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Forest Genetic Resources for Sustainable Development
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Navsari Agricultural University
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PROGRAMME ELUCIDATION (NAHEP-CAAST)

The National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP) is a new initiative of Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi funded by World Bank and Government of India on sharing basis. The NAHEP is an ambitious step of ICAR to strengthen the National Agricultural Education System in the country by investing in capacity building of Students, Faculties, Infrastructural Development and Innovative Technologies. The Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari, Gujarat was granted an Advanced Agricultural Science and Technology (CAAST) Sub-component on “Establishment of Secondary Agriculture Unit for Skill Development in Students and Farmers” on competitive basis in 2018.

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Navsari Agricultural University is one amongst Gujarat State Agricultural Universities and campus is located 3 km to the West of Navsari City. The main campus at Navsari houses various graduates and post graduates colleges in faculties of Agriculture/Forestry/Veterinary Sciences/ Horticulture and Agribusiness Management. NAU has made remarkable progress in its tripartite activities viz., Education, Research and Extension Education which was matched with growth in infrastructure and Human Resource Development since its inception. Further, Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari bagged the 14th position at the national level and the first position in Gujarat state in the ICAR Ranking for top Agricultural Universities in India for the year 2018. Apart from this, the NAU, Navsari has also bagged many awards at the national level for excellence in its mandated activities and some of them being Best Performing AICRP Centre on Tuber Crops and Small Millets, Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay *Krishi Vigyan Protsahan Puruskar* Award to KVK, Tapi and Best usage of J-Gate@CeRA award to NAU Central Library.

CONCEPT

In forestry sector, Non-timber forest products (NTFPs) have played a significant role in benefiting people as well as industries by providing nutritive, ecological and livelihood security. According to FAO, NTFPs deals with market or subsistence goods for human and industrial consumption derived from renewable forest resources and biomass. Non-timber forest genetic resources include fruit, seed, gums, resins & oleoresins, bamboo, cane, medicinal plants including lac, honey and other by-products, which are generally procured from natural forests. Only few of these resources are domesticated/semi-domesticated; however, rest all collected from wild. Unscientific way of harvesting many NTFPs from forest coupled with anthropogenic and other environmental factors has threatened their status. In fact, few of them have already been displayed in Red data book of IUCN. Therefore, it is essential to develop technologies for sustainable harvesting of NTFPs as well as conservation of forest genetic resources for sustainable management. Thus, the present scientific forum would provide a platform to academicians, students, farmers, industrialists and policy makers for deliberating issues and prospectus of Non-Timber Forest Genetic Resources for sustainable development as well as to enhance the farmers income.

GOALS

1. To apprise post graduate students with recent and emerging trends/technologies on different aspects of NTFPs including medicinal and aromatic plants
2. To deliberate the challenges in production, management and marketing of value-added products of NTFPs
3. To understand the forest dweller's and farmer's requirement and new ideas towards utilization and value addition of NTFPs for livelihood security
4. To provide knowledge about forest certification and ecosystem services among scientific forum

THEMES

- 1) Silvicultural interventions for creation and establishment of commercial plantations of NTFPs
- 2) Domestication and conservation of forest resources-NTFPs & MAPs
- 3) Current trends in processing, value addition and waste utilization of resources of NTFPs
- 4) Policy issues and management of forest genetic resources for sustainable development

KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

Eminent academicians/subject matter specialists/policy makers from public and private sector will deliver keynote address on above said themes to enrich the current issues and prospectus of resources of NTFPs for sustainable development.

SPECIAL SESSION

There will be a special session for young scientists and PG scholars under each theme to deliver oral and poster presentations in the conference. Therefore, young scientists and PG scholars are invited to submit abstracts which would be peer reviewed and presented as oral/poster papers.

ABSTRACT GUIDELINES

- (i) Interested candidates can submit his / her abstracts based on research / conceptual / policy papers electronically by filling an online Registration Form on URL: <https://forms.gle/nix9FhTNoNgrNbWy7>. Abstract should be in MS Word (one line spacing, Times New Roman font, font size 12, with 4 cm left and 2.5 cm right, top and bottom margins) up to February 20, 2020.
- (ii) The abstract not exceeding 300 words should have the title [capital and bold font size 13], followed by the name of the author (s) and correspondence address which includes an active E-mail and contact number.
- (iii) There should not be any sub-headings, figures, tables or references in the abstract.
- (iv) All accepted abstracts for oral and poster presentations will be published in the souvenir of the National Conference.
- (v) Authors are requested to adhere to the spirit of ethical writing and should avoid plagiarism. Any kind of plagiarism would lead to rejection of the manuscript and all authors are responsible for the same.
- (vi) For each submitted abstract, only the lead author or the corresponding author would be eligible for registration in the conference. Each participant can submit at the most two abstracts and each abstract can have at the most four authors. Best papers shall be awarded at the conference.

SOUVENIR

A souvenir with the lead papers of keynote addresses and abstracts of oral and poster presentations will be released in the inauguration of the conference. Authors of chosen papers will be requested to submit full length manuscript which will be subsequently published as an edited book. General guidelines for the preparation of manuscript will be provided to the corresponding authors at the time of intimation.

IMPORTANT DATES

Last date for registration and submission of abstracts : **23/02/2020**

Last date for intimation to selected candidates : **24/02/2020**

Note: We invite only presented papers for publication in the form of edited book with ISBN and submit full length paper to naucaastevent@gmail.com

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

The conference is open to Scientists/Teachers/Professionals of SAUs/ICAR Institutes of India. Postgraduate students of SAUs and ICAR Institutes can also participate in the conference subject to acceptance of the submitted abstracts for oral/poster presentation. There are limited seats available for this conference and registration is mandatory. Therefore, early registration is encouraged.

REGISTRATION FEE

The National Conference is sponsored under the NAHEP-CAAST sub component and therefore, the registration fees are stands exempted. However, post graduate students would have to furnish a copy of their University/College ID at the time of registration or a certificate from their Dean/Registrar indicating their enrolment in the respective university.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation in Hotels and Guest Houses will be made available on request and on payment basis. Accommodation shall be reserved on first come first served basis after prior request. The tariff of hotels in Navsari and Surat ranges from Rs. 2000 to Rs. 7500 per day on payment basis. Private lodges, hotels with reasonable rates and star category hotels are also available in Navsari. Please confirm your participation and itinerary by sending E-mail to naucaastevent@gmail.com

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