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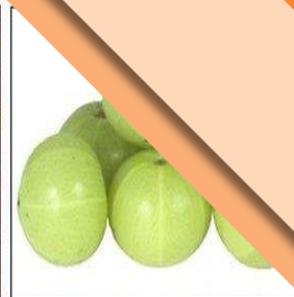


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# Webinar on Underutilized fruits: Converting wastelands in to goldmine

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Organized by

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**Introduction:** India shares 16 per cent population of the world, while its land is only 2 per cent of the total geographical area of the world. Naturally, the pressure on the land is often beyond its carrying capacity. Therefore, the productive lands, especially the farmlands in India are in the constant process of various degrees of degradation and are fast turning into wastelands. At present, approximately 68.35 million hectare land is lying as wastelands, out of these approximately 50 per cent lands, can be utilized for growing underutilized fruits like Ber, Aonla, Ker, Kumat, Tamarind, Jamun, Chironji, Beal, Gonda, Karonda etc due to their inherent capacity to grow on degraded land with very less external inputs.

Agriculture and horticulture plays a pivotal role in the rural economy, it not only contributes to overall farm income but also reduces poverty by providing employment, food and nutritional security to the majority of tribal population thus it is the most inclusive growth sectors of the rural economy. In last few decades this sector is at crossroad while on the other hand, many neglected and underutilized fruit species are nutritionally rich and are adapted to low input agriculture. The use of these species, whether wild, managed or cultivated, can have immediate consequences on the food security and well-being of the tribal farmers having poor and degraded lands. Therefore, to create awareness and disseminate the scientific knowledge for better utilization of wastelands by growing underutilized fruits for the benefit of all the stake holders, College of Agriculture, Navsari Agricultural University, Campus – Bharuch, is organizing a National Webinar with the eminent speakers from ICAR institutes and SAU's. This webinar will be helpful to all the stakeholders by dissemination of recent technological advances in converting wastelands in to goldmine through promotion of scientific cultivation of underutilized fruit crops.

## **E-CERTIFICATE FOR REGISTERED ATTENDEES ONLY**

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- **Dr. S. J. Patil**, Research Scientist (Horticulture), Agriculture Experimental Station, NAU, Paria

### Eminent Speaker



- **Dr. Sanjay Singh**, Principal Scientist & Head Central Horticultural Experiment Station (ICAR-CIAH), Vejalpur, Godhra (Gujarat)
- **Dr. A.K. Singh**, Principal Scientist, Central Horticultural Experiment Station (ICAR-CIAH), Vejalpur, Godhra (Gujarat)
- **Dr. Dev Raj**, Professor and Head, Deptt. of Post Harvest Technology, ACHF, NAU, Navsari
- **Dr. A.K. Shukla**, Principal Scientist & Head Central Arid zone Research Institute, Regional office, Pali, Rajasthan

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- Dr. H. U. Vyas, Associate Professor (Extension)
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- Miss. Archana Mali, Agri. Assistant
- Dr. Manish Zinzala, Research Associate
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### Who can participate



Students, Entrepreneur, Faculties, Scientist, Officers of Line department, NGO workers

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- Dr. Swapnil Deshmukh, Assistant Professor (Agronomy)

### Certificate



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