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To,
Vice Chancellor,
Navsari Agricultural University,
Navsari - 396 450 (Gujarat).

Sub: National Seminar on Women Farmer during 4-6th February, 2014 at Junagadh
Agricultural University, Junagadh, Gujarat.

Dear Sir,

With great pleasure I take this opportunity to inform you that Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh is organizing a National Seminar on Women Farmer (NSWF-2014) in collaboration with Vigyan Prasar, Department of Science and Technology, Noida (U.P.) and the National Council for Climate Change, Sustainable Development and Public Leadership (NCCSD), during 4-6th Feb., 2014 at Junagadh.

As you are aware, the women are playing a significant and crucial role in the development of agriculture and allied field including crop production, livestock production, horticulture, post harvest operations, agro forestry, fisheries, etc. There is greater involvement of women under various agricultural operations along with house management. It is estimated that women are responsible for 70% of actual farm work and constitute 60% of the farming population. But it is most unfortunate that role of women in agriculture has not been highlighted. By and large they have remained invisible workers. Over the years, women cultivators are typically and wrongly characterized as economically inactive and women cultivators play only a supportive role in agriculture as farmers' wives.

Despite their significant role in farming as stated above, they lack in access to technology and credit covers and above all face social problems due to illiteracy and social structure.

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Considerable importance is given to women empowerment by National / State Government and International organizations. However, there is need to focus on women farmers with a view to: (i) identify their needs and ability, (ii) identify already available tools and equipment which suit their needs and can increase efficiency, (iii) conduct research on this and (iv) develop special communication module.

In view of above, a 3-day national seminar is organised with the objectives to (i) discuss about development of tools & techniques responded to specific needs of women farmers (ii) spread existing knowledge net works, communication model & training initiatives and (iii) public policy measures. During the seminar, the presentations will be made by invited experts in the field of Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering, Home science, Finance, Manufacturers of implements/machinery, Scientists and Designers working in the field. An exhibition on gender friendly technologies will also be organised which will be an attraction for delegates.

In context to above, you are requested to give wide publicity among the faculty members, research scholars and students for contributions of research articles/papers and to participate in seminar. I expect the participations from your institute either by way of contributing research articles/papers or nominating one or two delegates who are engaged in the relevant fields will be of immense value to this seminar. The contribution and participation of your institute/faculty will enlighten the interest of researchers, entrepreneurs, farmers and students. The brochure regarding further details on "National Seminar on Women Farmer" is enclosed herewith for your kind perusal.

For further information, kindly visit our website www.jau.in or email to nkgontia@jau.in; or Email: info@nccsdindia.org.

Looking forward to receiving your support for NSWF - 2014.

Encl. As above

Yours sincerely,



(N. C. Patel)
Vice-Chancellor

NSWF – 2014

National Seminar on Woman Farmer

During 4 – 6 February, 2014

At Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh



Organized By:



Junagadh Agricultural
University, Junagadh



Vigyan Prasar,
Department of Science And Technology,
Noida (up)



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

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

ORGANIZERS

- Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh
- National Council for Climate Change, Sustainable Development and Public Leadership (NCCSD)
- Vigyan Prasar, 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 adaption 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.

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 Prasar – 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 main streaming 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 unreached" in a timely manner.

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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