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| Submission of Abstracts | 30 th November, 2020 |
| Communication of Acceptance | 05 th December, 2020 |
| Full length Paper submission | 10 th December, 2020 |
| Conference Dates | 27 th -30 th December, 2020 |
| Last date for registration | 20 th December, 2020 |

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INTERNATIONAL EXTENSION EDUCATION CONFERENCE

ON

Role of NGOs in Extension Services Opportunities & Challenges



DECEMBER 27-30, 2020

Venue: Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India



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Background

India has a long tradition of voluntary service since the Vedic period. The spirit of Voluntary Services has grown with the inspiration of many great men like Lord Buddha, Swami Vivekananda, Rabindra Nath Tagore and Mahatma Gandhi and many others. The idea behind the practice is spiritual realization of the self as depicted in the motto "Service to mankind is service to God". Voluntary Organizations (VOs) and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) play a significant role in rendering voluntary services to the poor and marginalized sections of society. Their services are now acknowledged and considered as powerful tools by the Government and PSUs in policy making and implementation of developmental and welfare programmes for socio-economic transformation. It is observed that NGOs help to make the distribution of extension services more equitable through participatory methods by providing training, guidance and handholding support to self-help groups for effectively functioning and managing pooled resources in a democratic way. They try to integrate various sectors of rural economy, agricultural off farm activities, agro-industrial activities through programmes of leadership development, training and education. The functions of NGOs and VOs have changed overtime from relief and welfare work to community development and sustainable management of resources. Most of the NGOs once focused on the enhancement of social skills are now, with the expanded donor resources being invested in extension, oriented towards entrepreneurial activities by hiring the best extension advisors. These new NGOs are very successful in competing for and carrying out donor-driven projects and they are also providing advisory services.

Objectives of the Conference

This international conference is an attempt to find the redefined role of NGOs in Agricultural Extension in present context, their advocacy and community empowerment efforts in terms of generating institutional pluralism and building democratic process in serving the society.

NGOs are the private organizations that pursue activities to relieve suffering, promote the interests of the poor, protect the environment, provide basic social services, or undertake community development. In wider usage, the term NGO can be applied to any non-profit organization which is independent from the government. NGOs are typically value-based organizations which depend, in whole or in part, on charitable donations and voluntary service. Although the NGO sector has become increasingly professionalized over the last two decades, principles of altruism and voluntarism remain key defining characteristics.

- The World Bank

Themes

- A – NGOs in present context
- B – NGOs in Agriculture and allied sectors
- C – New dimensions of NGO involvement
- D – NGOs in basic Rural Development Issues

THEME I NGOs IN PRESENT CONTEXT

1. Concept, structure and functions related NGOs / CBOs / FPOs / GROs / VDOs.
2. Policies issues and challenges related to functioning of NGOs; in present context.
3. Economics and Fund mobilization, financial sustainability for working of NGOs.
4. GO-NGO-Industry- Public relationships, partnership and collaboration opportunities
5. Cooperatives, Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and other community based organizations into extension activities

THEME II NGOs IN AGRICULTURE AND ALLIED SECTORS

1. **Agriculture & Horticulture** NGOs in education, training and management of commercial Agri-horticulture, NGOs in ICT and digital information dissemination, organic farming, advanced farming practices, sericulture, apiculture, mushroom farming, farm mechanization, input management, insect-pest management, procurement, storage and post harvest management, grading, sorting, packaging, standardization, food safety, business promotion, advanced marketing strategies and promotion of FPOs.
2. **Animal Husbandry and Fishery** NGOs in milk, meat, egg and fish production, poultry and poultry products, rearing and caring of farm animals, fresh water and marine fisheries, training of rural youth and women for commercial production and their preservation, advanced production strategies.
3. **Food processing and Agro-based small scale industries** Food processing, bio-fortification, super foods and value chain management.

THEME III NEW DIMENSIONS OF NGO INVOLVEMENT

1. Doubling farmer's income, Public-Private-Industry partnership opportunities and challenges
2. Promotion of crop insurance and risk management.
3. Social awareness and policy advocacy for farmers
4. Climate change, biodiversity, water and disaster management
5. Entrepreneurship and employment generation

THEME IV NGOs IN BASIC RURAL DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

1. Rural infrastructure: Clean and green energy, Rural Housing, Rural electrification and transportation
2. Rural education and Health
3. Skill development and empowerment of youth and women
4. Financial and social inclusion
5. Rural transformation through digital innovations
6. Management of COVID19 Pandemic

An agricultural extension service offers technical advice on agriculture to farmers, and also supplies them with the necessary inputs and services to support their agricultural production. It provides information to farmers and passes to the farmers, new ideas developed by agricultural research stations. Agricultural extension programmes cover a broad area including improved crop varieties, better livestock control, improved water management, and the control of weeds, pests or plant diseases. Where appropriate, agricultural extension may also help to build up local farmers' groups and organizations so that they can benefit from extension programmes. Agricultural extension, therefore, provides the indispensable elements that farmers need to improve their agricultural productivity.

- Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)

Who May Participate

Agricultural personnel, extension workers, professors, teachers, job providers, scientists, researchers, students, financial organizations, policy makers, administrators, NGO managers, farmers and other professionals and stake holders related to agricultural extension research and extension service.

Call for Abstracts

The abstracts are invited for oral and poster presentations during the conference. The abstracts should be focused on any of the sub-themes.

Abstract Format

Accepted abstracts will be a concise summary of factual information and not simply a general description of what the author plans to present. A high-quality abstract contains the following key elements (without designating them as such): (1) a brief introduction, including objectives of the presentation; (2) relevant experimental conditions indicating the scope of study or survey (authors of predominately philosophical works may substitute other appropriate criteria); (3) observations, results, or data (however, data should be in summary form and not presented in tables or graphs) - philosophical abstracts must demonstrate application of said philosophy; and (4) a concise summary. The detail guidelines for abstract submission are available on www.ieecbhu.in

Abstracts may be submitted online at <http://ieecbhu.in/AbstractSub.aspx> on or before November 30th, 2020.

Registration

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