

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY:-

The Gandhigram Rural Institute was founded in 1956 by two disciples of Gandhiji. Dr. G. Ramachandran and Dr. T.S. Soundaram. University Grants Commission, New Delhi in 1976 conferred on it the status of Deemed university. The institute was accredited with 5 star status by National Assessment and Accreditation council, Bangalore. It offers Doctoral, Master's and Bachelor's degree, Diploma and certificate programmes through its seven academic faculties. The academic programmes of the institute have attracted students from different parts of India and from other developing countries. The Gandhigram Rural institute has a campus of nearly 200 acres located in a serene rural setting, nestling in one of the enclaves of the beautiful Sirumalai hill ranges and lying north of Madurai city. Gandhigram is easily accessible by rail and road. Gandhigram is situated on the Madurai Dindigul National Highway 7. It is well connected by rail and road (12 kms from Dindigul and 47 kms from Madurai).

ABOUT THE FACULTY:-

Faculty of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry is one among the seven academic faculties of GRI offering Ph.D programmes, Two year M.Sc., Dairy Science programme, M.Sc., Medicinal plants, One year Post Diploma in Commercial Horticulture, Post Diploma in Seed Production Technology, Post Diploma in Organic Farming and Two year Diploma in Agriculture programme. It has one dairy unit with 30 cows, one agricultural farm, metrological observatory and an orchard. It has a well established dairy lab. The faculty also runs a number of major and minor projects sponsored by Ford foundation, NWDP, NABARD, DRDA, and UGC.

FOCAL THEME OF THE SEMINAR:

Food safety is a current sound thinking among consumers throughout the world. In the global scenario, Food safety is a major issue. It imposes complex and continuously changing demand on industry. In recent years, food safety has become a subject of increasing policy importance internationally. There is a growing public perception, shared

by some members of the scientific community that incidences of food-borne disease are on the rise. In a parallel development, the Uruguay Round of international trade talks, concluded in 1994, brought food safety to the forefront of debates concerning trade in food and agricultural products, in a context of diminishing tariffs and quotas, the new arena of contention is the enactment of sanitary and phytosanitary measures, where countries maintain some leeway to determine their own standards. This changing climate, largely driven by the concerns of the economically more advanced countries, raises several important questions for countries in the developing world. The most obvious concern is the impact on their trade-oriented sectors. Many developing countries rely heavily on agricultural commodity exports, and have been pursuing value-added strategies to expand their foreign markets for processed foodstuffs.

For a range of reasons, people living in developing countries face a higher level of exposure to contaminated foodstuffs than those living in developed countries. The tropical climate favors proliferation of pests and naturally occurring toxins, the water supplies used to clean and processed the food are frequently unsafe, and regulatory standards are either lower or less well enforced. Rapid urbanization may have complicated the situation, by changing people's traditional ways of handling their food. More and more people depend on markets, and many rely at least in part on food prepared outside of the home. How are governments, producers, and consumers meeting the evolving food safety challenge? What kinds of development cooperation can best support in the management of food safety? What kinds of collaborative research are needed to resolve outstanding issues?

With these questions in mind, a two days seminar titled **FOOD SAFETY MANAGEMENT IN DAIRY AND AGRO BASED FOOD PRODUCTS** is organized to highlight the issues on possible occurrence, detection and control of pollutants and contaminants in Dairy and food industry and to discuss Food safety, quality assurance and quality standards in Dairy and Agro based food industries.

Objectives

- ☉ To make the participants to realize the importance of safe and quality food.
- ☉ To meet the challenges of food and dairy industries in the globalization era.
- ☉ To uplift the standards of Indian food industries at the international level in order to catch the export opportunities.

- ☉ Current issues in food safety management,
- ☉ International Standards and Food Safety
- ☉ Importance of quality assurance programme,
- ☉ Pollutants and contaminants in dairy and food industry,
- ☉ Food processing and preservation,
- ☉ Production and post harvest handling of dairy and agro based products
- ☉ Safety and quality control of dairy and agro based foods,
- ☉ Microbial hazards in dairy and food Industries,
- ☉ Safety assessment and consumer protection in Dairy and Agro based food industries.

DATE AND VENUE:-

22nd & 23rd JANUARY 2010 at KVK Gandhigram.

DELEGATES PROFILE

Experts, academicians, food processors, students, Govt. officials, policy makers, and all other stake holders concerned in the Food safety and quality assurance.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS:-

Abstracts for oral and poster presentation not exceeding 200 words are invited in CD/Email with 2 hard copies. Abstracts should be submitted with duly filled registration form and prescribed registration fee by way of Demand Draft on or before 30.12.2009. The authors will be intimated of the acceptance of their paper by email. The manuscript for full paper should be typed double spaced using MS word. Two copies of manuscripts and soft copies should submit before 7.1.2010. The size of poster should be 3' X 2'.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Submission of Abstract : 30.12.2009

Submission of Full Paper : 07.01.2010

Dates of seminar : 22nd & 23rd JANUARY 2010

REGISTRATION FEE :

CATEGORY	AMOUNT (Rs)	
	OUT STATION	LOCAL
Teachers	500/-	300/-
Ph.D Scholars and students	200/-	100/-
Others	500/-	300/-

The registration fee should be paid in the form of Demand Draft in favour of The Registrar, Gandhigram Rural Institute payable at canara bank, Gandhigram (Code No: 0967) or State Bank of India, Ambaturai (Code No: 3373).

ACCOMMODATION:

Accommodation will be offered on first come first served basis on twin sharing basis at University Guest House. For those who like to stay outside, hotel accommodation will be arranged on request on payment basis at Dindigul:

Hotel A Grade : Rs. 1500/day

B Grade : Rs. 600/day

Ordinary : Rs. 250-400/day(double bed)

: Rs. 150-250/day(Single bed)

University Guest House : Rs. 50/person/day.

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