

National Level Conference
On
Managing Farming Crises in India through Farm Loan Waivers: Necessity
and Impact.
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Mahatma Gandhi Mission (MGM) Institute of Management:

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About the Conference:

Farming once upon a time was the backbone of the Indian economy but in recent times has turned into a loss making business for farmers, particularly for small and medium farmers. As per the 70th round of National Sample Survey Data regarding Agricultural census 2013-14, average monthly income of agricultural household was only Rs. 6224/-. Not only this but among 90.2 million agricultural households over 50% suffer from severe debt and outstanding loans. On an average each household owes a debt of Rs. 42,000/- Farmers with 4 to 10 hectares of land holdings easily made their income which was double the expenditure. However farmers less than 1 hectare perpetually fall short of money due to the cost of production of the crops. This results into not even recovering the primary investment they have made.

The problem of farm business has further aggravated with issues such as consequent crop failure due to vagaries of the monsoon as usual. Farmer's inability to sell the product at a reasonable support price, fluctuations in the market prices and haphazard/improper policies of the government both at the central as well as state level. Ultimately a result is to making farming an economically non-viable occupation. No doubt as stated by the famous economist W. W. Rostow "the development process in any country is characterized by excessive dependence on agricultural in initial stages of development, however this dependence and the contribution of agricultural in the GDP progressively goes on declining in the next phase of development."

But as far as Indian agricultural is concerned, the situation is alarming due to several other reasons also. Alongwith its declining role in the contribution in GDP, it is surrounded by several socio economic issues leading the whole farming landing in a crisis situation. This has led to thousands of farmers committing suicides in various states.

Successive central governments and state governments are taking several measures to manage this crisis and overcome the situation. Some state governments such as Maharashtra, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and Punjab have announced loan waivers schemes in their respective states. The government of Maharashtra has announced a scheme of loan waiver amounting to Rs.34, 000 crores for upto 1.5 lakhs rupees for each farmer. Uttar Pradesh government has waived Rs. 36,000/- crores of farmers loan. Punjab state government has proposed to waive Rs. 10,000 crores of Farmers loan and the Karnataka state government has announced a loan waiver scheme of Rs. 8000 crores. But the problem is weather these loan waiver policy is a permanent solution to the agricultural crisis in India as rightly said by Dr. P. Sainath that “trying to solve the farmers suicides without considering the larger agrarian crisis is like trying to mop the floor with all taps open and running.”

Because way back in 2008 the then UPA government had also announced a loan waiver scheme of Rs. 60,000 crores but 9 years after that again the county has returned to square one, raising an important question why it did not work and solved the problems of farmers in the agricultural distress and crisis. It is imperative to grasp the magnitude of today’s agricultural status in India and to understand whether the farm loan waivers are permanent solutions or not.

It is on this background MGM Institute of Management has planned to organize a two days National level Conference to discuss various issues related to agriculture in India and with special reference to Maharashtra. This is an attempt to provide a common platform for the researchers, policy makers and Academicians, students to discuss such a very important issue relating to the agricultural situation in India. The specific objectives of the conference are as under:

- 1) To analyze critically the agricultural policies in India.
- 2) To discuss the efficacy of farm loan waiver schemes and its impact on the farmer community.
- 3) To make a comparative study of Indian Loan Waiver Scheme with similar attempts at Global level.

The paper writers are free to choose any one aspect of the above mentioned objectives or they may choose any problem related to the agricultural crisis in India

Researchers can work on the following themes, subjects /related topics for their research work or paper presentation.

Tracks and Main Theme/ Subjects for Papers:

Track 1: Agriculture Policies	Track 2 Farm Loan and there Impact
Track 3 Global Practices in Financial Assistance to the Farmer	Track 4 The Popular Measures adopted by Government.

1. Reducing Rural Poverty through A Socially Inclusive Strategy that Comprises both Agriculture as Well as Non-Farm Employment:
2. Ensuring that Agricultural Growth Responds to Food Security Needs:
3. Enhancing Agricultural Productivity, Competitiveness, and Rural Growth
4. Improving Water Resources and Irrigation/Drainage Management:
5. Facilitating Agricultural Diversification to Higher-Value Commodities:
6. Sustaining the Environment and Future Agricultural Productivity
7. Conditions of Agricultural Laborers:
8. The Rising and Fluctuating Trends in Agricultural Prices
9. The Excessively High Rate of Interest Charged by the Moneylenders
10. Inadequate Storage Facilities for Cropping
11. Indian Agriculture: The Lack of Cheap and Efficient Means of Transportation
12. Condition and Perspectives for Development of Indian Agriculture
13. Agricultural and Rural Development Policy
14. Financial Efficiency in Agriculture: The Essence, Measurement and Perspectives
15. Land Transfers and Agrarian Changes in Individual Farming
16. Factors Affecting Changes in Prices and Farmers' Incomes
17. Administrative and Transaction-Related Costs of Subsidizing Agriculture
18. Significance of Public Funds in Investment Activity of Farms
19. The Role of International Marketing in the Process of Increasing Competitiveness of Agricultural and Food Products
20. Economic Sustainability of Organic Farms
21. Dilemmas in A Financial Dimension of Sustainability of Farms
22. Climate and Institutional Change Versus Expected Economic Performance of Agricultural Holdings
23. Development of A Competency Model of Managers and Experts in the Human Resources Management in the Holdings of the Agricultural Sector
24. Role of Private Sector in Agricultural Resource & Development.
25. Farm Loan Schemes and their Effectiveness
26. Populist Measures for Agri Sector Adopted By the Government.

Who Can Attend?

The conference is open for academicians, industrial personnel, research scholars, agricultural associates, students and concerned citizens.

Guidelines for writing Papers:

Separate sheet is attached giving guidelines. The guidelines are also available on the Institute website www.mgmim.org

Important Dates:

Acceptance of abstract: 20 Jan 2018

Notification of Acceptance: 25 Jan 2018

Full Paper with Power Point Presentation on CD: 30 Jan 2018

Last date of Registration: 25 Feb 2018

Registration Details: Conference fee will be as under:

Delegate Type	Registration Fee	Spot Registration Fee	Mode of Payment
Industrial Personnel	Rs. 2000/-	Rs. 2500/-	Cheque or by Demand Draft drawn in favor of 'MGM Institute of Management' Payable at Aurangabad
Academicians	Rs. 1000/-	Rs. 1500/-	
Students / Research Scholar	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 500/-	
Paper in Absentia	Rs. 1000/-	-	

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1. Abstract

The abstract should not be more than 150 words including key words with Font size 12. The abstract should be followed by 3-5 keywords arranged in alphabetical order.

2. Full Length Paper

2.1 Times New Roman font must be used throughout the paper.

2.2 Title of the paper must be in sentence case, bold and centered size 16

2.3 Word limit must be a minimum 2500 words to maximum 6000 words (i.e. minimum 3 to maximum 10 printed pages which include tables, graphs, figures, equations, or any other illustrations).

2.4 Author's name in font size 14 point, bold should be on first page followed full address of organization and it should be further followed with phone and email which should be of font size 8 point, centered and single lined-spaced.

2.5 The body of the paper should follow the abstract and must have the following

2.5.1 Introduction

2.5.2 Objectives

2.5.3 Methodology

2.5.4 Results, Findings and discussion(may include limitations and scope for further research)

2.5.5 Conclusion

2.5.6 References/Bibliography/ Webliography

2.6 The body should be single line spaced.

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Full length papers of accepted abstracts will be scrutinized by the said committee. Selected papers will be published in the Journal with an ISSN No.

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In case the delegates are not able to physically present their paper, their research papers will be published (in absentia) and a published copy along with the certificate will be dispatched to his/her correspondence address by post soon after the conference.

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