

**National Workshop on Natural Resource Management for Climate
Resilient Agriculture in Lower Himalayas**

December 22-23, 2015



Organized by

Soil Conservation Society of India

New Delhi

at

Regional Research Station

Punjab Agricultural University

Ballawal Saunkhri, Nawanshahar - 144521 (Punjab)

Presently, agriculture is on the crossroads due to the challenges posed by the shrinking and degrading natural resource base and the changing climate. India is blessed with vast natural resources & land, water, vegetation, human and livestock, but their unplanned and unscientific exploitation has led to serious environmental and land degradation processes.

Lower Himalayas of India particularly Shivaliks are the fragile region of Himalayan ecosystems. The region is exposed to greater biotic pressure due to its close proximity to plains. The ecological degradation contribute immensely towards excessive sediment discharge and surface runoff, reduced recharge of groundwater and impoverishment of arable lands and overall reduction in land productivity, which consequently affects socio-economic status of inhabitants.

Comprehensive and effective adaptation and mitigation measures are required to enhance the productivity in region and for conserving natural resources. So, a brain storming two day workshop "**National Workshop on Natural Resource Management for Climate Resilient Agriculture in Lower Himalayas**" shall be organized by Soil Conservation Society of India, New Delhi during December 22-23, 2015 at the Regional Research Station (Punjab Agricultural University), Ballawal Saunkhri, nawashahr, Punjab.

Themes of workshop

- Maintaining soil health for sustainable agriculture under changing climatic scenario
- Integrated farming system and watershed management for rural livelihood.
- Selection and Improvement of crops for dryland agriculture/limited water conditions
- Conservation agriculture systems and innovative crop and management practices under dryland conditions
- Innovative solutions for conserving rain water and efficient utilization of limited available water.
- Organic farming and cultivation of medicinal & underutilized plants and their value addition

Guidelines for submission of abstracts

Abstracts are invited on any of the above theme areas or other related areas. The abstracts should not exceed 500 words, should be typed in double space leaving 2.5 cm margin on all sides on A-4 paper. Three to five keywords should be given below the abstract in italics. The font should be Times New Roman in size 12. The abstract should be sent through email (nwnrm15@gmail.com) in MS word format. A committee will

review the abstracts and decide about the nature of presentation (oral/poster). Author(s) will be intimated regarding the acceptance of papers.

Important Dates

Last date of Abstract submission	:	October 15, 2015
Intimation of acceptance of abstracts	:	October 28, 2015
Last date for Registration (without late fees)	:	November 20, 2015

Registration Fees

Conference is open only for the registered participants. Registration fee is as under:

For Delegates	:	Rs. 2000
For Research Fellows	:	Rs. 1500
For Students	:	Rs. 1000
Late fee (after November 20, 2015)	:	Rs. 500
Accompanying person	:	Rs. 1000 per person

Registration fees include the conference kit, access to conference sessions, daily conference lunches and specified dinners. The students/ research fellows are required to produce a valid identity card/ certificate for availing the student discount.

The registration fee may be deposited in the Soil Conservation of India Society, New Delhi. Account details are: Syndicate Bank, NASC, Pusa Campus, New Delhi A/c No.: 91532010015030; MICR Code: 110025175; IFSC Code: SYNB0009153 and intimation may be sent to workshop mail ID nwnrm15@gmail.com.

Weather

The weather in December is cool and woollens will be required. The mean maximum and minimum temperatures are 22°C and 6°C, respectively.

Accommodation:

The registration fee does not include accommodation charges. Limited accommodation is available in the guest houses of the station and shall be provided on first-cum-first serve basis. Most of delegates will have to stay in the hotels. Limited numbers of hotel are available in nearby cities. The likely tariffs of the hotels are Rs. 1500 to 3000. The hotel accommodation shall be arranged only after receiving hotel tariffs in advance.

Regional Research Station, Ballawal Saunkhri

Regional Research Station, Ballawal Saunkhri (Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar) is a constituent unit of Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana (Punjab). It was established in 1982 at village Ballawal Saunkhri near Balachaur in the heart of Kandi area. The nearest city is Balachaur, which is 13 km from the regional station. Balachaur

is located on Chandigarh - Jammu highway at 65 km from Chandigarh and 60 km from Hoshiarpur city. By Air delegates can come to Delhi / Chandigarh and from Delhi / Chandigarh to Rupnagar (Ropar) by train / bus. By train delegates can come directly to Chandigarh / Rupnagar. Vehicles from the station will pick the delegates from Balachaur on prior intimation.

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