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**Sustainable Agriculture,
Rural Development and Future
Food Security In India: An Interdisciplinary Approach**

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ABOUT VISVA-BHARATI

Visva-Bharati was founded by the first non-European Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Thākur (popularly known as Tagore) in 1921. In May 1951, Visva-Bharati was declared to be a Central University and "An Institution of National Importance" by an Act of Parliament. The President of India is the Paridarsaka (Visitor) of the University, the Governor of West Bengal is the Pradhana (Rector), and the Prime Minister of India acts as the Acharya (Chancellor). The President of India appoints the Upacharya (Vice-chancellor) of the University. It was granted the status of a unitary, teaching and residential university. The status and function of all the major institutions have been redefined in successive Amendments.



ABOUT CONFERENCE

As the world population continues to grow, much more effort and innovation will be urgently needed in order to sustainably increase agricultural production, improve the global supply chain, decrease food losses and waste, and ensure that all who are suffering from hunger and malnutrition have access to nutritious food. Many in the international community believe that it is possible to eradicate hunger within the next generation, and are working together to achieve this goal. The Sustainable Development Goal to "End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture" (SDG2) recognizes the inter linkages among supporting sustainable agriculture, empowering small farmers, promoting gender equality, ending rural poverty, ensuring healthy lifestyles, tackling climate change, and other issues addressed within the set of 17 Sustainable Development Goals in the Post-2015 Development Agenda. Extreme poverty and hunger are predominantly rural, with smallholder farmers and their families making up a very significant proportion of the poor and hungry. Thus, eradicating poverty and hunger are integrally linked to boosting food production, agricultural productivity and rural development. There are many elements of traditional farmer knowledge that, enriched by the latest scientific knowledge, can support productive food systems through sound and sustainable soil, land, water, nutrient and pest management, and the more extensive use of organic fertilisers. An increase in integrated and interdisciplinary decision-making processes at national and regional levels are needed to achieve synergies and adequately address trade-offs among agriculture, water, energy, land and climate change vis-à-vis future food security and rural development. Therefore, sub-themes are indicative and not limited.

ABOUT AESSRA

AESSRA (Agricultural Economics and Social Science Research Association) was established for the progress in the study of agricultural economics in India. AESSRA publishes two Journals, Economic Affairs-Quarterly Publication (SCOPUS Indexed NAAS rating: 5.45) on Economics and International Journal of Social Sciences (NAAS rating: 4.98). It contributes towards improving quality of the research in Agricultural Economics and Rural Development. AESSRA regularly organizes Annual Meetings and Conferences to encourage young scientists, Professionals in Agricultural Economics. Both the Journals are highly rated by the National Academy of Agricultural Science, New Delhi. The Society is registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.

ABOUT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS, VISVA-BHARATI

The Department of Agricultural Economics, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati has been functioning as an independent department since 2nd June, 2019 by restructuring the erstwhile Department of Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Statistics. (The discipline of Agricultural Economics was a part of the erstwhile composite Department of Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Statistics for the period from September, 2017 to May, 2019 and Department of Agricultural Extension, Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Statistics (before September, 2017). The Department is engaged in applied, policy, and problem-solving research in agriculture and allied sectors covering various thematic areas like market, trade, finance, agri-business, livelihood, natural resource, institutions, growth and development. Based on the relative importance of the issues in agriculture, the Department has been engaged in continuously shifting its focus on these issues. Different research projects were carried out, covering areas like production economics, agricultural marketing, agricultural finance, agricultural growth and development. The Department has a mandate to carry out teaching and research in socio-economic issues concerning agriculture and rural development. Accordingly, the Department has tailored teaching and research programmes to meet the challenges of post-economic liberalization era. The Department offers several compulsory core courses as well as advance elective and minor courses both at Undergraduate and Postgraduate levels. This Department has been playing very vital role in enlightening the policy makers in the emerging areas of international trade and evaluation of public policies and programmes in agricultural sector. The Department of Agricultural Economics has five sanctioned teaching posts with multi-fields of specialization. The department is also having a Computer Laboratory. Department offer fully functioning master's programme and Doctoral degree programme.

SEMINAR THEMES

1. Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development

Agriculture is directly linked to very many facets of sustainable development, including poverty eradication, sustainable consumption and production, management of natural resources, energy, freshwater, health, education, trade and market access, as well as technology transfer and capacity building. Agriculture is an integral part of the general development system, serving the system as a whole, and being served by it.

2. Equitable Distribution and Access

A positive right to life would imply that the State provides to each and every person, adequate food and other basic necessities, and that it ensures a healthy environment, so that people may live and grow in dignity. The most important challenge in future was physical access to food. In this millennium, the challenge is economic and ecological access to food.

3. Food Security for Future

Food security is a physical, environmental, economic and social issue. It involves not just production, but access; not just output but process; not just technology but policy; not just global balance but also national conditions; not just national figures but household realities; not just rural but urban consumption; and not just quantity of food but also quality.

4. Extension and Capacity Building Mechanisms

In the 21st century, it is increasingly necessary, and increasingly feasible to take a whole systems approach to organized, positive change in rural places. For extension, that means helping farming people toward sustainably increasing productivity—particularly in the small-mixed farming systems in rain-fed areas, in upland areas, and in other places which have been neglected.

5. Awareness and Education Activities

National policies and planning should recognize that public awareness can play an important role in establishing a firm basis for sustainable agricultural resource conservation and use. Public awareness should be considered in the development of all national programme activities.

6. Application of Research, Science and Technology

Scientific and technological development is not enough in itself. It is critical to make sure that sustainability and poverty reduction remain the guiding principles, and that we use our resources, harness our intellect, and direct our knowledge to benefit the poor, the hungry and the marginalized.

7. Value of Agricultural Biodiversity

While a small number of species provides a large proportion of global food needs, hundreds of other species are utilized at a local level, either through cultivation or harvesting. These under-utilized species contribute substantially to household food and livelihood security. They are often managed or harvested by women. Knowledge concerning the uses and management of these species is likewise often localized and specialized. Many under-utilized plants have potential for more widespread use, and their promotion could contribute to food security, agricultural diversification, and income generation, particularly in areas where the cultivation of major crops is economically marginal.

8. Relook at Agriculture and Related Policies

It is critical to develop and strengthen appropriate policies and legislative measures to create an enabling environment for sustainable agriculture and rural development. Such an environment would promote access by the poor to land, water resources and other agricultural inputs; land tenure modifications that recognize and protect indigenous and common property resource management systems, and also build local capacities for better management of natural resources.

9. Protection of Rights

National programmes are increasingly confronted with policy, legal and institutional issues related to ownership, intellectual property rights, exchange, transfer and trade in agricultural resources. Participatory processes and involvement of various stakeholders can help find answers to such concerns. Towards this it is crucial to develop a framework for a unified national programme to enhance the diverse efforts within the country to tackle such issues.

PARTICIPANTS

The seminar would be a great utility for researchers, academicians, policy planners, industrialists, NGO and students contributing to research and development.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Original research/review/data-based papers are invited on identified themes of the seminar.

- Type of font: Times New Roman
- Font Size: 12
- Space between the line: 1.5
- The abstract should be less than 250 words including keywords.
- Full papers should be maximum 15 pages/8000 words
- Paper should be sent by the attached google form link: <https://forms.gle/PcmXeQr8qkQaMKKp9>
- Author(s) should write the name of the theme on the top of the abstract.

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PUBLICATION

The abstract will be published in Seminar Proceedings with ISBN Number. Some selected full papers will be published as book chapter in Edited Book with reputed International/National publisher after the seminar.

Registration Fee (Rs.)		
Particulars	Early bird	Spot Registration
Member	2500	3500
Non-Member	3000	4000
Research Scholars/Students	1500	2500
Farmers	500	750

Registration Fee includes Seminar Kit, Local Hospitality and Local Transport. Accompanying Person has to pay Rs. 4000 as Registration Fee. Registered participant has to fill up a google form available at <https://forms.gle/PcmXeQr8qkQaMKKp9> or by scanning the QR Code:



THE REGISTRATION FEE SHOULD BE DEPOSITED ONLINE TO THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT:

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HOW TO REACH SANTINIKETAN/SRINIKETAN,VISVA-BHARATI

Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan is ensconced in a rural setting in the district of Birbhum, about 160 km by road from Kolkata i.e. the capital city of West Bengal. Bolpur-Santiniketan is connected both by railway line and road. It takes around 3 hours either by road/train to reach Bolpur-Santiniketan. The nearest railway station is Bolpur-Santiniketan on the Eastern Railway and the air terminals are Kazi Nazrul Islam Airport, Durgapur and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata. There are several Express/mail/local trains either from Howrah/Sealdah for those who will come from South/West and from Bardhaman/Durgapur for those who will come from North. Some of these trains are given below:

Train Name/No.	Timing	Coming From	Destination
Vande Bharat Exp.: 22301	5.55	Howrah	Bolpur
Gandevta Exp.: 13017	6.05	Howrah	Bolpur
Kulik Exp.: 13053	8.55	Howrah	Bolpur
Santiniketan Exp.: 12337	10.05	Howrah	Bolpur
Kaviguru Exp.: 13015	10.40	Howrah	Bolpur
Sahid Exp.: 12347	11.55	Howrah	Bolpur
Shatabdi Exp.: 12041	14.25	Howrah	Bolpur
Malda Intercity Exp.: 13011	15.25	Howrah	Bolpur
Viswabharati Fast Pgr.: 03047	16.35	Howrah	Bolpur
Howrah Gaya Exp.: 13023	20.00	Howrah	Bolpur
Howrah Jamalpur Exp.: 13071	21.40	Howrah	Bolpur
Kaviguru Exp.: 13027	22.40	Howrah	Bolpur
Koaa HDB SF Exp.: 12363	09.05	Kolkata	Bolpur
Maa Tara Exp.: 13187	7.20	Sealdah	Bolpur
Uttarbanga Exp.: 13147	19.40	Sealdah	Bolpur
Kanchankanya Exp.: 13149	20.35	Sealdah	Bolpur
Darjeeling Mail: 12343	22.05	Sealdah	Bolpur
Padatik Exp.: 12377	23.20	Sealdah	Bolpur
Howrah Rajdhani: 12302	16.50	New Delhi	Howrah
Poorva Exp.: 12382	17.40	New Delhi	Howrah
Netaji Exp.: 12312	6.15	Old Delhi	Howrah
Sealdah-Rajdhani: 12314	16.30	New Delhi	Sealdah
Sealdah Durgam: 12260	19.45	New Delhi	Sealdah
Saraighat Exp.: 12346	12.20	Guwahati	Bolpur
Kanchanjunga Exp.: 13174/13176	22.55	Guwahati	Bolpur
Gitanjali Exp.: 12859	6.00	CSMT	Howrah
Durgam Exp.: 12261	17.15	CSMT	Howrah
Howrah Mail: 12809	21.10	CSMT	Howrah
Jan Shatabdi Exp.: 12074	6.00	Bhubaneswar	Howrah
Shatabdi Exp.: 12278	6.49	Bhubaneswar	Howrah
Howrah Durgam Exp.: 12246	9.20	Bhubaneswar	Howrah
Vande Bharat Exp.: 22896	14.49	Bhubaneswar	Howrah

ACCOMMODATION

Delegates attending the seminar will be assisted in getting accommodation at university's guest house on payment and first cum first serve basis. Delegates can also arrange their own accommodation in any hotels surrounding the campus in and around Bolpur. There is a rush round the year since Santiniketan is a tourist place and world heritage site. Therefore, intimation about accommodation may be filled in the same google form link of the seminar well in advance to avoid last minute inconvenience.

VENUE

The Seminar will be held at Department of Agricultural Economics, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Sriniketan, Bolpur, West Bengal

WEATHER

The weather in Santiniketan around 01-02 March is typically mild and pleasant, characterized by cool mornings and warm afternoons, with temperatures ranging comfortably between 20°C to 30°C

AWARDS

• Best paper presentation award under each theme

• Young Scientist Award

The application form for young scientist award is given at the end of the brochure. The application duly forwarded by the Head of the Institution should reach the Organising Secretary (e-mail: arfsvb2024@gmail.com) of the seminar latest by 15th February, 2024.

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2. Designation :
3. Sex: Male/Female
4. Address for correspondence :
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6. Contacts :
 - Telephone No.:
 - Mobile No.:
 - Fax No.:
 - E-mail :
7. Details of Registration and Accommodation fee :
 - Registration fee payment ID :
 - Date of fees payment (transaction) :
 - Name of the Bank :
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9. Arrival
 - Date and Time :
 - Travel detail (Flight No./Train No.etc.) :
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 - Date and Time :
 - Travel detail (Flight No./Train No.etc.) :
11. Accompanied person details :

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1.	Name and Designation:		
2.	Father's/Husband's Name:		
3.	Date of Birth:		
4.	Postal Address:		
5.	Mobile No./E-mail:		
6.	Educational Qualifications:		

S. No.	Degree	Institution/University	Year	Grade (Class)	Rank/Award/Medal

7. Any other relevant experience/training:

8. Contribution in teaching/research:

9. Number of Publications:

Title of the Paper/Book Chapter/Book	Journal/Book/source (for Research Paper/Book Chapter/any other)	Year of Publication, Volume and Page number (for Books/manuals/ etc. give publisher with ISSN/ISBN, if any/DOI No.)	Indexing and NAAS Rating

10. A concise statement (about 150 words) highlighting the most significant aspects of the research contributions:

Date :

I do hereby certify that the above-mentioned information is true and correct.

Signature and seal

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