

NSWF – 2014

National Seminar on Woman Farmer

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At Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh



Organized By:



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University, Junagadh



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National Council For Climate Change,
Sustainable Development and
Public Leadership (NCCSD)

ABOUT SEMINAR

The National Seminar on "Woman Farmer" is organizing by National Council for Climate Change, Sustainable Development and Public Leadership (NCCSD), Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh, Vigyan Prasara – Department of Science & Technology and likely supported by Planning Commission of India.

The agriculture is a major source for employment of farm women (87% of total female workers of 496 million as per census, 2001). The share of marginal holdings (area less than or equal to 1.0 ha) in the rural areas was 80% in the year 2003 compared to 72% in 1992 and 67% in 1982. In the rural sector about 2.8% households reported leasing out of land while 11.5% households reported leasing in of land. The population of agricultural workers as percentage of rural population has gone down from 69.4% in 1951 to 55%, but in absolute terms, due to increase in ones population, the no. of agriculture workers available in the rural areas has increased from 116 million in 1960-61 to 2.34 million in 2007-08 thereby registered an annual compound growth rate of 1.47% during the last 48 years. Human power availability for agriculture is 0.145 KW/ ha in the year 2009. As per the estimate, men workforce in agriculture is declining where as women workforce is increasing.

The present agriculture scenario of the country emphasized the critical inputs in farm activities from farm women that can be possible by providing gender mainstreaming in the design and operation of the farm tools and equipments including source of power. An addition to farm activities, considerable amount of time is spent by farm women in domestic activities including caring of family. The improved technologies for domestic work would also make their job easy.

The Seminar shall provide an opportunity to bring together the designers, scientists, Engineers, policy makers, manufacturers and women farmers on a common platform to discuss all dimensions and implications of changing scenario in the context of its possible use by the farm women. The key issues shall include drudgery reducing technologies for farm, house and animal to increase the work life of farm women in development of agriculture scenario of the country.

OBJECTIVES

The proposed National Seminar takes note of the above stated and will deliberate on learnings from across the world on

- ❖ Development of Tools and techniques
 - o That have responded to the specific needs of women farmers by optimizing time and output &
 - o Challenges that have to be tackled on a priority basis to enhance uptake
- ❖ Spread and depth of existing knowledge networks, communication module, training initiatives and strategies that
 - o Orient women farmers to state of art tools and techniques
 - o Build leadership qualities by which women farmers can influence decision making &
 - o "Reach the unreachable" in a timely manner.

- ❖ Public policy measures that
 - Recognize innovations and leadership by women farmers
 - Mainstream agriculture as an integrated mitigation and adaptation tools &
 - Expand agriculture and related livelihood options

ORGANIZERS

- Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh
- National Council for Climate Change, Sustainable Development and Public Leadership (NCCSD)
- Vigyan Prasara, Department of Science & Technology

THEMES

- Tools, techniques and technologies in agriculture (including crop protection/production), horticulture, forestry, fisheries, livestock management & animal husbandry: Successes & Gender specific challenges. Value Addition, Communication, Marketing.
- Local action/ knowledge networks/ coalitions: Successes & Information and capacity building needs.
- ICT/ IES/ extension service: Emerging tools & techniques and challenges.
- Public policy measures to mainstream agriculture as an integrated mitigation and adaptation tool.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Abstract submission : **Before 30th November, 2013**
- Acceptance of abstract : **Before 10th December, 2013**
- Full length paper : **Before 31st December, 2013**
- Acceptance of full length paper : **Before 10th January, 2014**

REGISTRATION

Form for Registration and details may be downloaded from website www.jau.in / www.nccsdindia.org

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SPONSORSHIP

Organization can become the sponsor of the Seminar. Sponsors are eligible for free registration of two delegates but accommodation charges will be paid by the delegates. Industry, Government and Semi-Government organizations, manufacturers are requested to sponsor the Seminar. Details for sponsorship are available on the website www.jau.in / www.nccsdindia.org

EXHIBITION

Exhibition of gender friendly technologies and product shall be displayed for betterment of women farmers, scientists, delegates, manufacturers. The organizations/ companies interested in displaying their technologies/ product are requested to approach on the address communications. The space will be provided by the Junagadh Agricultural University.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Modest accommodation is available at Junagadh Agricultural University. Participants may directly write to Seminar Secretariat - Dr. N. K. Gontia, nkgontia@jau.in for accommodation – which will be as per University rates.

KEY SPEAKERS

1. Justice B. P. Singh, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India
2. Dr. S. Ayyappan, Director General, ICAR (requested)
3. Dr. Y. S. Rajan, Distinguished Scientist, ISRO
4. Dr. N. C. Patel, Vice Chancellor, Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh
5. Dr. A. M. Shekh, Vice Chancellor, Anand Agricultural University, Anand
6. Dr. A. R. Pathak, Vice Chancellor, Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari
7. Dr. Kirit N. Shelat, Executive Chairman, NCCSD
8. Dr. K. D. Kokate, Deputy Director General (Agril. Extn.) ICAR (requested)
9. Dr. J. P. Mishra, Advisor (Agri), Planning Commission of India
10. Dr. Vandana Dwivedi, Joint Advisor, Planning Commission of India
11. Dr. V. V. Sadamate, Formerly Advisor, Planning Commission of India
12. Dr. (Mrs) Krishna Srinath, Director, Directorate of Research on Women in Agriculture (DRWA)- ICAR (requested)
13. Dr. Gopichandran, Director, Vigyan Prasar
14. Dr. Kinkini Dasgupta, Scientist – E, Vigyan Prasar
15. Dr. L. P. Gite, Project Coordinator, AICRP on ESA
16. Mr. Shrutiben Shroff, Shroff Foundation Trust, Vadodara
17. Er. Anuj Sinha, Ex. Director, Vigyan Prasar
18. Dr. Arunachalam, Principal Scientist, NRM Division, ICAR
19. Dr. C. J. Dangaria, Director of Research, Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh
20. Dr. A. M. Parakhia, Director of Extension Education, Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh

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