

Diploma in Agricultural Extension Service for Input-Dealers (DAESI)

One-year duration Diploma course for the agri-input dealers has been started at SAMETI since 24th August, 2013. The 2nd batch of course started from 16th October, 2014. The course is guided by the 'National Institute for Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE)', Hyderabad with the approval of Govt. of India.

Objective and Goal

The course is to equip the dealers who are engaged in agricultural input supply along with advisory to the farmers, with the knowledge on basic agriculture targeting improved agricultural extension services and their better business and ultimately leading to agricultural growth.



Background:

- There is a large network of about 2.82 lakh Agri-Input Dealers in the country
- Farmers have a very close relation and access to the dealers regularly and they use to receive different suggestions/ recommendations on agricultural from them
- Most of the input dealers have hardly any agricultural education and so unintentionally percolates in-effective recommendation, leading to increase cost of cultivation, pollution and other problems.

Bridging the Gap

- To bridge the gap and also by feeling the urgency of formal education of agri-input selling persons, Govt. of India through National Institutes of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad, initiated the course 'Diploma in Agricultural Extension Service for the Input-dealers (DAESI), in the country.

Action

For the state of West Bengal, SAMETI of the state took initiatives to conduct the course for the input dealers of West Bengal and the SAMETI, Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Narendrapur, Kolkata- 700103 has been declared by MANAGE, Hyderabad as the Nodal Training Institute for the State.

Centers conducting the DAESI Courses in under West Bengal NTI

SAMETI, Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Narendrapur, Kolkata- 700103

SAMETI is for the HRD of the extension functionaries related to the Dept. of Agriculture and allied sector. SAMETI, Narendrapur is originally the Agricultural Training Centre (ATC), a sponsored institute of Dept. of Agriculture, Govt. of West Bengal run under the management of Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Narendrapur, Kolkata- 700 103. This ATC was nominated as the SAMETI for the state of West Bengal by State and Central Govt. in the year 2005. The ATC was

established in the year 1967 mainly with the objective of capacity building of grass root level extension worker as well as farmers of the state. The Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Narendrapur, is one of the 173 branch centres (in India and abroad) of Ramakrishna Mission and Ramakrishna Math, being head quarter at Belur Math, Howrah, West Bengal. Ramakrishna Mission was established by Swami Vivekananda himself in the year 1897 with the motto of “*atmano mokshrtham jagaddhitaya cha*” (for one’s own liberation and for the welfare of the world). ATC/ SAMETI, Narendrapur is one of the 16 institutes of the Narendrapur Ashrama within its 150 acres campus.

Ramkrishna Ashrama Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Nimpith, South 24 Parganas, PIN-743338

The Ramkrishna Ashram Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Nimpith, an unit of Sri Ramkrishna Ashram, Nimpith, is one of the oldest KVKs in India, financed by ICAR and was established in the year 1979. The Ramkrishna Ashram Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Nimpith, is one of the oldest KVKs in the country dedicated to the upliftment of overall agriculture scenario of the district South 24 Parganas of West Bengal. The Krishi Vigyan Kendra, since its inception in 1979, played an important role in showcasing location specific technology assessment, refinement and dissemination through farmer participation and farmer first approach. To mention a few, technologies like Land Shaping & rainwater harvesting, *Ail* cultivation, ornamental fish and ornamental bird rearing, Hi-tech Pan Boro, etc., developed by the KVK has revolutionized the concept of farming in different blocks of the district. The KVK, an ISO 9001:2008 certified organization, has been awarded the “Best KVK” in the country by the ICAR in 2013.

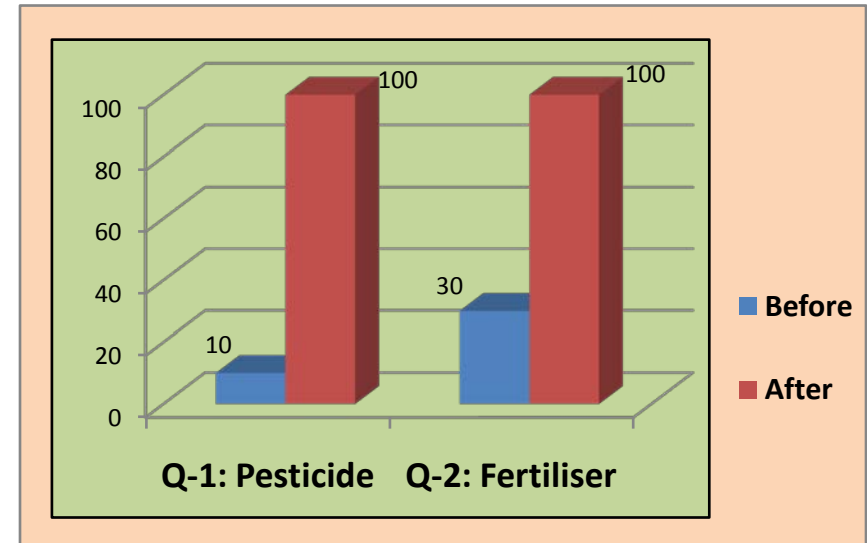


Difference Created:

At the beginning of the course, the knowledge of participants was evaluated through few very simple questions. Two of them were very indicative-

Q1. Carbendazin can control rice stemborer effectively: True/ False (to check whether they are in position to distinguish between insecticide, fungicide etc. as per their function)

Q2. For higher production of pulse crop, higher dose of nitrogen is essential : True/ False (to check awareness about crop – nutrient relationship) At the end of the course same type of questions were given. The results given above.



Mode of Teaching/ Learning:

- Class on a day of every week ,generally Thursday (as convenient of the dealers) for 52 weeks
 - Each class day generally contains: Practical hours (morning/ before lunch session) and Theory (after lunch session)
 - Cover all the possible crop being in the field with observation of crop growth, pest incidence at a week interval
 - Visits to different laboratories related to studies
 - Visit of Institutions/ organisation related to studies
 - Visit of success stories/ model farms



- Collection of specimen (insect, disease, weed etc.) , preservation and study
- Continuous data generation on market price of agril commodity etc.
- Record of Farmers problems related to plant protection etc. at their shop and verification of recommendations etc. in the class on regular basis.

