

All the candidates from rural areas shall be entitled for 50% fee concession seeking admission for the programmes (DVAPFV, DDT, DMT, DPVCPO, DFPT, DWM, CIS, COF, CWHM, CPF, CIB) subject to production of domicile certificate; and the urban students below the poverty line may also be given 50% fee concession subject to production of income certificate. DVAPFV, DPVCPO, PGDPM, PGDFSQM, DFPT, DDT, DDQ, DMT are offered in July session only.

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- * **Provide access to higher education to all segments of the society:**
- * **Offer high -quality, innovative and need-based programs at different levels, to all those who require them:**
- * **Reach out to the disadvantaged by offering programmes in all parts of the country at affordable costs.**

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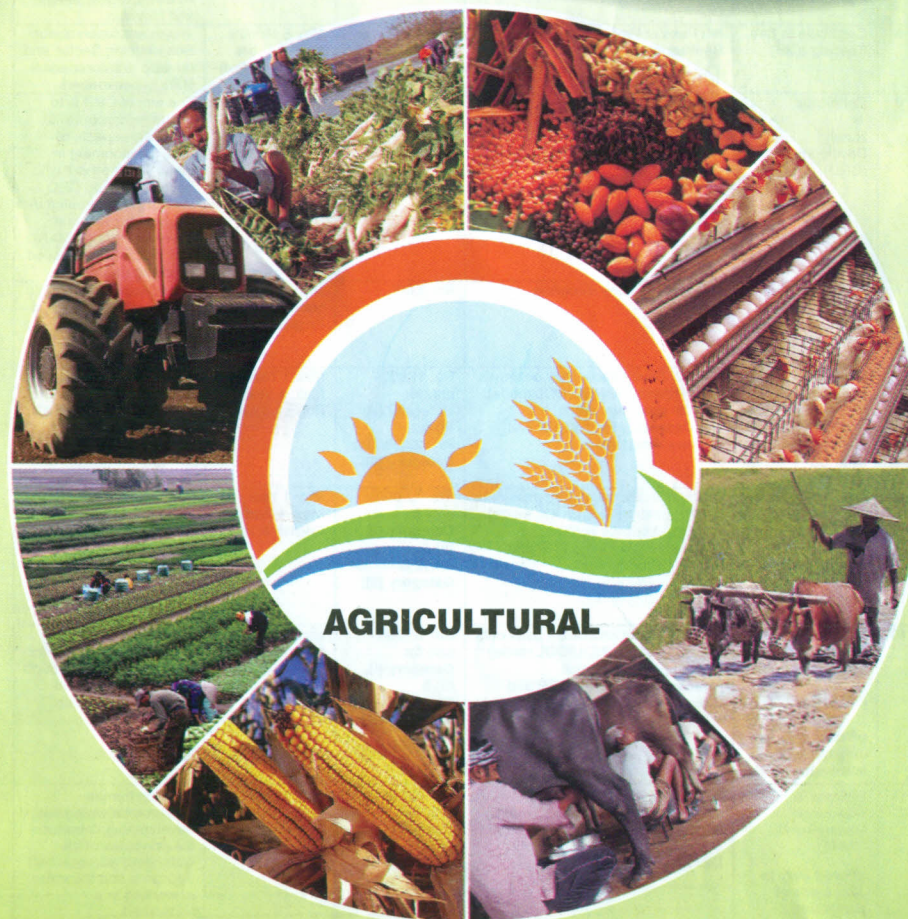
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PROGRAMMES FOR AGRICULTURAL ENTREPRENEURS
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/AGRICULTURAL ADMINISTRATORS & IMPLEMENTORS /OTHER STAKEHOLDERS



Sl. No	Name of the Programme	Eligibility	Course Fee	Duration & Medium	Utility and employability
1	Certificate in Water Harvesting and Management (CWHM)	10 th pass/Bachelor Preparatory Programme (BPP) from IGNOU.	Rs. 2,000/-	Min: 6 Months Max: 2 Years English & Hindi	Enable the learners to act as trainers and organizers at household and community levels for efficient water management.
2	Certificate in Organic Farming (COF)	12th pass or its equivalent or 10th + BPP from IGNOU Minimum 18 years of age	Rs. 4,000/-	Min: 6 Months Max: 2 Years English & Hindi	To impart the knowledge and proficiency in Organic production practices, Certification process and Marketing of organically raised agricultural products
3	Certificate in Sericulture (CIS)	10th pass out or Non -10th pass - out, having 2 years experience in the field of Sericulture. The experience certificate should be from the extension officials of the Dept of Sericulture/Agriculture/Extension/ Recognized NGOs/Industry	Rs. 3,500/-	Min: 6 Months Max: 2 Years English	Prepare the rural youth/farmers for accepting sericulture and create awareness about the opportunities and employment in sericulture.
4	Certificate in Poultry Farming (CPF)	8th pass	Rs. 3,000/-	Min: 6 Months Max: 2 Years English & Hindi	create awareness s the about the opportunity of employment and livelihood in poultry sector and impart basic knowledge and technical proficiency in Poultry Breeding, Housing, Management and Nutrition.
5	Certificate in Bee Keeping (CIB)	8th Pass or Professional Beekeepers	Rs. 1,100/-	Min: 6 Months Max: 2 Years English & Hindi	Impart education about Bee Keeping Sector and develop entrepreneurial skills in beekeepers
6	Certificate in Rural Development (CRD)	Bachelor's Degree.	Rs. 1,500	Min: 6 Months Max: 2 Years English & Hindi	The aim of CRD is to acquaint learners with the basic aspects of rural development in India. The learners who have completed CRD and further interested in programmes of rural development i.e., MARD and PGDRD are entitled for credit transfer.
7	Post-Graduate Certificate in Agriculture Policy (PGCAP)	Graduation in any discipline	Rs. 3,000	Min: 6 Months Max: 2 Years English	Identification of strategic issues with reference to national policies in agriculture, rural development policies.
8	Diploma in Value-added Products from Cereals, Pulses and Oilseeds (DPVCPD) offered only in July cycle of admission	I. 10+2/ Senior secondary passouts II. BPP (under IGNOU/ODL mode) III. 10th pass may enroll simultaneously for the BPP and Diploma Programme	Rs. 11,000/- only for Category (i), (ii) & Rs.12,000/- for Category (iii)	Min: 1 Year Max: 4 Years English & Hindi	To impart knowledge and technical proficiency in processing of cereals, pulses and oilseeds in to value added products.
9	Diploma in Dairy Technology (DDT) offered only in July cycle of admission	I. 10+2/ Senior secondary pass outs II. BPP (under IGNOU/ODL mode) III. 10th pass may enroll simultaneously for the BPP and Diploma Programme	Rs. 12,000/- only for Category (i), (ii) & Rs.13,000/- for Category (iii)	Min: 1 Year Max: 4 Years English & Hindi	Develop skill young entrepreneurs for self employment in milk processing and associated activities
10	Diploma in Value Added Products from Fruits and Vegetables (DVAPFV) offered only in July cycle of admission	i) 10+2/ Senior secondary pass outs ii) BPP (under IGNOU/ODL mode) iii) 10th pass may enroll simultaneously for the BPP and Diploma Programme	Rs. 12,000/- only for Category (i), (ii) & Rs.13,000/- for Category (iii)	Min: 1 Year Max: 4 Years English & Hindi	To develop youth as young entrepreneurs for self employment through food processing and associated activities.
11	Diploma in Watershed Management (DWM) offered only in July cycle of admission	I. 10+2 Pass II. BPP (under IGNOU/ODL mode) III. 10th pass may enroll simultaneously for the BPP and Diploma Programme	Rs. 10,000/- only for Category (i), (ii) & Rs.11,000/- for Category (iii)	Min: 1Year Max: 4Years English & Hindi	Develop human resource for watershed development; introduce the principles of the watershed management approach and the value of working in a watershed.

12	Diploma in Fish Products Technology (DFPT) offered only in July cycle of admission	I. 10+2/ Senior secondary pass outs II. BPP (under IGNOU/ODL mode) III. 10th pass may enroll simultaneously for the BPP and Diploma Programme	Rs. 9,000/- only for category (i), (ii) & Rs.10,000/- for Category (iii)	Min: 1Year Max: 4Years English	Train of personnel for self employment and creating awareness and competency in the fish processing as well as fish products preparation.
13	Diploma in Meat Technology (DMT) offered only in July cycle of admission	I. 10+2/ Senior secondary pass outs II. BPP (under IGNOU/ODL mode) III. 10th pass may enroll simultaneously for the BPP and Diploma Programme	Rs. 12,000/- only for Category (i), (ii) & Rs.13,000/- for Category (iii)	Min: 1Year Max: 4Years English & Hindi	Provide knowledge and skills for quality production of meat and meat products
14	Post-Graduate Diploma in Food Safety and Quality Management (PGDFSQM)	i) Graduation in Science with Chemistry/ Bio-Chemistry or Microbiology as one of the subjects. ii) Degree in allied Sciences like Agriculture/ Food Science/ Food Technology/ Post Harvest Technology/ Engineering/ Home Science/ Life Science/ Microbiology/ Biochemistry/ Biotechnology/ Horticulture/ Dairy Technology/ Veterinary/ Fisheries/ Hotel Management and Catering/ Hospitality Management, or equivalent etc. iii) Science graduate in disciplines like Geography, Statistics with Physics & Maths, Art Subjects and Medical Lab technology and with minimum three years experience in food processing and / or quality control. These students should have minimum 1 year experience in quality control activities. iv) Arts/Commerce graduate with diploma in food science/ hotel management disciplines viz fruits and vegetables, dairy technology, meat technology, cereals, pulses and oilseeds etc. with minimum 5 years experience in Food Processing/ Food Quality Control/ Hotel Management (food preparation/ food catering) and out of which 2 years experience should be in quality control activities. v) BA/B.Com graduates with minimum 7 years experience in Food Processing/ Food Quality Control/ Hotel Management (food preparation/ food catering) or holding senior position in Govt./ Semi Govt. Units involved in Food Quality Control. vi) Master's Degree awarded without a first degree is not recognized for purposes of admission to IGNOU's Academic Programmes.	Rs. 12,000/-	Min: 1 Year Max: 4 Years English	Quality Control Officer Or Quality Assurance/Management professionals in Food/Hospitality/retail industry and laboratories. Food Safety Officer in the regulatory bodies, Food Auditor in Certification and Inspection Bodies.
15	Post-Graduate Diploma In Plantation Management (PGDTM) offered only in July cycle of admission	Graduation in any discipline	Rs. 5,500/-	Min: 1Year Max: 4Years English	Upgrade the technical proficiency of professional working in the plantation Industry
16	Post-Graduate Diploma in Rural Development (PGDRD)	Graduation in any discipline	Rs. 2,000/-	Min: 1Year Max: 4 Years English & Hindi	Aims at enabling the learners to acquire skills related to planning, formulation, monitoring and evaluation of rural development projects and programmes.
17	Master of Arts (Rural Development) (MARD)	Bachelor's Degree or a higher degree from a recognized University	Rs. 9,000/- for full programme to be paid year wise @Rs. 4,500/- per year	Min: 1 Year Max: 5 Years English & Hindi	The Programme will be useful to personnel working in various Govt. Departments/agencies, NGOs, Cooperatives, Banks and other institutions engaged in rural transformation.