



International Farmers' Dialogue – 2016

Conference on
**Modifying Environment into
Predictable Harvests**

February 5-9, 2016

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Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Agricultural University and Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Agricultural Foundation (PDAF) Akola, have the pleasure of inviting you for the 2nd International Farmers Dialogue and Conference, 2016 at

Main campus of Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Agricultural University at Akola (Maharashtra State), India

Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Agricultural University, Vidarbha region's proud 45-year old Agricultural University (State Agriculture University under the ICAR system) established in 1969, has a singular tract record of achievements that are rapidly changing the face of region's agriculture and allied sciences. Dedicated to providing powerful global platforms empowering our learning community, farmers and stakeholders in India and around the world, we proudly lead in the task of exploring, demonstrating and sharing transformative and sustainable technology alternatives in development.

We cordially invite you to contribute in the next phase in transformative innovations invigorating our profession and its progressive-minded torchbearers. Carrying forward the IFD tradition set since 2014, let us answer the formidable challenge to harness the consequences of unpredictable climate change towards corrective action, modifying environment into predictable harvests for balanced development of our agrarian community.

Themes

1. Quality Agriculture Education and Infrastructure Development
2. Diversified Farming and Alternatives in Sustainable Development
3. Woman-Centred Agro-Industrial Development
4. Livelihood Security and Effective Risk Assessment
5. Modifying Environment –a Collective Venture



Venue

The venue of the conference is the Main campus of Dr. PDKV, Akola. It is well connected by rail with Mumbai, Pune, Nagpur & New Delhi. The nearest airports are Nagpur and Aurangabad.

Weather

Geographically, Akola is located at 22°42'N 77°02' East at an elevation of 307.42 meters above mean sea level. It receives average annual rainfall of 811.00 mm, mostly from south-west monsoon during June to September. The weather at Akola and surrounding area would be pleasant during February (Maximum day temperature 32 °C and minimum night temperature 14°C).

Programme

Thursday, February 4, 2016 : Arrival and registration

Friday, February 5, 2016 : Inauguration of conference

Saturday-Tuesday, February 6-9, 2016

Technical sessions and field visits; Each day's programme shall consist of technical sessions and field visits. Visits include diversified farms; small agro-industries; organic farms and University farms, Colleges and on site dialogues.

Tuesday, February 9, 2016 : Valedictory function at 1500 hrs.

Registration

International : US \$ 350 (Cash payable in USD) including stay, food and local transportation

National : INR 10,000/-

Registration closes : January 10, 2016



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