakash Sharma	Gram Chetna Kendra	Unconventional Modes of Growing Fruit Tress that Makes Efficient use of Land Planting on Wasteland, Field Bunds, Community Land
139	Dr Siddhartha Singh	College of Horticulture and Forestry, Pasighat, Central Agricultural University	From Forest to Food Security: Valorising Underexplored Wild Fruits of Arunachal Pradesh
140	Dr P. Karthika	Periyar University	Community-Driven Fruit Value Addition Models for Nutrition Security in Low-Income Families
141	Dr Yamuna Pandey	Central Agricultural University (CAU), Imphal	Collection, Conservation and morpho-phenological Characterization of Avocado germplasms found in Sikkim.
142	Dr Shalini Pilania	Maharana Pratap Horticultural University	Exaltation of quality planting material production of nutritious and climate resilient varieties of Fig, bael, karonda, Jamun, phalsa, prickly pear, mulberry and carambola
143	Grey 2 Green Foundation	Grey2Greens Foundation	Development of “Model Fruit Farm” for sustainable livelihood through Innovative Fruit Cultivation”
144	Dr Kakoli Mitra	Śramani Institute	Chhattisgarh Phalad Pañchabhūmi (CPPB)
145	Dr Kakoli Mitra	Śramani Institute	Rajasthan Phalad Pañchabhūmi (RPPB)
146	Mr. Birendra Tigga	College of Horticulture and Research Station Sitapur	Commercial cultivation of strawberry (Winter dawn) for sustainable income generation under agro-climatic condition of mainpat district surguja (C.G.)
147	Mr. Birendra Tigga	College of Horticulture and Research Station Sitapur	Utilization of wasteland of Mainpat through peach cultivation
148	Dr K. Prakash	SRM College of Agricultural Sciences (SRM Institute of Science and Technology)	Unconventional Modes of Growing Fruit Trees for Efficient Land Use and Year-Round Fruit Production in Chengalpattu
149	Dr Shivani Khokhra	Maharana Pratap Horticultural University	Development of a Dual-Action “Push–Pull” System Using Plant-Based Repellents for Eco-Friendly Management of Guava Fruit Fly in Haryana
150	Smt. Sangeeta Tripathi	ICFRE-Arid Forest Research Institute	Standardization of Harvesting Protocols, Post-Harvest Practices and Capacity Building through cultivated and wild edible fruits in Rajasthan and Gujarat
151	Akila R	Regional Research Station of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) at Aruppukottai	Screening Mango Cultivars for Pest and Disease Tolerance and Developing Sustainable Management Approaches for major pests and diseases in Virudhunagar District
152	Basanta Kumar Nayak	Center for Youth and Social Development (CYSD)	Unlocking Nutritional Power in Affordable Fruits
153	Dr Prabhu Govindasamy	ICAR-National Research Centre for Banana	Sustainable Year-Round Fruit Production and Livelihoods: An Innovative Tropical Orchard Model
154	Dr P. Renukadevi	Tamil Nadu Agricultural University	Developing diagnostics for the mixed virus infections in papaya and their management through microbiome and biomolecules

155	Dhanasekaran Dhanraj	Tamil Nadu Agricultural University	Empowering Tribal Communities in Jawadhu Hills through enhanced cultivation, processing and value addition of Custard apple (Annona squamosa) for sustainable livelihood enhancement
156	Dr Neetu Sharma	Gramin Vikas Vigyan Samiti (GRAVIS)	Enhancing Nutrition through Women led Horticulture in Thar (ENWH)
157	Dr V. Rajanbabu	Tamil Nadu Agricultural University	Oxygen Park development and eco-nutritional utilization of peri urban land using traditional and underutilized Kadamba Fruit Tree (Neolamarckia cadamba)
158	Prof. Naveen Kumar Navani	Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee	Development of Indigenous Symbiotic functional Citrus Beverage from Western Himalayan Regions for Gut Health and Immunity
159	Milind Bunyan	Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE)	Pomology, Precarity, and Prospects: Strengthening Biodiversity and PVTG Diets in the Nilgiris
160	Dr Vijay	Maharana Pratap Horticultural University, Karnal, Haryana	Standardization of Rooftop Strawberry Cultivation Practices for Resource-Efficient and Sustainable Urban Horticulture
161	Nabasmita Malakar	Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment e	Domestication and agro-forestry practices of wild avocadoes for dietary benefits and sustainable livelihoods in the Eastern Himalaya
162	Dr S Sujatha	ICAR-Indian Institute of Horticultural Research	On-farm assessment of small holder fruit production systems for climate resilience, self-sustainability and value addition
163	Dr E.D Israel Oliver King	M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation	Research for Fruiting Nutrition in Tribal India
164	Dr Shiwani Bhatnagar	ICFRE-Arid Forest Research Institute, Jodhpur	Desert Nectar: Exploring the Potential for Honey Production from Nectar-Yielding Desert Fruit Trees for Enhanced Livelihoods in Rajasthan
165	Dr Balamurali G S	Atria University	Managing Insect Pollinator Biodiversity by Establishing Pollinator Corridors to Improve Yield in a Multi-layered Fruit Forest.
166	Rajasekaran. R	SRM College of Agricultural Sciences (SRM Institute of Science and Technology)	Enhancing Agro-Biodiversity and Sustainable Rural Livelihoods through Fruit Tree Diversification, Policy Incentives, and Value Chain Innovation
167	Rajeshwar Singh Chandel	Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry	Agroecology for Nutrition and Resilience: Scaling Natural Farming for Sustainable Fruit Production
168	Dr Prashant Kisan Nimbolkar	Central Agricultural University Imphal	Project NEST for NEHR: Nurturing Ecological Sustainability and Tribal Livelihoods through Innovative and Climate-Smart Fruit Tree Systems in NEHR of India
169	Renuka R	Tamil Nadu Agricultural University	Nutri-Rich Banana Max: Exploiting seeded banana for maximizing nutrients in food products
170	Dr Deepak Mehta	Amity University, Noida	Eco-Innovations in Mango Value Chains: Community-Driven Strategies for Whole Fruit Utilization, Resource Efficiency, and Circular Economy Development
171	Dr Linta Vincent	ICAR- Indian Institute of Horticultural Research	Pre-Breeding Strategies for durable resistance to wilt Complex in pomegranate
172	Dr S. M. Lokhande	College of Horticulture and Forestry, CAU, Pasighat	Development of Freeze-Dried Value-Added Products from Arunachal Orange, Pineapple, and Kiwi for Community-Led Nutrition Security and Livelihood Enhancement in Border Districts of Arunachal Pradesh

173	Dr Nanaya K. M	Department of Forest Biology and Tree Improvement, College of Forestry, Ponnampet	Edible Fruits in Coffee Agroforestry (eFICA)
174	Dr G Karunakaran	ICAR- Indian Institute of Horticultural Research	Climate – Smart Fruit Farming through Crop Diversification
175	Dharshni A	Horticultural College and Research Institute, Periyakulam	Enhancing Fruit Accessibility and Nutrition Equity through Sustainable Rooftop Orchards for Low-Income Urban Households
176	G Krishna Prasad	Sahaja Samrudha	Popularisation of Potential Fruit Crops through Value Addition and Community-Based Supply Chains
177	Dr Deepika V	SRM College of Agricultural Sciences (SRM Institute of Science and Technology)	High density fruit tree model for sustainable land use on forest fringes of Chengalpattu region
178	Dr Backiyarani Suthanthiram	ICAR-National Research Centre for Banana	Unveiling Hidden Nutrition: Mining of Banana Germplasm for High Carotenoid Content and Bioavailability
179	Dr Rathod	ICFRE- Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur	“Forest Tree Fruits for Future: A Dual Approach to Nutrition and Climate Mitigation through Nutritional Phalvatika”
180	Dr Pooja Bohra	ICAR- Central Island Agricultural Research Institute, Sri Vijaya Puram	Promoting Fruit Cultivation in Andaman & Nicobar Islands for Ecological Sustainability and Economic Prosperity
181	Dr S. Suresh Kumar	Kerala Agricultural University	Enhancing indigenous banana varieties through male bud culture: a pathway to productivity, nutrition and tribal prosperity.
182	Society for Nature, Education and Health (SNEH)	Society for Nature, Education and Health (SNEH)	From Waste to Wellness: Eco-WADI Model for Year-Round Fruits and Water Reuse in Tribal Girls' Schools
183	Dr Rakesh Bhardwaj	ICAR-Indian Institute of Horticultural Research	Mapping Native Fruit Nutritional Biodiversity for Nutritional and Food Security and Sustainable Livelihoods in India’s Diverse Agro-Climatic Regions
184	Dr Nongthombam Devachandra	College of Horticulture and Forestry, Department of Fruit Science, Pasighat	Promoting locally adapted underutilized fruits through standardization of propagation techniques and assessing edibility as well as palatability of their different parts
185	Dr Omveer Singh	G. B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology	Developing a community-based innovative model for the cultivation of locally adapted climate-resilient fruit crops and their processing in the Hill districts of Uttarakhand