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Accommodation & Transportation

The accommodation will be arranged at the Guest Houses of the University and/ nearby good hotels at nominal charge for which advance information is essential. Please contact Dr. C. K. Panda, Assistant Professor (Ext. Edu.), M. 07903213189 & Dr. S. K. Gupta, Assistant In-charge, University Guest House, M. 08002746337. One day advance tariff is requested.

IMPORTANT DATES

Last date for application for Awards : 02.07.2018
Last date for submission of abstracts : 02.07.2018
Last date for receipt of full length paper : 17.07.2018

REGISTRATION FEES

Farmers - 1000
Scientists and delegates - 4000
Students/retired scientists - 2000

Registration fee may be sent to the office of Directorate of Extension Education, Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour in advance by Demand Draft in favour of Director, Extension payable at Sabour or by NEFT/RTGS to SBI Ac/ No. 31928422340 (Sabour Branch; IFS Code- SBIN0011805) paid in cash at science congress registration counter at Sabour.

AWARDS
Innovative farmer Award: This Award is conferred on a farmer who has demonstrated out of box thinking in development, refinement and dissemination of improved farm production and resource management technology/practice having larger implication for farming society as a whole.

Best value chain innovator farmer award: This award is conferred on a farmer/rural agribusiness venture that has conceptualized or developed or implemented novel strategies and practices which have resulted in progressive change in agro-produce supply chain, enhanced profitability of farm gate processing and improved efficiency the marketing system.

Agribusiness Leadership award: This award is conferred to a farmer or operator of agri-business venture in allied sectors who has conceptualized, developed and implemented innovative venture ideas and established business models having potential to open new arenas of business among farming communities.

In last few years the doubling of farmers' income has become most widely discussed agricultural issue among academicians and policy makers. Most often suggested strategies for doubling farmers' income emphasize on development and diffusion of technologies for enhancing production, productivity, reducing cost of cultivation. However, it is a matter of fact that numbers of technologies have been already developed in this direction and large majority of these technologies have become redundant without making any noticeable impact on farmers' socio-economic condition. Large numbers of redundant technologies indicate that –in the present system of agricultural technology generation and dissemination –farmers' participation is much more passive and there is little or no institutional space for them to articulate their ideas and use inventiveness and creativity to solve their own problems. Despite great amount of efforts, the goal of sustainable economic development cannot be achieved unless it is built upon the resource in which farmers are rich, i.e. grassroots innovations, experiences and indigenous knowledgebase. Mainstreaming of grassroots innovation systems and indigenous knowledge with the formal organized top-down system of technology generation can be possible only when the scientific communities and policy makers are sensitized to recognize and respect the farmers creativity, problem solving ability and understand the fact that grassroots innovations and indigenous knowledge have a tremendous capacity to restore the economic and ecological balance.

The Farmers' science congress aims at sensitizing the formal system of technology generation & dissemination(i.e. agricultural scientists and extension workers) and the agricultural policy makers about the importance, potentiality and implications of grassroots innovations and indigenous knowledge base. The Farmers' science congress further aims at sharing experiences in documentation, conservation and incentivisation of traditional knowledge and protection of intellectual property rights of farming communities.

Thematic areas

- Grassroots technological innovations and their farm level impact
- Farmers' innovations and their implication to participatory technology development
- Upscaling and outscaling of grassroots innovations: problems, prospects and strategies
- Grassroots innovations in Market linkage and value chain integration: Farmers experiences and policy implications
- Diffusion research for farmers innovations: present status, problems and prospects
- Strategies for promoting & incentivizing farmers' innovations and conservation of indigenous knowledge

How to reach: Sabour is well connected by rail, road and air ways. The Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour is about 250 Km from Patna, 430 Km from Kolkata. The Railways stations of Sabour Station (SBO), Bhagalpur Junction (BGP) and Naugachia (NNA) Station are the nearest railway stations at a distance of 0.5 Km, 8 Km and 23 Km, respectively. The nearest airports are Jay Prakash Narayan International Airport, Patna and Bagdogra Airport at a distance of 250 Km and 245 Km, respectively.

Weather: Weather of Sabour in the month of August is expected to be moderately humid with temperature ranging between 26 and 330 Celsius.

National Farmers' Science Congress
on

Grassroots innovations in farm production, value chain integration and market linkage

05th- 07th August, 2018



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Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour - 813210
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