

About the course

Farmers live and work under a wide range of ecological, climatic, economic and socio-cultural conditions, and the range of farming systems is quite diverse, not just across regions or countries but also within districts and even localities. Agricultural development is innovation driven, hence innovations ultimately makes the difference in farmers’ adoption decision. During the course of earning livelihood from farming, numerous innovations, which brought good returns and recognition to practitioners, have been generated by the farmers. However, such farmer-led innovations have received little attention. Farmers have not only selected several varieties with higher productivity, better quality and adaptation but also designed new farm implements in addition to low cost technologies for processing and value addition and developing effective market linkages. Despite these, the innovations led by farmers have neither been institutionalized for their horizontal and vertical expansion nor properly recognized. Although, the initiatives in the form of protection of propriety rights of the farmer-led innovations by government and non-government bodies have been taken in recent past at a limited scale. In order to promote development of farmers-led skills as well as protect their rights, it is necessary to recognize and further promote these innovations. It is also desirable to blend the farmers’ innovations with the modern scientific knowledge and properly upscale them for the benefit of farming community at large.

Objectives

- To understand the innovation process and importance of farmer’s innovations.
- To share the experiences of farmers-led innovations in the field of agriculture and allied sector.
- To expose the participants with various schemes of government and non-government organizations for promoting farmer-led innovations.
- To sensitize the participants with the various methods for dissemination and institutionalization & up-scaling of farmer-led innovations.

Course content

The course will cover innovation development process, innovation driven decision and agricultural development processes, schemes of government and non-government

organizations promoting farmer-led innovations, farm innovators’ experiences, challenges and methodology for up-scaling and institutionalization of farmer-led innovation, various methods for dissemination of innovations including modern media, organizational support, methods to monitor/ evaluate and newer models of extension delivery mechanism.

Who can apply?

The course is for State, Regional and District level officers and Extension Personnel of State Departments of Agriculture / Horticulture/ Animal Husbandry /Fisheries etc.

Training Style

The training style will be participative and action oriented. The emphasis will be on learning through experiences rather than theories. Group assignments, discussions, hands on experience etc. would be major interactive modes. The programme will consist of a blend of lectures, case analysis, experiential learning, and group discussion. The programme will provide excellent opportunities for field visit and mutual interaction and information sharing among the participants and farm innovators.

Course faculty

The course will be conducted in the overall supervision of Dr. J.P. Sharma, CAFT Director & Head, Division of Agricultural Extension. Dr. Manjeet Singh Nain, Senior Scientist has been designated as the Course Director for the model training course. Faculty of the Division of Agricultural Extension, IARI, New Delhi and resource speakers from other divisions of IARI and experts in the field will be invited to conduct the sessions. Mr. Ramesh Chandra, Asstt. Chief Technical Officer will be coordinating the boarding, lodging and overall arrangements.

Dates and Duration

The duration of the Model Training Course will be of eight days from October 09 - 16, 2014. The participants are expected to arrive on October 08, 2014 and leave only after 5.00 PM on October 16, 2014.

Boarding and Lodging

The lodging, boarding and travel expenses of the selected participants will be borne under training programme budget. The travel expenses will be restricted to a maximum of second class air conditioned sleeper charges of train by shortest route and will be based on the criterion of the pay scales of the participants.

**Application Form
Extension Strategies for Up-scaling Farmer-led Innovations
(October 9-16, 2014)**

1. Full name in (Block letters):
2. Designation:
3. Present employer and address:
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5. Address to which reply should be sent (in block letters)
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Permanent Address
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Phone No.
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FaxE.- mail:.....
6. Date of Birth
7. Sex M/F
8. Nature of work and experience
9. Mention about the training attended during last five years

Sl. No.	Training	Duration (Days)	Year

10. List your training needs and expectations from present training programme.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.

11. Academic record

Exam. Passed	Subjects (Main/ Subsidiary)	Year of passing	Class/ranks, distinctions etc	Univ. or Institute
Bachelor's degree				
Master's degree				
Other certificate Dip./degree				
Ph.D.				

Date: _____

Place: _____

Signature of Applicant

Certificate

It is certified that the above information has been checked and found correct.

13. Recommendations of the forwarding Organization:

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Date:

Signature
Designation

How to Apply?

Nominations in the prescribed application form may be sent to **Dr. Manjeet Singh Nain**, Senior Scientist, Division of Agricultural Extension, IARI, New Delhi-110012 at the earliest possible through mail or e-mail: msnain@hotmail.com or to Mr. Ramesh Chandra, Asstt. Chief Technical officer through post or e-mail: rameshchandra_extn@yahoo.in

Last date for sending nominations

September 15, 2014

Confirm through e-mail/ Telephone

Important Numbers:

Telephone/Fax : **011-25846434 (O)**

Mobile : **09717264950, 09968480081**

About the Institute

The Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) is country's premier institute for research and higher education in agricultural sciences and it is ISO certified. The institute conducts basic and strategic research, serves as a centre for academic excellence and provides national leadership in agricultural research and extension through development of new concepts, hypotheses and technologies. The IARI also known as Pusa Institute is a self-contained complex spread over an area of 500 hectares. It is located at about 12 km west of Delhi railway station and about 8 km west of New Delhi railway station. It is about 7 km west of Krishi Bhavan, the ICAR Headquarters and next to Rajendra Place metro station. It is advised to avail prepaid taxis/ autos available at these railway stations.

Weather During the period

It will be pleasant weather during October with average maximum temperature 31°C and minimum 19°C and average rainfall of 10 mm. The candidates are advised to clothe themselves accordingly.

Venue

Division of Agricultural Extension, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi -110012 will be the proposed venue for the model training programme.



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