### **Revised** (for online mode)

**Information Brochure** 

**ICAR Sponsored Short Course** 

on

Recent Trends in Sustainable Utilization, Value Addition and Conservation of Non-Timber Forest Genetic Resources (NTFGRs)

(19-01-2022 to 28-01-2022)





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Navsari-396 450, Gujarat

## **Background**

India is one of the richest countries in the World in terms of wealth and biodiversity. It is also act as home for several endemic flora and fauna. Forests play a vital role in terms of production, utilization and conservation of timber and non-timber forest genetic resources in India. Non-Timber Forest Produces (NTFPs,) play a vital role in Indian economy and it accounts approx. 68% of the export in the forestry sector. Nearly 20-40% of the annual incomes of forest dwellers are made from NTFPs through collection, primary processing and marketing.

Exploitation of NTFP resources and unscientific way of harvesting leads to loss of genetic resources. Both sustainable utilization, and conservation of forest genetic resources of NTFPs are essential. Further, domestication and commercialization of Non-Timber Forest Genetic Resources (NTFGRs) would provide a path for production of high yielding genotypes and such studies are scattered among NTFPs. Hence, these issues need to be addressed through insight on recent trends, challenges and solution regarding sustainable utilization, value addition and conservation of NTFGRs in the era of climate change.

#### About the course

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#### The course content includes:

- Diversity of NTFPs and their conservation
- Mapping, documentation, evaluation and genetic improvement of NTFGRs
- Sustainable utilization & value addition of NTFGRs
- Legislation and institutional framework for protection & marketing of NTFGRs

#### Date and Venue

Date: 19-01-2022 to 28-01-2022

Venue: Online Mode College of Forestry
Navsari Agricultural University Navsari

#### **About Navsari**

Navsari is the twin city with Surat, situated at an elevation of 9 m above mean sea level near Arabian Sea, located in southern Gujarat. It is 12 km from the historical place Dandi, where Mahatma Gandhiji picked up the grains of salt in Salt *Satyagraha*. Navsari is also the birthplace of Jamsetji Tata, the "Father of Indian Industry" and Dadabhai Navroji, the "Grand Old Man of India".

#### Weather

The weather in Navsari during December to January is generally pleasant with cold and temperature fluctuates between 20 to  $35^{\circ}C$ .

How to reach (No travel is required and it is Rescheduled Online Mode due to COVID-19 Pandemic & new variants incidences occurring at different states)

The city lies on the Mumbai-Ahmedabad/Delhi Western Railway link. Navsari is located in the main railway track of Western Railway and many trains stops at Navsari. The next nearest railway station is located at Surat (30 km). The nearest domestic

airport is at Surat (45 km to the north). Other nearest Airports are located at Mumbai (250 km to the South), Ahmedabad (300 km to the North). Navsari is well connected by NH 228 (Sabarmati-Dandi Highway). NH 8 (Delhi-Mumbai) also passes besides the city, which is 10 km away from the campus.

## **Eligibility**

Academician and scientists working in the field of education, research and extension activities related to Forestry/Horticulture not below the rank of Assistant Professor/ Scientist/ equivalent posts in SAUs/ CAUs/ ICAR Institutes and preference will be given to candidate having PG degree in Forestry/Horticulture working with Forest Trees and NTFPs.

## Registration

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Upload the scanned copy of approved form on CBP portal. The original copy along with Rs. 50/- (non-refundable) in the form of an Indian Postal Order in the favour of "AAO, ACHF, NAU", payable at PO Eru, Navsari 396450, should be sent to the Course Director. An advance copy of the application (scanned copy) may be sent to overcome any postal delay. However, the candidature for final selection will

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### Travel, Boarding and Lodging

The participants will be paid to and fro travel fare for journey by train or bus as the case may be, by the shortest route on the production of original ticket/receipt. The payment will be AC III tier (restricted to AC II tier) fare on production of a copy of the ticket(s) as per ICAR/NAU norms. In lieu of incidental charges during travel, DA will be reimbursed as per the rules. The participants travelling by bus will be paid actual fare on production of original ticket or receipt limited to III AC, whichever is lower.

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#### **Evaluation and Feedback**

Participants need to give their feedback at the end of course and fill up the evaluation proforma in the ICAR portal.

## Important dates

Extended date for receipt of application:11-1-2022

Intimation of selection: 13-1-2022

Date of confirmation by applicant: **15-1-2022** Training period: **19-01-2022 to 28-01-2022** 

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