

Background

ICAR-National Organic Farming Research Institute (formerly ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Sikkim Centre) is a lead institute in active organic farming research in the country. The Institute has developed numerous farmer friendly organic farming technologies and imparted trainings to various stakeholders across the country. Organic farming is gaining popularity worldwide and Government of India is also giving more emphasis on it, therefore, it becomes requisite to transfer the organic farming technologies to the Extension Officers and Scientists involved in research and development activities for further expansion at grass root level. Therefore, we are organizing a 5-day residential off-campus collaborative training program with MANAGE, Hyderabad on 'Technological Advances for Organic Production of Horticultural Crops' at ICAR-NOFRI, Tadong, Gangtok, Sikkim.

About the Training

The Institute is organizing a training on "Technological Advances for Organic Production of Horticultural Crops" sponsored by MANAGE, Hyderabad during September 11-15, 2019 for the Agriculture Extension Officers, Scientists, Assistant Professors and other equivalent officials serving in Government organizations. The training aims to enrich the participants with latest technologies and methodologies related to organic farming research and extension. The program has been holistically designed with the objective to develop trained human resources on various aspects of organic production of Horticultural crops.

Theme Areas

1. Organic farming and organic production standards
2. Organic certification and traceability
3. Soil health and nutrient management in organic farming
4. Organic fruit, vegetables, medicinal plants and tuber crops production
5. Plant protection in organic production system
6. Role of animal husbandry in organic production
7. Mechanization and post-harvest management in organic farming
8. Agri-business and marketing strategies in organic farming
9. Exposure visit to model organic farms/villages

Faculty

The faculties are experienced scientists from ICAR-NOFRI for delivering lectures. Guest faculty comprising of experts from other reputed institutions of Sikkim will be invited to deliver lectures on areas of specialization.

Eligibility

Applicants must be Agriculture Extension Officers, Scientists, Assistant Professors and other equivalents serving in Government organizations and should be actively involved in horticultural extension, research and development activities.

How to Apply

Candidates desirous of participating in the training course and fulfilling the eligibility conditions shall apply through proper channel in the enclosed registration form. Selected

candidates will be informed at least 3 weeks prior to the start of the training program.

Travelling Expenses

Participants will have to arrange to and fro TA and DA from their sponsoring organizations / institutions for reaching ICAR-NOFRI, Tadong, Gangtok, Sikkim. No TA/DA will be paid from the host institute.

Boarding and Lodging

Free boarding and lodging (shared basis for 2 participants in one room) will be provided to the participants in ICAR-NOFRI Guesthouse during the training program.

Course Fee

There is no training fee for the above program.

How to reach Gangtok

Gangtok is well connected by air and railway network. Bagdogra (IXB) is the nearest airport (appx. 135 km) and New Jalpaiguri (NJP) is the nearest railway station (appx. 125 km) from the institute. Participants can reach ICAR-NOFRI, Tadong-737102, Gangtok, Sikkim by taking Pre-paid taxi from the airport/railway station.

Weather in Sikkim

Weather, usually in Sikkim shall be pleasant in September with occasional rainfall. The day and night temperature shall be ranging between 24-27°C and 15-20°C, respectively.

About Sikkim

Sikkim shares its border with Nepal in the west and Bhutan in the east, with the Tibetan plateau rising from its northern border. It was once a Himalayan monarchy and part of the fabled Silk

Route to China. Its merger with India in 1975 has offered a window to the world to discover the treasures of this hidden land. The state has the steepest rise in altitude over the shortest distance and has within its 7,096 sq. km with the entire climatic range, from tropical to temperate to alpine, bestowing on the land an intense natural heritage. Lush and thick forests, flush with blooms of exotic flora, hilly expanses embellished by Sikkim's two main rivers, the Teesta and the Rangeet. The mighty and majestic mountains, green valleys, wilderness & sense of adventure, delightful cuisines, peaceful and crime free State, Hot spot of biodiversity and a mixture of things has made Sikkim the hot destination for tourism.

Important Dates

Last date for receiving application: 20.08.2019
Intimation of selection : 21.08.2019
Confirmation of participation by 22.08.2019
candidate :

A total of 20 candidates shall be accommodated on first come first serve basis subject to meeting the eligibility criteria of training program. Selected candidates will be intimated through e-mail to which they should respond promptly. Candidates should confirm their participation along with their travel plan within stipulated time.

About MANAGE

The National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE) established in 1987, is an apex level autonomous institute under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India. MANAGE is the response to challenges of agricultural extension in a rapidly growing and diverse

agriculture sector. MANAGE is involved in major initiatives towards reorientation and modernization of the agricultural extension system, for evolving effective ways of managing the extension system through professional guidance and training of critical manpower.

Role of MANAGE

The collaborative program is being organized with the financial support of MANAGE, Hyderabad.

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