

DEAR SIR/ MADAM

Greetings from the PG and Research Centre of Economics, Fatima College, Madurai. We are happy to welcome your august presence and intellectual sharing in the one day National Conference on 24, February, 2017.

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Fatima College Mary Land Madurai is a catholic minority institution established and run by the congregation of the sisters of St .Joseph of Lyons. The Institution affiliated to Madurai Kamaraj University had its Inception in 1953. It became a Post Graduate College in 1964 and Autonomous in 1990. The college now offers 17 undergraduate courses, 13 post graduate courses and 4 departments have become Research Centers. In 2004 UGC conferred on Fatima College the status of college with potential for excellence. In 2006 the institution was Re- Accredited by NAAC with 'A' grade.

THE RESEARCH CENTRE OF ECONOMICS

The PG Department of Economics came into existence in 1964 and branched out with UG Course in 1967, M.Phil in 2003 and PhD in 2012. Since Autonomy in 1990, the Department offers Innovative and New Job Oriented Course and Certificate Course on Soft Skill for Career development. To fulfill the global expectations the Department focuses on Skill oriented papers like Econometrics, Fundamentals Of Accounting and Tally, Computer Application in Economics, SPSS and so on. Motto of the Department is "Empower Women: Elevate India". The Department has accomplished Major and Minor projects, Organized many International & National seminars and workshops on student oriented current economic and social issues at various levels funded by ICSSR and UGC.

CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK OF THE CONFERENCE

Agriculture in India is more a 'way of life' than a 'mode of business', In India, agriculture contributes about 16 percent of total GDP and 10% of total exports. Today, India ranks second in farm output worldwide. Agriculture and allied sectors like forestry and fisheries accounted for 17 % of the GDP in 2013-14 and ranked 7th in terms of agricultural

exports. India exported agricultural products valuing around 39 billion dollars. Over 60% of India's land area is arable making it the second largest country in terms of total arable land. Agricultural products of significant economic value include rice, wheat, potato, tomato, onion, mangoes, sugarcane, beans, cotton, etc.

Agriculture, for decades, had been associated with the production of basic food crops. India produces large quantity of food grains such as millets, cereals, pulses, etc. A major portion of the food-stuffs produced is consumed within the country. Our farmers' work day & night to feed our population that counts over 1.21 billion. Providing a long-term supply of nutritionally rich foods is a key to overcome malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies.

Until recently, the focus of projects has been either on micronutrient supplementation or only on the food production side. However, long-term nutrition benefits can only be reached through a broader approach that connects nutrition with an agriculture that is imbedded in a social and economic frame. Nutrition-sensitive agriculture is an approach that seeks to maximize agricultural contribution to nutrition. This strategy stresses the multiple benefits derived from enjoying variety of food, recognizing its nutritional value for good health and productivity, the social significance of the food and agricultural sector for supporting rural livelihoods.

Since, the year 2016 has been declared as the INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PULSES by the 68th U.N General Assembly. The hope of the 2016 International Year of Pulses (IYP 2016) is to position pulses as a primary source of protein and other essential nutrients. There is a need to disseminate and educate the younger generation about producing a nutritious seeds for a sustainable future ensuing diversified diet improvements for hale and healthy life. Thus, the **Research centre of Economics** constructs an attempt to organize One day National conference on 'Agriculture in the new millennium - nutritious seeds for a sustainable future'.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Research Papers are invited from the academicians, faculty members, community leaders, administrators and research scholars. The papers received will be reviewed by a committee for inclusion in the conference. The committee has all the rights to accept or reject the paper.

The papers received after the last date is not considered for publication. But those papers can be presented in the conference.

SUB-THEMES OF THE CONFERENCE

1. GDP Contribution of Agricultural Sector
2. Organic farming
3. Agriculture financing
4. Pulses production
5. Cereals production
6. Farm Power sources and utilization
7. Seed industry in India
8. HYV - Nutritious seeds for sustainability
9. Seed production system in India
10. Seed certification system in India
11. Women Entrepreneurship in Indian seed business
12. Role of public and private seed sector
13. Policy initiatives in seed sector
14. India's seed sector reforms
15. Need for transgenic seeds
16. Seed security assessment in Indian states
17. Effectiveness of National seed policy
18. Climate change and its impact on seed production
19. Global seed Market and India's Position and
20. Other related research topics.

GUIDELINES FOR PAPER SUBMISSION

The research paper should be original and unpublished. Abstract (500 words) and full paper (Less than 12 pages or 3500 Words) can be submitted through Email to ncanssf@gmail.com. Submission of full paper is compulsory. The research papers shall be in the standard research format, in the order of, abstract, key words, spelling out the need for study, objectives, hypothesis if any, methodology, techniques of data analysis, findings / results, conclusion, references and statistical tables. The submission should be in MS Word format only, typed in A4 single column format, 1.5 line spacing, using font Times New Roman, 12 point size and normal margins. Keep the layout of the text as simple as possible. References cited in the text should confirm to the style used by the American Psychological Association (APA). Name of the author/s their addresses (Postal and e-mail), and contact numbers should be given in the first page of the paper. A paper can have a maximum of two authors only.

PUBLICATION IN THE EDITED BOOK WITH ISBN NUMBER

Efforts will be made to publish selected papers in the form in International Journal with ISSN Number and in an edited book with ISBN number. The Scrutiny Committee will select the standard papers sent by the delegates for Publication in Journal and Book by charging an additional minimum publication fees which will be intimated later.

IMPORTANT DATES

1. The last date for the submission of the research paper 11-02-2017 (Full papers along with abstracts are accepted, Abstracts alone are not accepted)
2. Date of intimation for the acceptance on or before 12-02-2017.
3. The Conference Date 24-02-2017.

REGISTRATION FEE

Category	Registration fee
Industrialists	Rs. 550/-
Faculty	Rs. 500/-
PhD / MPhil Research Scholars	Rs. 300/-
PG Students	Rs. 200/-

Please note: - Authors and co-authors should register separately.
- OD facility is available

The fee may be paid by a Demand Draft drawn in favour of "Principal, Fatima College" payable at Madurai. The fee includes Conference material, refreshments and lunch only. DA/TA will not be provided. The participants are requested to arrange their own accommodation and conveyance to attend the conference.

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