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
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#### Training for Self Employment

College of Agriculture, Tripura will organise 15-days Certificate Course on Integrated Nutrient Management for fertilizer dealers under Self-finance mode (100%) during 2021-22 tentatively from 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2021. Interested dealers/candidates (must be 10<sup>th</sup> pass) of West Tripura district are requested to nominate themselves through submitting duly filled application form & a DD of Rs. 12500/-in favour of Director, TSAMETI, Lembucherra (non-refundable after admission) within 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2021. For details, please visit College website <http://coatripura.ac.in/> and or contact Dr. Niladri Paul, Org. Secretary (M: 9436139464; Email: [nilupaul82@gmail.com](mailto:nilupaul82@gmail.com)).

  
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# **Guidelines for Operationalisation of Certificate Course on Integrated Nutrient Management for Fertiliser Dealers**

## **Background**

Fertiliser is one of the important agri inputs in Agriculture. The fertilisers is mostly marketed by dealers. Most of the farmers are dependent on fertiliser dealers for information related to fertiliser and soil health management. However, majority of the fertiliser dealers do not have formal education in agriculture. It is essential therefore to impart technical knowledge on agriculture with special reference to soil health management and advisory based on scientific recommendations.

In this context, the National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE) has been entrusted to design a 15 days residential certificate course for fertiliser dealers and to equip them to acquire professional competency on plant health management and advisory services thereof. The certificate course may further help the public and private extension systems to utilise these trained candidates as para extension professionals.

## **Mission**

To enhance the professional competency of fertiliser / prospective dealers and to develop them as para extension professionals on soil health management

## **Objectives**

- ❖ To impart the technical knowledge on soil health management to the fertiliser / prospective dealers
- ❖ To provide knowledge about the rules and laws governing the fertilisers
- ❖ To develop the fertiliser / prospective dealers as para extension professional on soil health management

## **Methodology**

The program will be organised continuously for a period of 15 days as a residential program for fertiliser / prospective dealers. The program consists of both Class room session and hands-on experience by the resource persons from the Agricultural University, Research station, free lancers and other experts on the subject and field / exposure visits to nearby agricultural farms / INM plots of Agricultural University/ Research Organisations/ KVKs / innovative farmers field, etc. The field visit may help them to acquire knowledge on recent advancement in soil health management.

Study material is provided to every participant of the certificate course in their local language and multimedia cum interactive videos / instructional devices are to be used in the class rooms.

The course is offered by SAMETIs and other Nodal Training Institutes (NTIs) selected by SAMETIs. The potential agricultural training institutes such as Agricultural Colleges, KVK, FTC, ATMA etc., could be selected as NTIs.

The selected NTI is to ensure the enrolment of 30 fertiliser dealers per batch for a period of 15 days, preferably from the surrounding locality to ensure location specific knowledge. The programme will be implemented and monitored by respective SAMETIs at state level with the overall guidance from MANAGE at National level. The course will be organised under Self-Finance mode.

## **The Roles and Responsibilities of Stakeholders**

### **Role of MANAGE**

- ✓ MANAGE is the implementing agency for conducting Certificate course for fertiliser / prospective dealers at National level
- ✓ Creating Awareness cum Orientation about the certificate course among various stakeholders.

### **Role of SAMETIs**

- ✓ SAMETI is the State Nodal Implementing agency for organising the Certificate Course to the fertiliser / prospective dealers at the state level under the overall guidance of MANAGE
- ✓ SAMETIs will give publicity of the course among the fertiliser / prospective dealers in the state.
- ✓ SAMETIs themselves can conduct the program with the help of facilitator and also conduct with the help of other potential Nodal Training Institutes.

### **Role of Nodal Training Institute (NTI)**

- ✓ Agricultural Colleges, KVKs, FTC, ATMA, etc., will be NTIs at the regional/district level. The selected NTIs need to publicise the certificate course among the practicing and prospective fertiliser dealers for a wider reach of the program.
- ✓ The concerned NTIs are to collect the course fee i.e. Rs. 12,500 per candidate in the form of Demand Draft, in favour of SAMETI.
- ✓ The NTI has to submit the list of 30 enrolled candidates along with Demand draft of course fee to SAMETI.
- ✓ SAMETI has to retain an amount of Rs 7500/- (@ Rs 250 / per candidate) towards monitoring charges and an amount of Rs. 7500 has to be sent to MANAGE towards accreditation charges (i.e. 250 per head). The remaining amount of Rs 3,60,000/- has to be transferred to NTIs concerned.
- ✓ NTIs have to utilize the amount for the entire 15-days
- ✓ The Nodal Training Institute will get the entire expenditure audited by a CAG – Empanelled practicing Chartered Accountant. After the audit, the NTI will have to submit the UC to SAMETI.
- ✓ NTI is to conduct one midterm exam on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of the program and final exam on 15<sup>th</sup> day from the commencement of the program.
- ✓ The Facilitator is responsible for setting the midterm and final question paper and the results of which are to be sent SAMETIs for verification and award of the course certificate to the successful candidates.

### **Role of Facilitator**

- ✓ The Facilitator is responsible for organising the course which includes identifying the relevant resource persons based on the course framework, providing honorarium to the resource person, arrangement of facilities to the participants including food and accommodation, preparation of schedule for 15 days programme with both theory and

practical and get it approved by the SAMETI Director, preparation of exams and getting feedback from the participants, settlement of accounts, etc.,.

- ✓ The Facilitator has to send the weekly progress reports about the functioning of programme to the SAMETI i.e. on the 8<sup>th</sup> day and on 15<sup>th</sup> day.
- ✓ The Facilitator must ensure uniform and Id cards to the enrolled candidates
- ✓ The Facilitator should ensure practicals and hands - on experiences in the areas such as soil sampling, identification of nutrient disorders in the plants, INM practices, Site Specific Nutrients Management practices, soil, water, leaf analysis, etc

### **Eligibility Criteria for Candidates for Enrolment**

The course is open to all the practicing fertiliser dealers and prospective dealers. The candidate with the minimum qualification of 10<sup>th</sup> pass will be selected for enrolling to the course. The application form is given in Annexure.

**Course fee:** The fertiliser / prospective dealer has to pay the entire course fee of Rs. 12,500 per candidate.

### **Eligibility Criteria for the Program Coordinator**

The programme coordinator should have sound knowledge on agriculture with good managerial and administrative capacity. The agricultural professional with good communication and technical knowledge in the subject of soil health and fertiliser management may be given preference.

### **Curriculum**

The curriculum is consisted of theory practicals and field visits. The coverage of content should be based on the local need and relevance. Minimum 30 to 40 % of the content should have local content.

### **Time Schedule**

Pre - lunch	: 10.00 A.M. to 1.00 P.M. (with a tea break)
Lunch	: 1.00 P.M to 2.00 P.M.
Post- lunch	: 2.00 P. M. to 5.00 P. M. (with a tea break)

### **Maintenance of Attendance**

Each candidate is required to fulfil a minimum of 80 % of attendance both in theory and field visit for appearing the final exam.

### **Evaluation**

The performance of the candidate is evaluated based on Midterm Examination, Final Examination, Assignment and Viva – Voce as indicated below

### **Distribution of marks**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Pattern of evaluation</b>	<b>Marks</b>
1.	Midterm exam	30 marks
2.	Final exam	50 marks
3.	Assignment	10 marks
4.	Viva voce	10 marks
Total		100 Marks

### **Result**

1.	40 and above Marks	Pass
2.	60-80 Marks	First Class
3.	Above 80 Marks	Distinction

### **Certification**

The successful candidates will be awarded certificates jointly by MANAGE and SAMETI.

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**Annexure**

**Application form for Enrollment in Certificate Course on Integrated Nutrient Management**

Year\_\_\_\_\_

Centre\_\_\_\_\_

Sl.No. (For office use only): \_\_\_\_\_

(Please fill the form in capital letter in your own handwriting carefully)

Name in Capital Letters	:			
Father's / Guardian's Name	:			
Date of Birth	:			
Gender (Male / Female)	:			
Category (SC/ST/OBC/General)	:			
Physically Disabled (Yes / No)	:			
Tel. No. with STD Code	:			
E- mail ID	:			
Postal Address for Correspondence	:			
Educational Qualification				
Sl. No.	Examination	Year	School / College	University
1.	SSC			
2.	Intermediate			
3.	Degree			
4.	Post-graduation			
Are you an input dealer		:	Yes / No	
Are you sponsored by any Input Company / Organization		:	Yes / No	
(If yes, Name and details of the sponsoring firm)		:		

