

International Seminar
on
**Transforming Farming Practices through Entrepreneurship,
Startup and Gender Mainstreaming**
(TRANSFARM 2027)

Innovation | Enterprise | Sustainability | Inclusion

International dialogue across agriculture and allied sectors

20 – 22 JANUARY, 2027

Venue :
Science City, J.B.S. Haldane Avenue, Kolkata - 700046



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Invitation & Institutional Profile

A multidisciplinary platform for innovation-led and inclusive farming



It gives me immense pleasure to invite you to TRANSFARM 2027, to be held during 20–22 January 2027 at Science City, Kolkata.

The seminar will unite scientists, academicians, policymakers, extension professionals, entrepreneurs, research scholars, start up, industry representatives, farmers and students. It will emphasize entrepreneurship, gender mainstreaming, climate resilience, digital technologies, value addition and inclusive rural development.

One of the major highlights will be the Expert Panel Discussion on “**Vision 2047: Transforming Agriculture and Allied Sectors for a Sustainable, Technology-driven and Inclusive Future**” where distinguished experts will deliberate on future priorities and develop a forward-looking roadmap for agricultural transformation.

The seminar will also feature keynote lectures, thematic technical sessions, oral and poster presentations, and innovation and start up showcases. I warmly invite you to participate, share your expertise and contribute towards making TRANSFARM 2027 a meaningful platform for shaping the future of Indian and global farming.

Dr. Tirtha Kumar Datta

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, WBUAFS, Kolkata

WEST BENGAL UNIVERSITY OF ANIMAL AND FISHERY SCIENCES

Carrying the legacy of more than 130 years WBUAFS was established on 2 January 1995, WBUAFS is a premier State Agricultural University advancing education, research and extension in veterinary, animal, fishery and dairy sciences. Through teaching, innovation and farmer-centred outreach, it promotes animal health, aquaculture, food safety, climate resilience, technology transfer, entrepreneurship and sustainable livelihoods. With its headquarter located at Kolkata the university works from 3 campuses located at Belgachia, Kolkata, Mohanpur, Nadia, Chakgaria, Panchasayar, Kolkata

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AESSRA, New Delhi

- Promotes research and professional exchange in agricultural economics and rural development.
- Publishes Economic Affairs and the International Journal of Social Sciences.

NFDB, Hyderabad

- An autonomous organisation under the Department of Fisheries, Government of India.
- Promotes fisheries infrastructure, technology, capacity building, entrepreneurship and markets.

Indian Council of Agricultural Research

- Apex body coordinating agricultural research, education and extension across India.
- Advances innovation, climate resilience, entrepreneurship, food security, technology transfer, livelihoods.

SEED, Kolkata

- Promotes extension education, economics, innovation and professional collaboration.
- Supports inclusive livelihoods, technology dissemination and sustainable rural development.

Faculty of Fisheries and Protection of Waters, University of South Bohemia

The faculty's roots go back to 1921 with the founding of the Institute of Fish Culture and Hydrobiology in Prague, which moved to Vodňany in 1953. It is a leading, highly comprehensive institution in Central Europe dedicated to freshwater fisheries, aquaculture, and aquatic environmental protection.



Background

Global agriculture and allied sectors are undergoing a decisive transition. Climate variability, changing food demand, fragmented value chains, rising input costs and unequal access to technology are reshaping the way farmers, fishers and livestock keeper produce, processed food and marketing food. At the same time, digital tools, new enterprises, farmer collectives and women-led innovations are creating practical opportunities for resilient and remunerative livelihoods.

TRANSFARM 2027 is proposed as a multidisciplinary International Seminar to bring these strands together. The programme will connect researchers, educators, extension professionals, policymakers, entrepreneurs, financial institutions, development organisations and primary producers to examine scalable approaches that combine scientific knowledge with enterprise development, responsible technology and gender-responsive institutions.

Seminar Objectives

- Promote agripreneurship, aquapreneurship and rural start up
- Mainstream gender and youth in enterprise development
- Advance digital, precision and climate-smart farming
- Strengthen value addition and markets
- Build research–extension–industry partnerships
- Promote innovation driven farming through IPR, Patent and farmers

Programme Highlights

- Keynote and Invited lectures
- Multidisciplinary themes
- Oral and Poster Presentations
- Start-up and Innovation showcases
- Expert panel:Vision 2047
- Awards and professional networking

Important Dates	
Milestone	Deadline
Abstract submission opens	10 September 2026
Last date for abstracts	30 November 2026
Early-bird registration / award applications	30 November 2026
Last date for full paper	10 December 2026

Who Should Participate?

Academia & Public Institutions

- Scientists, researchers faculty, extension professionals and students
- ICAR institutes, SAUs, KVK, Universities and Govt. Departments
- Policymakers, planners and practitioners
- NABARD, NFDB, MSME, Banks and Financial institutions

Enterprise & Community

- Entrepreneurs, start up, incubators and industry
- FPOs/FPCs, SHGs and Cooperatives
- Progressive farmers, fishers, livestock farmers and women farmers
- NGOs and development agencies

Why to Participate?

TRANSFARM 2027 aims to create a vibrant platform where participants can exchange ideas, present research findings, showcase innovative technologies and start up, establish professional networks, and develop collaborative partnerships for promoting the sustainable, inclusive, and entrepreneurship-driven transformation of farming systems. Such multidisciplinary participation is essential for translating scientific innovations into practical solutions that enhance farmers' livelihoods, strengthen rural economies, promote gender-equitable agricultural development, and advance environmental sustainability.

By bringing together youth, farmers, women, researchers, entrepreneurs, and development stakeholders, **TRANSFARM 2027** supports the vision of **VIKSIT BHARAT 2047** by advancing its four core pillars—Yuva, Garib, Mahila and Kisan-through innovation, entrepreneurship, inclusive growth, and sustainable rural transformation.

Major Themes of TRANSFARM 2027

I. Agriculture, Horticulture & Forestry

Entrepreneurship and agribusiness • Agri start up and innovation ecosystems • Crop, seed and biotechnology • Plant health; soil, water and natural resources • Forestry and agroforestry enterprises • Post-harvest, value addition, FPOs and cooperatives

II. Fisheries, Aquaculture & Sustainable Blue Economy

Aquapreneurship and aquaculture innovation • Ornamental fisheries and aqua-tourism • Integrated and sustainable aquaculture • Processing, value addition and quality assurance • Supply chains and emerging fisheries enterprises • Responsible Fisheries • Aquatic environment and health management

III. Animal & Veterinary Sciences

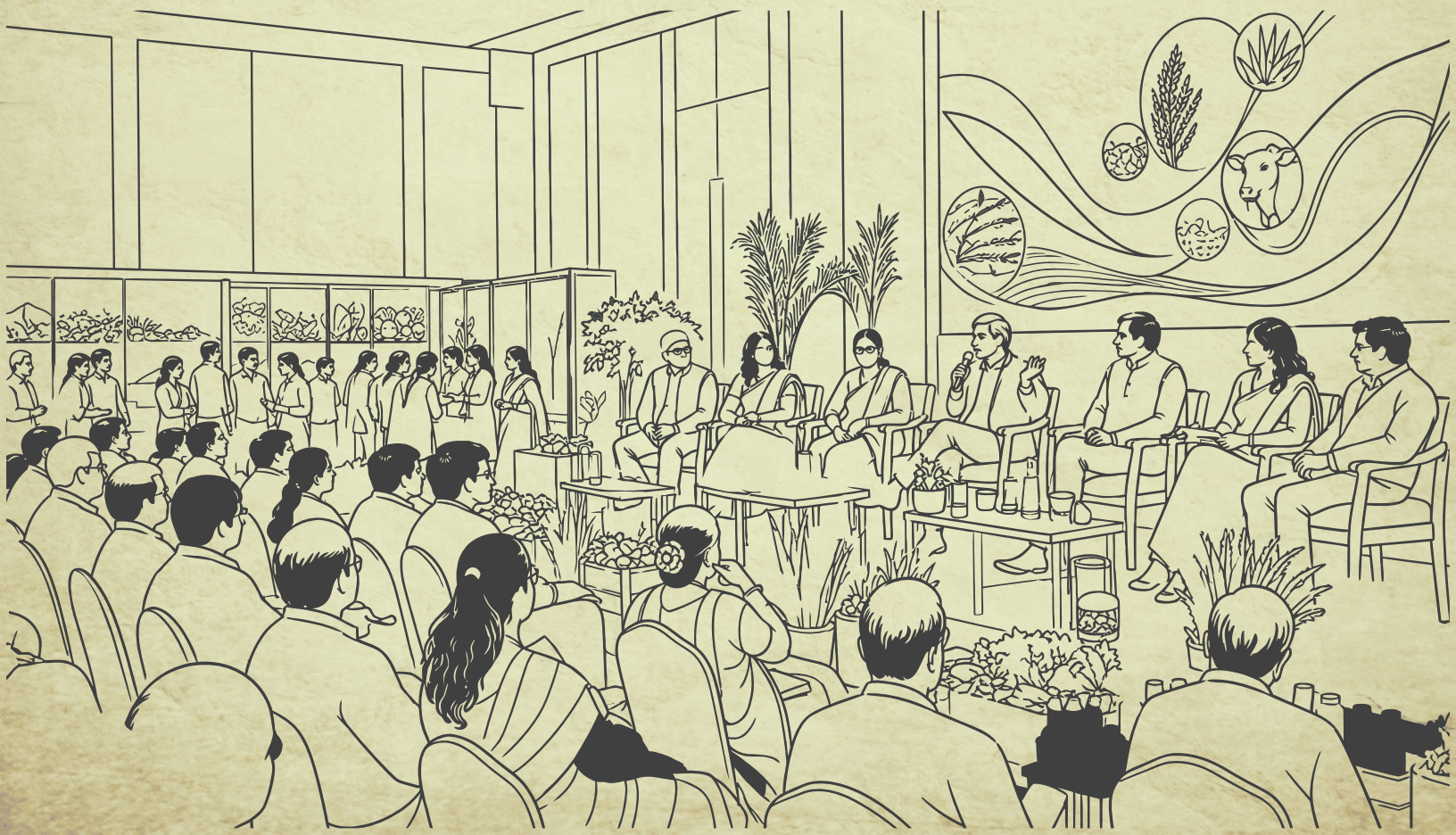
Livestock, veterinary and poultry entrepreneurship • Animal health and veterinary innovation • Smart and precision livestock technologies • Animal-product processing • Food safety, public health and producer organisations

IV. Dairy Enterprise & Quality Assurance

Dairy entrepreneurship and start up • Processing, value addition and supply chains • Food safety, standards and quality control • Climate-smart dairy enterprises • Skills, policy and future dairy industry

V. Circular Economy & Waste-to-Wealth

Circular agriculture, fisheries and livestock systems • Waste valorisation and biomass • Renewable energy enterprises • Aquatic and animal waste-to-wealth • Inclusive community circular enterprises



VI. Sustainable & Climate-smart Horizons

Resilient enterprises; green innovation; Climate smart agriculture, fisheries, aquaculture, livestock farming ; low-carbon systems; renewable energy; sustainable value chains and natural-resource management.

VII. Emerging Trends and Aqua-startups

Digital agriculture; AI and machine learning; IoT; precision farming; advisory platforms; remote sensing, GIS, drones and robotics.

VIII. Marketing, Value Chains & Agribusiness

Branding, packaging, farm-to-fork models, viability, market intelligence, processing, e-commerce, exports, social media and supply-chain digitisation.

IX. Gender Equity & Inclusive Development

Women-led enterprises; financial inclusion; gender-responsive technologies and policies; youth empowerment and skills.

X. Policy, Extension & Institutional Innovation

Advisory services; capacity building; PPPs; **Governance**; SDGs; start-up/MSME schemes; finance; Farmers' innovation, Community-based entrepreneurship models; Social entrepreneurs.

XI. Intellectual Property Rights, Institutional Innovations and Business Management

IP, Patent and GI tagging; business planning and ethics; Plant variety and protection of animal breeds; Farmers' right.

Special Session: Expert Panel on Vision 2047

The panel will develop a roadmap for resilient, sustainable, technology-driven and inclusive agriculture and allied sectors, focusing on:

- Future Indian agriculture and food systems
- Next-generation entrepreneurship and innovation
- Inclusive agriculture, dairy, fisheries and livestock development
- Gender equality, youth and the blue economy
- Net-zero, climate resilience, zero-waste systems and circular bioeconomy
- Policy recommendations and an actionable **Vision 2047** roadmap



Call for Abstracts & Presentation Guidelines

• Research • Reviews • Case studies • Policy papers • Success stories

Original, unpublished contributions are invited. Accepted abstracts will appear in proceeding. Selected full papers may be considered after peer review for an edited book and/or journal, subject to editorial policy.

Submission Guidelines

- Abstract: 250–300 words with title, objectives, methodology, major findings and 4–6 keywords.
- Include author name(s), affiliation and contact details; mark presenter in bold with a superscript asterisk (*).
- Mention the seminar theme at the top of the abstract in bold.
- Full paper: maximum 15 pages / 6,000–8,000 words, including tables, figures and references.
- Format: MS Word; Times New Roman 12 pt; 1.5 spacing; 2.5 cm margins; APA 7th edition.
- Submissions must be original, unpublished and not under consideration elsewhere.
- Email: transfarm2027@gmail.com

Poster Presentation

Required Content

- Title and authors with affiliations
- Introduction and objectives
- Methodology
- Results and findings
- Conclusion and implications
- Acknowledgments, if any

Design Specifications

- Digital mode presentation
- Large, readable titles and headings
- Use figures, charts, tables and images
- Balanced sections with concise text
- Graphical presentation encouraged

Publication Note

Abstracts will be published in the Seminar Proceedings with an ISBN. Selected full papers may become chapters in an edited volume with a reputed national or international publisher after the seminar.

Registration, Travel & Stay

Plan your participation in Kolkata

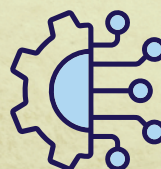
Registration Fee (₹)			
Category	Early Bird 30 Nov 2026	Online	Spot
AESSRA / SEED members	5,000	3,500	6,000
Students / Research Scholars	3,000	1,500	3,500
Scientists / Faculty / Professionals	6,000	3,000	7,000
Retired persons	3,000	1,500	3,500
Foreign delegates	US\$200	US\$100	US\$250

Fee includes the seminar kit, Book of Abstracts and local hospitality (Three breakfasts, one high tea, three lunches and two dinners). Accompanying person without a seminar kit: ₹2,000. Submit the registration-cum-accommodation form with payment details.

Registration is compulsory for participation or paper presentation at the seminar. At least one author should register for the paper presentation. No abstract will be published without registration in the Seminar Proceedings.

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The Seminar will be held in
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Kolkata —The City of Joy

Kolkata, the capital of West Bengal, is a vibrant metropolis where heritage, culture, education and modern enterprise meet. Kolkata proudly holds the distinction of being associated with seven Nobel laureates, reflecting its rich intellectual and cultural heritage. Celebrated as the Cultural Capital of India, it is renowned for literature, theatre, music, festivals and distinctive cuisine. Belur Math (The Headquarters of Ramakrishna Mission), Dakshineswar & Kali Temples, the Hoogly riverfront with Ganga Arati, Victoria Memorial, Howrah Bridge, Indian Museum and Eco Park offer memorable experiences. A major centre for higher education, scientific research, healthcare and commerce, Kolkata is well connected by air, rail, metro and road. Pleasant January weather makes it ideal for academic deliberations, networking and sightseeing.

How to Reach Science City, Kolkata

ADDRESS & ARRIVAL

Address: Science City Convention Centre, J.B.S. Haldane Avenue, Topsia, Kolkata, West Bengal 700046, India, near the crossing of the Eastern Metropolitan Bypass and Park Circus,

Street: J.B.S. Haldane Avenue **Neighborhood:** Topsia / East

Pincode: Kolkata - 700046, **State :** West Bengal **Landmark:** Near the Eastern Metropolitan Bypass intersection

LOCAL CONNECTIVITY

Air: Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport is 13–16 km away; taxis and cabs available.

Rail: Sealdah and Howrah stations are about 6 km and 13 km away, respectively.

Metro: Barun Sengupta (Science City), Orange Line, the nearest one.

Road: Easily reached via EM Bypass by bus, taxi or car.



Location Map

Accommodation

Accommodation is available near Science City, including luxury hotels, business hotels, guest houses and budget properties along EM Bypass, Park Circus, Tangra, Topsia and Salt Lake. Accommodation charges are not included in the registration fee. Limited University and ICAR guest-house/hostel rooms may be available upon prior request on a first-come, first-served basis. The Organising Committee may assist delegates in identifying suitable options. Early booking is advised because of the heavy tourist influx in Kolkata during January that coincides with the Seminar period.

Expected January Weather

Day	Night	Humidity	Rainfall
24–28°C	13–17°C	50–70%	Generally dry

Carry light daytime clothing and a sweater, jacket or shawl for mornings and evenings. Check the forecast 7–10 days before travel.



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Celebrating excellence, innovation and impact Professor, Scientist & Faculty Awards

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Distinguished Professor Excellence Award 2027
Distinguished Teaching Faculty Excellence Award 2027
Distinguished Scientist Excellence Award 2027
Distinguished Extension Services Excellence Award 2027
AESSRA Young Scientist Award 2027
Excellence in Research Award 2027
Excellence in Extension Award 2027
Excellence in Teaching Award 2027
Distinguished KVK Scientist Excellence Award 2027
Best KVK Scientist Award 2027
Young Scientist Excellence Award 2027
Scientist Excellence Award 2027
Young Women Scientist Award 2027

Research, Farmer & Social Impact Awards

SEED Outstanding Research Scholar Award - Ph.D.
SEED Outstanding Research Scholar Award- PG
SEED Emerging Research Scholar Award
SEED Innovative Young Researcher Award
Innovative Farmer Award
Innovative Women Farmer Award
Award of Excellence to Outstanding NGOs
Environmental Protection Research Award
Best Ecologist Award

Discipline-specific Young Scientist Awards

Fisheries Sciences
Veterinary Sciences
Agricultural Sciences
Horticultural Sciences
Dairy Science & Technology
Agribusiness Management
Food Science & Technology
Home Science
Forestry

Enterprise & Presentation Awards

Best poster and oral presentation award
Best Start-up / Agripreneurship Award
Best Start-up / Aquapreneurship Award
Best Woman Entrepreneur Award
Women Leadership Award
Entrepreneur of the Year Award
Theme-wise Best Presenter Awards
Certificates and formal recognition during the closing ceremony

Selection will be based on the criteria laid down by the designated awards committee. The decision of the competent committee will be final and binding.

Submission Details: Please send a soft copy of your updated bio-data along with the filled Award Nomination Form to
Email: transfarm2027@gmail.com

Important Note for Award Applicants

- Awards will be given on the basis of Academic Performance Indicators (API Score)
- The organiser has the full right to deciding the number of awards.
- Award Nomination Contribution: ₹4000 (INR) \$100 (USD) This is exclusive of Seminar Registration Contribution.
- Seminar registration is mandatory for award consideration. Please do not make any award or registration payment until you receive an official Award Confirmation Email. Payment instructions will be shared after confirmation. For queries, contact the Organizing Committee via the email provided above.
- Note: No TA/DA will be provided to participants or awardees by the Organizers
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2	Distinguished Professor Excellence Award 2027	Professor with minimum 07 years of academic/research experience and an outstanding record of research, teaching, academic leadership, publications, awards and contribution to the advancement of agricultural and allied sciences.
3	Distinguished Teaching Faculty Excellence Award 2027	Faculty member with minimum 10 years of teaching experience, demonstrating excellence in teaching, innovative pedagogy, curriculum development, student mentoring, academic results and teaching-related achievements.
4	Distinguished Scientist Excellence Award 2027	Scientist/Faculty member with minimum 10 years of research experience, having significant research contributions, quality publications, patents/technology development, externally funded projects, awards and measurable scientific impact.
5	Distinguished Extension Services Excellence Award 2027	Faculty/Scientist/Extension professional with minimum 10 years of extension experience, demonstrating outstanding contribution to technology transfer, farmer training, field demonstrations, community outreach, entrepreneurship promotion and impact on beneficiaries.
6	Young Scientist Award in Agriculture Sciences Fisheries Sciences / Veterinary Sciences / Horticulture/ Dairy technology/ Business Management/ Food Science & Technology/ Home Science/ Forestry	Young Scientist/Faculty/Researcher in with outstanding research, quality publications, innovations and significant contribution to relevant field with minimum 05 years of teaching/research/extension experience.
7	Young Scientist Excellence Award 2027	Young Scientist/Faculty/Researcher from a relevant scientific discipline with an outstanding record of research publications, innovation, awards and significant scientific contribution and minimum 05 years of teaching/research/extension experience.

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AWARD: TRANSFARM 2027 (Students/ Researchers):

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AWARD:TRANSFARM 2027 (Professors, Scientists & Faculty and Discipline-specific Young Scientists Award)

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Application for AESSRA-Young Scientist Award

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TRANSFARM 2027

SPONSORSHIP CONTRACT FORM

International Seminar on Transforming Farming Practices through Entrepreneurship, Start-ups and Gender Mainstreaming

20-22 January 2027 | Science City, Kolkata - 700 046, West Bengal, India

Industries, organisations and institutions are invited to partner with TRANSFARM 2027 and showcase technologies, products and services that advance entrepreneurship, start-ups and gender mainstreaming in agriculture and allied sectors.

The exhibition will feature start-up opportunities, innovations, gender-friendly tools and machinery, value-added food products, climate-smart technologies, circular-economy solutions and waste-to-wealth enterprises. Sponsorship provides focused visibility among scientists, policymakers, entrepreneurs, producer organisations, students and industry professionals.

SPONSORSHIP CATEGORIES

Select one primary category. Additional exhibition or advertisement options may be added on Page 3.

CATEGORY	CONTRIBUTION	SELECT
Platinum Theme Sponsor	₹6,00,000	☐
Diamond Theme Sponsor	₹5,00,000	☐
Gold Theme Sponsor	₹3,00,000	☐
Silver Theme Sponsor	₹2,00,000	☐
Dinner Sponsor	₹1,50,000	☐
Lunch Sponsor	₹1,50,000	☐
Exhibition / Stall	₹40,000	☐
High Tea Sponsor	₹30,000	☐

ADVERTISEMENT IN CONFERENCE COMPENDIUM

CATEGORY	CONTRIBUTION	SELECT
Back cover	₹50,000	☐
Inside front cover	₹40,000	☐
Inside back cover	₹40,000	☐
Inside full page	₹20,000	☐
Inside half page	₹10,000	☐

SPONSORSHIP ENTITLEMENT MATRIX

Benefits are subject to timely receipt of sponsorship confirmation, artwork and payment.

ENTITLEMENT	PLATINUM	DIAMOND	GOLD	SILVER
Dedicated session (90 minutes)	Yes	----	----	----
30-second video during inaugural ceremony	Yes	Yes	----	----
Logo in official media room	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Speaking opportunity	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Exhibition space (m ²)	48	36	24	18
Complimentary delegates	5	4	3	2
Complimentary accommodation	3	2	2	1
Logo placement	Privileged	All supports	Selected	Selected
Registration kits	5	4	3	2

BENEFIT & DELIVERABLE CONFIRMATION

Please confirm any special requirements with the Organising Committee before signing.

Selected sponsorship level	_____
Exhibition space required	_____ m ² Preferred location: _____
Delegate names to be submitted by	___/___/2026
Logo / artwork submission date	___/___/2026
Video or presentation requirements	_____
Other agreed deliverables	_____

IMPORTANT SPONSORSHIP NOTES

- Entitlements apply only to the confirmed sponsorship category and are non-transferable without written approval.
- Logos, advertisements and audiovisual material must be supplied in the format and timeline communicated by the Organising Committee.
- Accommodation is subject to availability and advance nomination of eligible delegates.
- Exhibition allocation, session scheduling and speaking slots will be coordinated by the Organising Committee.
- Sponsors are responsible for the accuracy, legality and intellectual-property clearance of all promotional material.

Please retain a signed copy of this contract for your records.

SPONSOR / ORGANISATION DETAILS

Organisation / Institution	_____
Registered address	_____
Authorised contact person	_____
Designation	_____
Mobile number	_____ E-mail _____
GSTIN / Registration No.	_____
Website	_____

FINANCIAL & SELECTION DETAILS

Sponsorship category selected	_____
Advertisement / exhibition add-on	_____
Total committed amount	₹ _____ (in words) _____
Payment mode	☐ Bank transfer ☐ Cheque / DD ☐ Other: _____
Transaction / Cheque / DD No.	_____
Payment date	____/____/2026
Billing / invoice instructions	_____

DECLARATION & ACCEPTANCE

We confirm our participation as a sponsor/exhibitor of TRANSFARM 2027. We have reviewed the selected sponsorship benefits and agree to fulfil the committed contribution and submission timelines. We authorise the Organising Committee to use our approved name and logo for seminar publicity connected with the agreed sponsorship. Any modification to this contract shall be valid only when confirmed in writing by both parties.

FOR THE SPONSOR / ORGANISATION

Authorised signature: _____
Name: _____
Designation: _____
Date: ____ / ____ / 2026 Seal: _____

FOR THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Authorised signature: _____
Name: _____
Designation: _____
Date: ____ / ____ / 2026 Seal: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Contract received on	____/____/2026
Payment verified by	_____
Sponsorship code / receipt no.	_____
Remarks	_____

SUBMIT TO: Organising Secretary, TRANSFARM 2027 | Email: transfarm2027@gmail.com



CONTACT, REGISTRATION & SUBMISSION

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OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACT

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Dr. Srinibas Das
95470 70570

For Publication
Prof. S. K. Das
94331 30947

For Technical Session
Prof. Sukanta Biswas
94756 76784

For Food and Refreshment
Prof. S. Behera
94331 64210

For Advertisement and sponsorship
Prof. Biswarup Saha
93300 75572

For Exhibition
Prof. Somen Sahu
98367 30613

For Accommodation and Transport
Prof. Pradip Das
94326 42502

