



**NATIONAL SEMINAR
ON
Safe Food for All**



February, 21-23, 2012



**Organised By : Dept. of ASEPAN
Palli Siksha Bhavana
(Institute of Agriculture)
Visva-Bharati, Sriniketan**



Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore had his foot prints in every sphere of our lives. However, with his yeomen contribution in the field of literature and cultural activities, his deep involvement in rural reconstruction has remained relatively less attended. About ninety years back, he established Sriniketan campus of Visva-Bharati "To take the problems of villages and the fields to the class room for study and discussion and to experimental farm for solution; to carry the knowledge and experience gained in the classroom and experimental farm to the villages; to teach the farmer for better method of growing crops and vegetables and keeping of livestock". To achieve this goal, he sent his son Rathindra Nath and other two young men to USA for studying Agriculture and Animal Science more than hundred years ago. The small activity initiated in Sriniketan long back has now taken a new shape all over India in the form of "Lab to Land" programme and the effort of Tagore has been recognized as "Tagore's Sriniketan experiment on agricultural and rural extension". The Rural Institute established by Tagore has now grown up as a separate Faculty known as Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture) to offer BSc(Ag)Hons, MSc(Ag) and PhD degrees and numbers of students from all over the country are coming to pursue their agricultural education in this Institute. While we are now celebrating the 150th Birth Anniversary of Tagore, time has also come to observe Golden Jubilee of this Institute which was established in 1963.

It is well accepted that India has made a significant achievement in increasing its food grain production from merely 55 million ton during post independence period to 240 million tone in 2010-11. Similar success have also been observed in other sectors of agriculture like horticulture, animal science, pisciculture etc. However, with indiscriminate intensification of various cultivations practices, the earlier successes have now started showing symptoms of staggering. While the farmers are under pressure to produce more for combating the increasing requirement of escalating population, the issue of food quality is not getting that importance what is deserved in a developing country like India. Under this context, the Department of ASEPAN of Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Visva-Bharati has decided to organize a National Seminar on "Safe Food for All" to commemorate the contributions of Tagore to modernization of Indian Agriculture on his 150th Birth Anniversary and also to Observe Pre-Golden jubilee celebration of the Institute.

Objectives:

- i) To discuss different aspects of producing quality food.
- ii) To assess the environmental factors interfering with safety in food production under different production systems.
- iii) To deal with various strategies for improving the quality of food under different sectors of production like agriculture, horticulture, animal science, fisheries, sericulture etc. without compromising the quantity.

Participants:

The seminar will deal with strategies for production of "safe food for all" in different sectors of agriculture, horticulture, animal science, fisheries etc. Academicians, researchers, administrators, voluntary organizations and anybody who are working on the subject are welcome to attend the seminar.

Venue:

Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Visva-Bharati, Sriniketan – 731236, West Bengal, India

Sriniketan is the rural campus of Visva-Bharati, founded by Tagore in 1921, 3km away from Santiniketan and 5km from Bolpur station. It is situated about 150 km from Kolkata and is well connected with express and local trains. Bolpur (Santiniketan) is the nearest railway station situated at Burdwan-Sahebgunj loop line and located at about 4 km distance from the Institute.

Theme areas and technical sessions:

Crop husbandry	Fisheries
Animal husbandry & Vety. Science	Environment
Horticulture	Integrated farming
Soil fertility and erosion	Post harvest technology
Biotechnology	Other topics related to safe food production

Abstracts not exceeding 500 words are to be e-mailed to the organizing secretary with an * marks on the name of the presenting author. Acceptance of the paper will be intimated within seven days. Full papers will be peer reviewed for publication in "International Journal & Bio-resource and Stress Management" at discounted page charge.

Weather:

The average temperature during night and day times during month of February generally remain between 12 and 30°C respectively. Light warm clothing may be necessary.

Language:

The official language of the Seminar will be English.

Registration:

- For Delegates : Rs. 2500/
- Research Scholars: Rs. 1500/-
- Accompanying persons: Rs.2,000/ (Without registration kits)
- Spot registration: Extra Rs. 250/- will be charged

Submission of Abstracts:

- Last date of submission: Abstract : 31st December, 2011
- Full paper: 31st January, 2012
- Registration fee: 20th January, 2012

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- I wish to attend the seminar:
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Number Sex
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Date: _____ Time: _____

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