Professional Certificate Programme on Agri-preneurship (Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business Centers)

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Indian Institute of Plantation Management (IIPM), Centre of Excellence and the first-of-its-kind National Institute, was established at the initiative of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India. It is co-promoted by the Commodity Boards of India, viz., Coffee Board, Rubber Board, Tea Board, Spices Board, Tobacco Board and Plantation Industry Associations. IIPM has been focusing in the field of plantation & associated agri-business and commodity management education.

**OBJECTIVE**

- Enabling quality private agricultural and allied extension services
- Promoting entrepreneurship and self-employment opportunities

**SALIENT FEATURES OF THE SCHEME**

**Eligibility Criteria**
- Graduates in Agriculture and Allied subjects from Universities recognized by ICAR/UGC, SAUs and of other Agencies approved by DAC&FW, MoA &FW, GoI.
- Biological Science Graduates with PG in Agriculture & Allied subjects.
- Degree course recognized by UGC having more than 60% of the course in Agriculture and Allied subjects, after B.Sc. with Biological Sciences from recognized colleges and Universities.
- Agricultural Intermediate (i.e. plus two) with at least 55% marks.
- Graduates in Environmental Science, Botany, Zoology and Chemistry recognized by ICAR/UGC.

**PROGRAMME CONTENT**

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<th>Age</th>
<th>18 to 60 years.</th>
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<td>Training Period</td>
<td>45 Days free residential programme.</td>
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<td>Project Cost</td>
<td>Actual total project cost.</td>
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<td>Type of Projects</td>
<td>Individual or Group projects under Agriculture/Allied sectors.</td>
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<td>Margin Money</td>
<td>No margin money upto Rs. 5 lakh. 10-15% or as decided by the Banks</td>
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<td>Rate of Interest</td>
<td>As determined by Bank (Commercial Bank/Private/RRB/Cooperative bank).</td>
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<td>Security</td>
<td>Collateral Security upto a loan amount of Rs. 5 lakh is waived. Hypothecation of assets, mortgage of lands or third party guarantee.</td>
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<td>Repayment period</td>
<td>5-10 years – depends on the project.</td>
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<td>Handholding</td>
<td>Post-training up to one year.</td>
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SUBSIDY

- Total project cost upto Rs. 20 lakh (Individual) & Rs. 100 lakh (for a group of 5) is eligible for subsidy.
- An additional limit of Rs. 5 lakh for subsidy purpose is also provided for extremely successful ventures.
- Credit linked, composite and back ended subsidy with a lock in period of 3 years.
- Subsidy is linked to extension services to farmers.
- 36% for General category.
- 44% for Women, SC/ST, North Eastern & Hill States ICAR/UGC.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES, LINKAGES & RTP

**Project Activities:** 32 Indicative Projects, any project which provides extension services to farmers.

**Linkages with ATMA:** Minimum 10% of resources of ATMA to be utilized on extension activities through Non Governmental Sector, including Agripreneurs.

**Refresher Training Programmes (RTPs):** Conducted for established Agripreneurs with minimum of 3 years experience for updating their knowledge in the chosen area of activity and to promote business links and Bank linkages.

ENQUIRY

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