

Webinar on Climate Resilient Agricultural Production System through Organic Management

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Day-1



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Day-2



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Background:

Although, India had been traditionally organic and its farmers are 4th century farmers with large pool of traditional wisdom on best practices in organic agriculture, the modern standards based organic agriculture started only recently with the growing demand for organic food and fiber in the western world. By the end of March 2017, India has brought more than 3.42 million ha area under organic certification, comprising of 1.64 million ha (47.95%) under cultivation and 1.780 million ha (52.05%) under wild harvest collection. India is producing wide range of crops under organic management with oilseeds, sugar crops, fiber crops, cereals and millets and pulses occupy the large chunk of the basket.

As on March 2018 there are more than 3500 grower groups comprising of about 1 million farmers. These groups are known as ICS units and each group comprising of an average of 250-350 farmers and is managed by not less than 5-7 technical persons for documentation management, internal inspections, certification, collective input purchases and sales. Besides third-party certification another farmer group centric certification under PGS-India programme is also certifying farmers. To manage the certification of PGS there are more than 400 Regional Councils and all these require technical manpower, not only in organic crop and livestock management, but also in certification and quality assurance. As on March 2018 there are 28 certification bodies and another 10 are in the pipeline. Each certification body requires an average of 20-150 technical persons. Similarly, for PGS management there are more than 400 Regional Councils requiring more than 4000 technical staff. There are more than 950 organic food processors in the country. As organic system requires complete integrity, therefore processing needs to be dedicated, away from conventional processing units. This is a fast-growing sector and may require large number of organic food professionals in the years to come.

Pursuing this background, Government of Gujarat has established “Gujarat Organic Agricultural University” in 2017 by the Act No. 16 to strengthen education, research and extension in the field of organic . In this context a two day National webinar on “Climate resilient agricultural production system through organic management” is scheduled on 20-21st October, 2021 under NAHEP-CAAST, Anand Agricultural University jointly with Gujarat Organic Agricultural University to disseminate organic agricultural technologies amongst the farmers’ fraternity.

About Centre for Agricultural Market Intelligence, NAHEP- CAAST:

Anand Agricultural University has been awarded an ICAR- World bank funded project to establish Centre for Agricultural Market Intelligence. The major objectives of this project include price forecasting and behavior, export competitiveness, evaluation of e-NAM, market institutions and capacity building of faculty, students, farmers and other stakeholders. Experts from country’s premium institutes including IIM- Ahmedabad, Institute of Rural Management (IRMA), Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), Junagadh Agricultural University, National Cooperative Dairy Federation of India (NCDFI) apart from foreign universities namely Australia’s Western Sydney University, and The Papua New Guinea University of Technology are associated with the project.

Centre for Advanced Agricultural Science and Technology (CAAST) is a student centric subcomponent of the World Bank sponsored National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP) granted to AAU, Anand to provide a platform for strengthening educational and research activities of post graduate and doctoral students.

Objectives:

- Advancement of learning and conductivity of research in the field of organic farming.
- Promoting partnership and linkage with national and international education system.
- To disseminate organic farming knowhow for development of quality human resource.

Eligibility:

Interested candidates preferably; Masters - Doctoral students and faculties of concerned disciplines are requested to apply through online registration process.

Registration:

No fee is to be paid for registration.

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/iyC4Zt1ioE1fj86y5>



Time	Topic	Expert	Coordinator
20-10-2021 (Day 1)			
Inaugural Session 10:00-12:00 hrs.	Keynote Address by	Dr. Vijay Kumar Thallam	Dr. R. S. Pundir Dr. K. D. Mevada
Technical Session I 14:00-15:00 hrs.	Science of Agroecology: Scope and Challenges	Dr. G. V. Ramanjaneyulu	Dr. Y. A. Lad
Technical Session II 15:00-16:00 hrs.	Status of Pesticide Residues in Organic Farming	Dr. P. G. Shah	Dr. M. R. Prajapti
21-10-2021 (Day 2)			
Technical Session III 10:00-11:00 hrs.	Marketing of Organic Produce in Indian Perspectives	Shri. Kapil Shah	Ms. Vishita Khanna
Technical Session IV 11:00-12:00 hrs.	Research Needs and Scopes in Organic Farming	Dr. N. Devakumar	Dr. C. R. Dudhagara
Technical Session V 14:00-15:00 hrs.	Certification in Organic Farming	Dr. M. K. Kureshi	Dr. Vinaya Kumar.H.M
15:00-15:30 hrs.	Plenary Session		Dr. R. S. Pundir Dr. K. D. Mevada

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