

A Three Week Online National Certificate Course on Integrated Farming System for Sustainable Agriculture January 03 to 23, 2022

About

The project entitled "Centre for Advanced Agricultural Science and Technology (CAAST) on Climate Smart Agriculture and Water Management (CSAWM)" is functional at the Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth (Agricultural University), Rahuri, Maharashtra since 2018 under the World Bank sponsored, National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP) of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi, Government of India. One of the major objectives of CAAST-CSAWM project is to develop the capacity amongst the faculties and students of MPKV, Rahuri and others for the development and adoption of the precision and climate smart agriculture and water management technologies as well as to conduct on-the-job training programmes and case study based learning to enhance the employment and placement rates along with self-employment, business and entrepreneurship opportunities.

Background

Scientifically designed, tailor-made Integrated Farming System Models are promoted to achieve the vision of our Honorable Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi, i.e. Doubling Farmers income by 2022. Nowadays, at the national and state levels, the integrated farming system model is discussed and focused at length for doubling farmers' income. Integrated Farming Systems is a continuous process, and it depends on the market prices, resource availability (land, labour, water, capital etc.), domestic consumption, soil fertility and sustainability. Research on Integrated Farming System requires aongterm study to assess the profitability, soil fertility after each sequence/year, nutrient, water profitability, employment generation, energy balance etc. IFS models have to be developed based on the agro-climatic situation, holding size, availability of resources like land, water, labour, marketing facilities, risk factors, family size, the ability of farm family members to participate in the



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farming activity and their knowledge and skill levels etc. However, location-specific data on various aspects of cropping and integrated farming systems are not available. Therefore, to assure a regular income on a sustainable basis to farmers, it is necessary to promote location-specific IFS models for farmers under the changing climatic scenarios under the conditions like rainfed and irrigated farming for the sustainability and livelihood of the farming community. Considering the importance of the Integrated Farming System, a three-week online certificate course is proposed to be jointly organized from January 03 to 23, 2022, by the CAAST-CSAWM, MPKV, Rahuri, AICRP-Integrated Farming System, MPKV, Rahuri and ICAR-Indian Institute of Farming System Research Modipuram, UP, India, with the following objectives.

Objectives

- To develop efficient, economically viable and environmentally sustainable IFS models for different zones.
- 2. To ensure optimum utilization and conservation of available resources and effective recycling of farm residues within system.
- 3. To maintain sustainable production system without damaging resources/environment.
- 4. To undertake capacity building and human resource development in IFS.

Methodology for conduct of course:

Pre and Post Evaluation: Pre and post certificate course evaluation will be carried out to evaluate the impact of the certificate course.

Conduct of the Certificate course:

The certificate course will consist of online lectures-cum-discussions, demonstrations, tutorials, case studies, experience sharing from progressive farmers in relation to climate resilient practices and technologies in integrated farming system.

Project Report:

The candidates are required to complete the case study based project reports (individual and group) and submit online.

Evaluation:

There will be evaluation of the candidates at the end of the each week, and final evaluation towards the end of the course. The evaluation will be in the form of MCQs, descriptive questions and power point presentation.

Feedback:

Candidates need to provide the feedback towards the end of certificate course.

Duration:

January 03 to 23, 2022 (Twenty one days)

No. of seats:

50 seats on "First-Come-First-Serve" basis (However, 50% seats are reserved for MPKV Students, Faculties and Scientists)

Course fee: (Non refundable) Registration fee: Rs. 100/-Course fee: Rs. 4000/-(Course fee includes registration fee) Students (constituent colleges) of MPKV, Rahuri are exempted from course fee; however, they need to pay the registration fee.

Important dates:

Last date of application: December 31, 2021.

Confirmation of participation to the candidates: January 01, 2022.

Language: English

Who can apply?

- Faculty Members, Scientist, Farmers, Govt. Officers, Non- Govt. Officers, Extension personnel, KVK Officers, Industry persons or any individual who is working and/or is interested in the field of agriculture.
- Minimum Eligibility: Graduate/ Diploma (3 years) or Final year students (registered for at least 7th semester or fourth year) from the bachelor degree program in Agricultural Science, Social Science, Agricultural Engineering and Engineering.

Mode of Application:

Interested candidates should visit following link to register for the certificate course.

http://www.mpkvcaast.ac.in/page/certificatecourses

Documents required while applying:

MPKV Candidates: The office reference number of "No Objection Certificate" in case of students and "Permission Letter" in case of staff in the box provided in the form; and email the scan copy of the "No Objection Certificate" or "Permission Letter" as the case may be to "mpkvcaast@gmail.com".

Non MPKV candidates: The documents in support of minimum eligibility for attending the certificate/ module based course to be emailed to "mpkvcaast@gmail.com".

It will be the responsibility of the concerned candidate to obtain the permission of the concerned organisation, if necessary (in case of non MPKV candidate)

For details, refer guideline by clicking here

Expected Outputs:

The successful candidate will be able to

- 1. Acquire knowledge on the basic concepts and principles of farming system and sustainable agriculture.
- 2. Expose to integrated farming system in relation to climate smart agriculture and water management.
- 3. Understand farming systems and components integration with resource recycling.
- 4. Acquire knowledge regarding preparation of bankable project on IFS.
- 5. Become a good entrepreneurs in integrated farming system

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Tentative Schedule

Date: 03/01/2022

Time: 10:00 to 11:30

Orientation and Theory: Sustainable Agriculture and farming system

Sustainable agriculture-definition, concept & principles, farming system-definition, scope, need and objectives, role of farming system in sustainable agriculture, sustainable development goals.

Time: 11:30 to 01:00

Theory: Sustainable Agriculture and farming system

Types of farming system-mixed farming, diversified farming, dryland and irrigated farming, ranching, organic farming, natural farming, ZBNF/SPNF, agnihotra farming, biodynamic farming, Natueco farming, rishikrishi farming, Yogic/ sahaj farming, response farming, precision farming, biological farming and integrated farming system.

Time: 02:00 to 05:00

Practical: Preparation of cropping scheme & cropping system for given situation-irrigated and rainfed areas.

Date: 04/01/2022

Time: 10:00 to 11:30

Theory: Components of IFS

Principles, significance, characterization and advantages of IFS, components of farming system- cropping, dairy, goat, poultry, fishery.

Time: 11:30 to 01:00

Theory: Components of IFS

Components of farming system - apiculture, sericulture, mushroom, bio gas and agro-forestry.

Time: 02:00 to 05:00

Practical: Study of existing farming practices in nearby village.

Date: 05/01/2022

Time: 10:00 to 11:30

Theory: Component integration in IFS

Nutrient recycling in IFS, crop & animal waste/ residue availability and utilization.

Time: 11:30 to 01:00

Theory: Component integration in IFS

Complementary integration and resource utilization between components in crop + livestock, *viz.*, crop + dairy, crop + goat, crop + poultry, crop + fish culture.

Time: 02:00 to 05:00

Practical: Exposure visit to on-station farming system.

Date: 06/01/2022

Time: 10:00 to 11:30

Theory: Component integration in IFS

Crop + mushroom, crop + sericulture, crop + apiary, crop + agro forestry.

Time: 11:30 to 01:00

Theory: Component integration in IFS

IFS models viz., irrigated areas, dry land areas, rainfed areas, hilly areas, Wetland areas.

Time: 02:00 to 05:00

Practical: Exposure visit to on farm farming system.

Date: 07/01/2022

Time: 10:00 to 11:30

Theory: Farming system research methodology and evaluation

Farming system research definition & methodology, Types of IFS models : prototype and low cost models

Time: 11:30 to 01:00

Theory: Farming system research methodology and evaluation

Evaluation of farming system research-physical efficiency (productivity of land, cropping intensity, crop yield index)

Time: 02:00 to 03:30

Evaluation

Time: 03:30 to 05:00

Evaluation

Date: 08/01/2022

Time: 10:00 to 05:00

Case Study: Synthesis of farming system model for rainfed areas

Date: 09/01/2022- Holiday

Date: 10/01/2022

Time: 10:00 to 11:30

Theory: Farming system research methodology and evaluation

Productivity of IFS, water budgeting, nutrient recycling efficiency, nutritive efficiency and energy efficiency

Time: 11:30 to 01:00

Theory: Farming system research methodology and evaluation

Employment generation and economics (cost of production, gross return, net return, BCR and per day return)

Time: 02:00 to 05:00

Practical: Exposure visit to waste recycling unit.

Date: 11/01/2022

Time: 10:00 to 11:30

Theory: Farming system modules

Existing farming system practices for different agro -eco-system of India & resource management (inputs and labour) under constraint situation.

Time: 11:30 to 01:00

Theory: Farming system modules

Integrated Farming system modules with resource utilization for lowland & coastal areas

Time: 02:00 to 05:00

Practical: Synthesis of alternate integrated farming system for different farm situations.

Date: 12/01/2022

Time: 10:00 to 11:30

Theory: Farming system modules

Integrated Farming system modules with resource utilization for irrigated upland, rainfed and hilly areas.

Time: 11:30 to 01:00

Theory: Farming system modules

Key factors for successful practice of farming system: diversity, recycling, aggregation and value addition. Scheme for promotion of IFS: farmer producer organization, National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture, Rainfed farming system, Scheme of rural development.

Time: 02:00 to 05:00

Practical: Preparation of calendar of operation for different integrated farming system

Date: 13/01/2022
Time: 10:00 to 01:00
Practical: Evaluation of integrated farming system modules proposed in terms of productivity, economics, employment,
nutrient potential
Time: 02:00 to 05:00
Practical: Comparison of existing farming system practices with proposed integrated farming system
Date: 14/01/2022
Time: 10:00 to 01:00
Feedback
Time: 02:00 to 05:00
Evaluation
Date: 15/01/2022
Time: 10:00 to 05:00
Case Study: Synthesis of farming system model for irrigated areas
Date: 16/01/2022– Holiday
Date: 17/01/2022
Time: 10:00 to 05:00
Case Study: Evaluation of an station IES modul
Date: 18/01/2022
Ineory: value addition
importance of value addition, value addition in cereals, millets, pulses, oilseeds, fruits, vegetables and livestock
products -milk, meat & manure.
Time: 11:30 to 01:00
Theory: Value addition
Green house gas emission studies in Integrated Farming System.
Time: 02:00 to 05:00
Practical: Evaluation of integrated organic farming system modules proposed in terms of productivity, economics,
employment, nutrient potential
Date: 19/01/2022
Time: 10:00 to 05:00
Case Study: Prototype models/bankable project on IFS
Date: 20/01/2022
Time: 10:00 to 05:00
Evaluation of Case Study
Date: 21/01/2022
Time: 10:00 to 01:00
Evaluation of Case Study
Time: 02:00 to 05:00
Group discussion and interaction
Date: 22/01/2022
Time: 10:00 to 05:00
Feedback
Date: 24/01/2022 - Valedictory Session
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