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“ Agripreneur is a virtual platform to share the experiences of Agripreneurs, Bankers, Agribusiness companies, Nodal training institutes, Extension functionaries, Academicians, Researchers and Agri-business thinkers in the country working for promotion of Agri Entrepreneurship development”.

NABARD in promotion of Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business Centres (AC&ABC) Scheme , at Raipur, Chattisgarh



The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) conducted a State Level Sensitization Programme on the Central Sector Scheme of Agri Clinics and Agri Business Centres (AC&ABC) at Raipur, Chattisgarh, on 29th November 2012.

Shri A.S. Meena, AGM and Dr. Y.S. Naidu, Assistant Manager of NABARD made presentations on the revised guidelines of AC&ABC, progress and prospects in Chattisgarh. Shri. A. Vasudeva Rao, Consultant, MANAGE, presented the progress and pending projects under the Scheme in Chattisgarh State. Shri S.K. Kale, GM, NABARD indicated that this scheme was aimed to supplement the efforts of public extension work so as to boost agricultural productivity as also to create gainful employment opportunities to unemployed Agriculture professionals.

Shri S.K. Bansal, CGM, NABARD instructed various Bank officials to process the pending projects immediately so as to improve the progress of the activities of Agripreneurs as well as the business opportunities of banks. He desired that the District Level Sensitization Programmes for banks may be organized to sensitize the participants from the branches of banks, where the proposals are pending, along with the Agripreneurs and the Nodal Training Institutes. Forty people participated, including officials of various Banks and NABARD, Agripreneurs and Nodal Officers from the Nodal Training Institutes of Chattisgarh.



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Mr. Dinesh Kumar Rajwar – *Business Model of Integrated Farming in Partnership with Farmers*

Food security and Malnutrition are the major challenges facing the humanity. Here is an Agripreneur, Mr. Dinesh Kumar Rajwar, with his lauded approach of Integrated farming, who has been contributing his part to encounter food security and malnutrition.



Mr. Dinesh Kumar Rajwar did M.Sc. (Horticulture) in 1999 from Birsa Agricultural University, Ranchi, Jharkhand. After his Post graduation, he worked as Horticulture Supervisor in “Indian School of Mines”, Dhanbad for a year and as Project Manager in “SUPPORT”, an NGO, for 4 years. During this period, he realized the opportunities in Agri-Business and decided to quit the job to walk on his own path.

He had undergone training under the Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business Centres Scheme in Indian Society of Agribusiness Professionals (ISAP), Bokaro, in 2009. After the training, he established “Tongi biotech Nursery” in Sirika colliery, Ramgarh District, Jharkhand state to serve the farming community with genuine plant material. Later he developed integrated farming business model with partnership of five farmers initially in Argada District. With his effort and rapport, the number has surged to 12 partners. They earmarked 7.6 acres of land for these activities.

They have started various components of the integrated farming, by utilizing the available state government schemes, as indicated below:

- Developed nursery for horticultural plants in one hectare of land with the support of National Horticultural Mission.
- Constructed poly-house to produce Dutch roses, high-value vegetable seedlings and vegetables such as Capsicum and Gherkins.
- Constructed Fish ponds for pisciculture with the support of the Department of Fisheries.
- Established vermi-compost unit with the support of the state Department of Horticulture.
- Started Duck farming and Piggery with the support of ATMA.



To make the farmers aware of the latest technologies, he conducts trainings on integrated farming. He also provides extension services and agricultural consultancy to the needy farmers. About 2000 farmers were benefited from the districts of Ramgarh, Hazaribagh and Bokaro. His turnover is Rs.20–30 lakhs with a net income of Rs.50,000/- per month.

In his words - “This integrated farming is a unique venture, where a by-product or waste of one system can be recycled effectively. It provides not only additional income from diversified harvests but also a cheap source of protein for rural community. It opens many business options with reduced production cost.” He wishes to replicate this model all over the country.

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New Breed of Agripreneurs through AC&ABC - BIOFARM

BIOFARM, an agro based R&D company, was established in the year 1995 as a proprietor company and later converted into a partnership company by Sri S. Udayanan and Mrs. Kolila Mariyamuthu in the year 2009. The company was established with a mission to promote usage of existing bio products and leverage the biotechnology research findings to develop new products which are economical, environmental friendly and easily available for use in integrated microbial management for sustainable agriculture and allied fields.

Vision:

To provide every possible biotech solution for sustainable agriculture through R&D. A futuristic approach to develop, produce and market Bio-products and to offer cost effective, eco friendly and quality products.

Mission:

To offer cost effective, eco friendly and quality products.

Major activities:

- Produces Organic manure, Special rooting medium & decomposing cultures on contract with organizations.
- Produces VAM in contract with M/s. Tropical Agro System (I) Pvt. Ltd., Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- Supplies Coco peat for M/s. Swift Agro Chemicals and Nutrients Pvt. Ltd., Pune, Maharashtra
- Established Bio Control Laboratory worth Rs.80 lakhs with the support of National Horticulture Mission.
- Conducts efficacy studies on formulation and establishment of decomposing culture mix.
- Standardization of the rooting medium by composting coir pith and its efficacy studies.
- Conducts studies on the development and evaluation of water soluble carrier based bio-inoculants for precision farming.
- Conducts studies on the development and evaluation of Root Organelle Culture and multiplication of AM Fungi in root organelles.
- Conducts studies on the development and evaluation of Secondary metabolites from Botanicals and Streptomyces against Plant pathogens.

Association with AC&ABC:

As Biofarm was involved in R&D in Agriculture and allied sectors, the organization is associated with AC&ABC Scheme from February 2012 for transfer of technology to the farmers through Agripreneurs. Biofarm trained 29 professionals and established 9 agri-ventures such as Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business Centres and Custom Hiring of Farm Machinery.

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Refresher Training Programme for women Agripreneurs at Krishna Valley Advanced Agricultural Foundation, Sangli, Maharashtra

A Refresher Training Programme for established women Agripreneurs on Business Expansion Capabilities under AC&ABC scheme was conducted during the period 5th -7th September 2012 at KVAAF, Sangli, Maharashtra. The participants were oriented on revised guidelines of AC&ABC scheme and were also provided back-up support by expert bankers to prepare their up-scaled / new business plans. The programme provided a platform for participants to share their experience resulting in business networking among women Agripreneurs. All participants expressed their gratitude to Ministry of Agriculture and MANAGE for conducting the refresher training programme, exclusively for women, as it formed a good platform for business net working, sharing innovative ideas and business expansion.



www.agriclinics.net is the portal providing information about AC&ABC Scheme. It gives updates on Eligibility criteria, Training institutes, Training progress, Hand holding activities, Finance options and Subsidy to the prospective Agripreneurs. The website also provides information on details of established Agripreneurs, pending projects, relevant schemes etc, and other information useful for State governments, Agricultural Universities, Banks, Training Institutes and Agripreneurs.

For any query on Agri Clinics and Agri business Centres scheme - please mail to indianagripreneur@manage.gov.in



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