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## SUBJECT : 84<sup>TH</sup> STAI ANNUAL CONVENTION AND INTERNATIONAL SUGAR EXPO 2026 – CALL FOR RESEARCH PAPERS

Dear Member,

1. **The 84th Annual Convention of The Sugar Technologists' Association of India (STAI)** is scheduled to be held in the month of September 2026. The exact date, venue shall be communicated in due course.
2. STAI invites quality research papers of scientific, technological or economic nature as per the appended guidelines, for the following Technical Sessions :
  - a. Sugarcane Agriculture
  - b. Factory Processing
  - c. Factory Engineering (equipment design, automation, energy efficiency and conservation)
  - d. Co-Products (distillery, fuel ethanol, Bio-CNG, environment and management)

**Papers should be based on original data, analysis and concept on Agricultural Research, Innovation or Case Study.**

3. Papers accepted and presented during the convention will be considered for following awards:
  - a. Papers related to Innovation in the area of Energy Efficiency and Conservation under Section 2(c) will be considered for the award of **Dr. Bansi Dhar Gold Medal** (only for STAI Members).
  - b. Remaining papers under section 2(c) and all the papers under section 2(a), 2(b) and 2(d) will be considered for the following awards:
    1. **Noel Deerr Gold Medals** (only for STAI Members) : One for each Section
    2. **STAI Silver Medals** (for both members & non members) : One for each Section
4. Presentation of papers will be accepted for the following four sessions:
  - a. Sugarcane Agriculture, b. Co-Products, c. Factory Engineering, d. Factory Processing.

5. **Only Soft Copy of the Manuscript in MS WORD version should be submitted. The Manuscript should not exceed 3000 words and contain the Title of the paper, Authors' name & affiliation, e-mail id of the corresponding author, Abstract, Keywords, Main text (Introduction, Material & Methods, Results, Discussion), Conclusion, Acknowledgement and References strictly as per format of STAI Proceedings.**

**Relevant pictures/figures/diagrams should be clear & in readable high-resolution .jpeg format. Tables, figures/diagram and pictures should be properly numbered and mentioned in text. The references should be strictly arranged as per style format of STAI Proceeding.**

6. **The Manuscript along with the 'certificate of originality'** as per attached format should be submitted latest by 30th May 2026 to STAI's email id: [office@staionline.org](mailto:office@staionline.org)

We thank you for your consideration and look forward to your participation.

Yours faithfully,

**Dr. GOVIND P. RAO**  
Hon. Editor, ICAR - Emeritus Scientist

**‘CERTIFICATE OF ORIGINALITY’ BY THE AUTHOR(S)**

Title of the Paper .....  
(To be filled by the author) submitted to STAI for the 84<sup>th</sup> STAI ANNUAL CONVENTION AND INTERNATIONAL SUGAR EXPO-2026.

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1. The paper has not been published previously, is not presently being considered for publication elsewhere and that all necessary permission has been obtained by me/us to disclose the content of the paper;
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3. The paper does not contain any subject matter that contravenes any laws (including any defamatory material and misleading and deceptive material). STAI will not accept liability for such statements;
4. The paper meets ethical standards applicable to the research discipline;
5. All author(s) have read the paper and have agreed for its publication.
6. All author(s) have stated that there is no conflict of interest.

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Author(s) Signature..... Date.....



## GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING MANUSCRIPT OF RESEARCH PAPERS FOR STAI PROCEEDINGS-2026

<b>Format</b>	Please submit your ms in MS Word format only. The fonts and line spacing to be used as under: Font type Arial; Font size 12; Line spacing 2 (double).
<b>Article Length</b>	The articles/papers should not exceed 3000 words (excluding abstract). Please include only necessary tables, figures, graphs and photographs which are extremely important in support of the results.
<b>Article Title</b>	The title of the paper should be brief and informative, in capital letters not underlined.
<b>Article Page</b>	Except the first page, numbering of all pages should be done on the bottom right hand corner.
<b>Author Detail</b>	<p>The authors' name and affiliation should be mentioned along with the e-mail id of the corresponding author. In the case of multiple authors from different institutions, the name of each author should be marked with a superscript number beginning with 1. The affiliation corresponding to each author should also be marked with the same superscript number. <b>Professional title and designation of the author should not be mentioned. Please provide complete corresponding address of all the authors along with e mail of Corresponding author.</b></p> <p>Authors must have made a significant contribution to the objective of the paper. Persons who only offered advice assisted with the experimental programme and/or directed the work should only be mentioned in the Acknowledgement Section.</p>
<b>Abstract</b>	Abstract should mainly focus on major objectives, novelty, major findings and future scope of study. The length of abstract should not exceed 250 to 300 words. Acronyms and abbreviations should be avoided as far as possible.
<b>Keywords</b>	Immediately following the abstract, authors should write "Keywords: ....." and include at the most 5-6 keywords indicating the contents of the articles. Keywords should not be repeated from the title.
<b>Introduction</b>	The introduction should provide a clear statement of the problem, the relevant literature on the subject, and the proposed approach or solution. Please do not use too much old literature except the original ones. Avoid tables and figures in the Introduction section.
<b>Materials and Methods</b>	This section should be complete enough to understand the set up of experiments alongwith location. Only true new procedures should be described in brief other wise only mention the methods followed with reference. If there is any modification of earlier published protocols, it should be described briefly. Only use subheading in section, if necessary. Overall the M & M section should be elaborated in detail.
<b>Results</b>	Results section should be presented with clarity and precision. The results should be written in past tense when describing findings. Results should be explained, but without referring to any literature and should be based on present study data.
<b>Discussion</b>	The Discussion should interpret the findings in view of the results obtained in the study and in similar studies conducted earlier with references.
<b>Conclusion</b>	State the conclusion in a few sentences at the end of ms. The Results and Discussion sections can be combined.
<b>Acknowledgements</b>	Acknowledgements should not be more than 50 words.
<b>Article Classification/ Section</b>	<p>The paper meant for publication in the proceedings should deal with scientific management or technical subject relating to any of the aspects of the sugar industry as mentioned below :</p> <p><b>The paper should be categorized under any one of the following 4 Sections:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Sugarcane Agriculture Section</b> : Authors shall contribute papers on crop production, crop improvement, crop protection, biotechnology, bio-fertilizer, pest control, genetics and breeding new released varieties with multiple ability and resistant to pests &amp; diseases and abiotic stress, water management, mechanization etc.</li> </ol>

	<p><b>2. Factory Processing Section :</b> The factory processing papers should focus on research work to develop new technologies for the manufacture of cost effective and high quality raw, plantation white and refined sugar for use in domestic and international markets.</p> <p><b>3. Factory Engineering Section :</b> The factory engineering papers should focus on innovations in the area of equipment design, automation and maintenance for sugar and co-generation plants with emphasis on improvement of productivity, efficiencies and economics of operation.</p> <p>Papers on Innovation in area of Energy Efficiency and Conservation may emphasize on the measures for effective utilization and conservation of energy.</p> <p><b>4. Co-products Section :</b> The co-products papers should focus on distillery, fuel-ethanol, green energy, bio-CNG, environment protection, pollution control, waste management, conservation of ecosystem, valorization, biomass utilization and other relevant co-products.</p> <p>Authors submitting papers on Management may focus on aspects of strategic &amp; modern management techniques, management information systems, financial management, human resource management, marketing and supply chain management etc.</p>
<b>Headings</b>	The headings should be presented in bold format and subsequent sub-headings to be presented in medium italics. Only one space should be inserted between the heading and the text.
<b>Figures/ Drawings</b>	Figures and diagrams should be self-explanatory, in clear and readable format with proper and clear labelling. A description of the symbols used in the figures should be described out in full. Authors must convert figures and diagrams into Microsoft Excel or Microsoft Power Point <b>Photographs/ drawings should be supplied in high resolution .jpeg format.</b> Figures should be numbered consecutively, e.g., Figure 1, Figure 2, followed by a brief explanatory legend.
<b>Tables</b>	Tables must be submitted separately on individual sheets with proper numbering e.g. Table 1, Table 2, with a suitable heading on top of each table. All tables should be clearly mentioned in the text of the ms in lower case letter except for the initial letter of the first word and proper nouns.
<b>Equations</b>	Simple equations (i.e. one-line equations with subscripts and superscripts) should be typed directly into the text. Others should be rendered in Microsoft Equation Editor.
<b>References</b>	References must be in Harvard style and carefully checked for completeness, accuracy and consistency. References to literature are given in the text as (Adams, 2006) for the first author's name or (Adams and Brown, 2006) citing both the two, or (Adams <i>et al.</i> , 2006), when there are three or more authors. Please see the sample PDF attached for the reference style.  Unpublished data and verbal communications should not appear in the reference list but should appear in brackets in the text, e.g. (personal communication) or (unpublished data).
<b>Certificate of Originality</b>	Authors are required to provide a ' <b>Certificate of Originality</b> ' in the attached format. In the absence of this certificate, the papers are liable to be rejected.
<b>Copyright</b>	Paper submitted and accepted for publication in the proceedings shall be deemed to be the copyright of the association and shall not be reproduced without the written permission of the STAI.
<b>Communi-cation</b>	All research papers should be submitted only in MS WORD format along with the 'CERTIFICATE OF ORIGINALITY' as per attached format. The last date of submission is 30th May, 2026. Please submit your ms to STAI's email id: office@staionline.org,  Send all correspondence, concerning papers to: <b>Mr. Amit Khatter, Secretary General</b> The Sugar Technologists' Association of India Plot No. 15, 301, Aggarwal Plaza, Okhla Phase - I New Delhi-110020 Email id: office@staionline.org
<b>General</b>	Papers not found in accordance with the instructions or received after the due date will not be considered. The suitability of the paper will be judged by a panel of expert reviewers whose decisions will be final. Papers should only be contributed in English and will published in STAI Proceedings with doi numbers.