



National Symposium on the Confluence of Food, Biotechnology, and Automation for Farmers and Entrepreneurs (FABCON-2026)

16th -17th March, 2026

Time: 09:30 AM onwards; Venue: BKB Seminar Hall, CITK



About CIT Kokrajhar

The Central Institute of Technology, Kokrajhar (CITK), is a premier technical institute in Assam, dedicated to promote quality education, research, and development in engineering and technology disciplines. The Department of Food Engineering & Technology (FET) offers Diploma, B.Tech., M. Tech. and PhD programmes, combining strong theoretical foundations with hands on laboratory work, field exposure, and industry projects. The department emphasizes addressing regional food processing challenges such as, high post-harvest losses and limited processing infrastructure while fostering innovation, sustainability, and value-addition. Facilities include well equipped labs for food chemistry, food product development, food microbiology, packaging, process engineering, etc., enabling students to develop skills to serve both local communities and the broader food sector.

About the Programme

The **National Symposium on Confluence of Food, Biotechnology, and Automation for Farmers and Entrepreneurs** aims to bring together researchers, academicians, students, industry experts and policy makers to explore challenges and innovations in food engineering, food security, processing, preservation and sustainability. Over two days, the Symposium will

feature keynote speeches, thematic talks, poster presentation, networking opportunities, and cultural programmes. It is an endeavour to foster multidisciplinary collaboration toward more sustainable and resilient food systems, especially in the North-Eastern region.

Objectives of the Programme

1. To promote interdisciplinary research activities among academicians, industry experts, researchers, policymakers, and students on emerging trends in food engineering, biotechnology, and automation.
2. To address challenges in food security and sustainability, with special emphasis on processing, preservation, value addition, and resilient food systems in the North-Eastern region.
3. To showcase innovative technologies and research outcomes that support farmers and entrepreneurs through improved food production, post-harvest management, and automation solutions.
4. To create a collaborative platform for knowledge exchange and networking, encouraging partnerships between academia, industry, and government agencies.
5. To encourage young researchers and students to present their work through poster presentations and thematic discussions, fostering capacity building and entrepreneurial thinking in the food sector.

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Symposium Theme

- Sustainable food processing, preservation and packaging technologies
- Biotechnology interventions for food and nutritional security
- Emerging trends in materials, food and agriculture engineering
- Automation, smart agriculture, and industry 4.0 in food systems
- Chemical innovations and analytical approaches in food systems
- Entrepreneurship development and start-up ecosystem in the food sector
- Resilient and sustainable food systems in the North-eastern region

Call for Abstracts - Poster Presentation (FABCON-2026)

Abstracts are invited for poster presentations at FABCON-2026, the National Symposium on the Confluence of Food, Biotechnology, and Automation for Farmers and Entrepreneurs. Researchers, academicians, students, industry professionals, and entrepreneurs interested in presenting their work are requested to submit their abstracts through the submission link provided below. The themes listed under the thematic areas indicate the broad research domains for poster preparation. **The top three poster presentations will be recognized with awards and certificates.**

Link and QR code for abstract submission and registration:

<https://forms.gle/rHrXakLP2mjBiSeg8>



Registration Charges: Nil

Poster Presentation Guidelines

- **Size:** (3 ft × 4 ft), portrait orientation.
- **Format:** High-resolution PDF (print-ready); bring printed posters on-site
- **Board Setup:** Boards and pins provided

Important Dates

Last date of abstract submission: **10th March, 2026**

Intimation of Acceptance: **11th March, 2026**

Last date for registration: **13th March, 2026**

Networking Opportunities

- Lunch sessions on both days and tea breaks will provide informal networking opportunities for participants, faculty, students, and industry professionals to interact and share ideas.

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