

**National Conference
On**



"Self Sufficiency in Pulses : Challenges and Way Forward"

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By



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BACKGROUND

Pulses are important source of protein, high in fibre content and provide ample quantity of vitamins and minerals. Keeping in view large benefits of pulses for human health, the United Nations has proclaimed 2016 as the International Year of Pulses.

India is the world's largest producer, importer and consumer of pulses. Over the years, the country has accumulated a huge surplus of wheat and rice, while the pulses remain in short supply. The pulses availability reduced from 22.1kg/capita/year in 1951 to 15kg/capita/year during 2012. Thus, the availability of pulses is quite low than actual recommendation of WHO of 80 grams/capita/day (29.2 kg/capita/year). The Government of India has launched a number of schemes/programmes time to time for area expansion and productivity enhancement to increase the pulses production in country. Furthermore, due attention is required to enhance the production of pulses not only to meet the dietary requirement of protein but also to raise the awareness about pulses for achieving nutritional, food security and environmental sustainability. Pulses are important component to sustain the agriculture production as the pulse crops possess wide adaptability to fit into various cropping systems, improve the soil fertility being leguminous in nature and physical health of soil while making soil more porous due tap root system.

The UN dedicated year will raise the level of awareness of pulses globally and the important role pulses can play in advancing health and nutrition, food security and environmental sustainability. It provides an unprecedented opportunity to raise awareness about the role of pulses in feeding the world and is the greatest opportunity to give additional research attention to pulses they deserve.

Numerous programmes are being organized worldwide to commemorate the International Year of Pulses during 2016. Palli Siksha Bhavana, Institute of Agriculture, Visva-Bharati, Sriniketan in association with The Bengal Chambers of Commerce and Industries (BCCI) has decided to join these endeavours by organizing a 2-daylong Conference-cum-Discussion on "Pulses for Agricultural Sustainability and Nutritional Security (PASNS)".

The Conference will provide an exceptional opportunity to researchers, policy makers, extension workers, traders and entrepreneurs to discuss various strategies for nutritional security and environmental sustainability through pulse crops and draft a consensus road map for increasing productivity and profitability of pulses.

Themes

- Production and Consumption
- Trade, Marketing and Policy Issues
- Breeding and Crop Improvement
- Crop Intensification
- Resource Conservation and Use Efficiency
- Integrated Nutrient Management
- Nutrition and Health
- Bio fortification
- Processing and Value Addition
- Diagnostics and epidemiology
- Integrated Pest Management
- Technology Assessment, Refinement and Dissemination
- Public-Private Partnership
- Awareness building among the farmers towards pulse cultivation

Participants: Farmers and farmer groups, Students, Scholars, Scientists, Teachers, Extension personnel, NGOs and participants from Industries.

Technical Sessions:

19.11.2016

Session I: Inauguration at 2.0 p.m. at LIPIKA

Session II: Paper presentation and Interactions

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Session III: Farmers-Scientist Interactions on cultivation of Pulses

Session IV: Brainstorming on various aspects of Pulses Production

Session V: Plenary (Summary & Recommendations)

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Guidelines for Abstract submission:

Abstracts for Lead papers and poster presentations (about 300 words) may be submitted by e-mail to pulsconf.psb.vb@gmail.com. All communications should be made through the e-mail only.

The format of the abstract should be as follows:

All text should be typed in MS Word with Times New Roman font & 1.5 spacing.

Title: all capitals, bold, 16 pt

Author(s): Author^{1*}, Author², ...(Bold, 12 pt)

Address: (11 pt)

e-mail: only one e-mail of Corresponding author's should be provided

Abstract body: (12 pt)

Keywords: up to 5 nos. (12 pt)

Poster presentation: Size of the poster should not exceed 125 cm x 100 cm. We encourage you to prepare posters either on a single paper sheet or several A4 pages, which may be placed & pinned in order. We will be glad if you avoid the printing on plastic/synthetic materials which would be a burden to our soil.

Accommodation

The accommodation will be provided in University guest houses and hotels on share basis. Students may be allotted dormitories. Delegates may send their request for accommodation along with the registration form.

Transport

Name of the nearest railway station: Bolpur (Santiniketan)

Shantiniketan and Sriniketan is well connected by Road and Rail. The transport facility will be available at Bolpur (Shantiniketan) Railway Station for the delegates who would provide their detail travel plans well in advance. The Sriniketan and Santiniketan (Twin campuses) of Visva-Bharati University are within 5 Km away from Bolpur (Shantiniketan) Railway station.

The detailed travel plans may be sent to:

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Climate

In the month of November, the weather is somewhat mild cold with the mean temperature between 10 to 20° C. The participants are advised to bring warm clothes.

Important Date of the Event

Last date for registration:

Last date for Submission of Abstract of Paper (Oral/Poster) / Lead Papers:

5th November, 2016

2. Acceptance letter for Poster session : 8th November, 2016

REGISTRATION FORM

(Please fill in block letters)

1. Name:
2. Designation:
3. Institution/Organization:.....
4. Mailing Address:.....
Pin E-mail
- Phone (O) Mobile
5. Title of paper:
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6. I would like to attend the Conference as (please tick)
Farmer/ Scientist / Academician /RA / SRF / Student/
Industry sponsored delegates and others
- 7.
8. Accommodation required: Yes / No

Note: All correspondence should be addressed to the Organizing Secretary (ghoshgk1@gmail.com).