

# UGC NATIONAL LEVEL SEMINAR

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Sustainable Agricultural Development: Issues and Challenges

26-27 September, 2016

Organized by-Deptt. of Economics

Dr.B.N.Dutta Smriti Mahavidyalaya

P.O. Hatgobindapur, Dist.Burdwan(WB)

In collaboration with-

Chandrapur College, Burdwan

## **About the Seminar**

Agriculture occupies an important place in India's growth story. In recent years the performance of the agricultural sector is not very encouraging and its share in the country's GDP has declined to less than 14%. However, more than 50% of the population is still dependent on agriculture for sustenance and livelihood. Farming practices pursued by the farmers and erroneous policies of the Central and State Governments (especially subsidization of agricultural inputs like water, power and fertilizers) have led to distortions in the economy, land degradation, steep fall in the ground water levels and other environmental problems. Rainfed farming continues to be a state of stress and a 2<sup>nd</sup> green revolution is needed, to improve dryland agriculture. Apart from these, climate change and its impact on monsoon patterns continues to pose a threat to Indian agriculture. Chemical farming is a major threat for survival of peaceful life. In view of these a sustainable development of agriculture is the need of the hour, which requires careful implementation.

A two-day national seminar is being organized with a view to undertake an in-depth study of the major issues and challenges for sustainable agricultural development. The seminar is intended to review the existing state of agriculture, policies pursued so far and the strategies required to change the course of agriculture in the coming years. The need for new farming methods and practices like Subhash Palekar's ideas of farming assume importance.

## **Sub-themes**

- 1) Review of Development in agricultural sector & Agricultural Policies;
- 2) Organic farming and new farming methods;
- 3) Agriculture, climate change, Environmental issues and sustainable development;
- 4) Food security, poverty alleviation and rural livelihood;

### **Call for papers**

Papers are invited from participants on any of the themes mentioned in the thrust areas in the following e-mail address: [salauddin66jmi@yahoo.co.in](mailto:salauddin66jmi@yahoo.co.in) or [bhupendranathdutta@yahoo.com](mailto:bhupendranathdutta@yahoo.com)

*Last date of submission of abstract: 10/09/2016*

*Last Date of sending full paper: 15/09/2016*

*Date of seminar: 26-27 September, 2016*

### **Registration fees**

Academicians and others: Rs.100/-

Research scholars and students: NIL

### **Travel and Accommodation**

Sleeper class train fare by the shortest route will be provided to the paper presenters. However, participants are requested to seek sponsorship of their institution for their travel. Accommodation will be arranged on prior-request basis.

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