

Organic Agriculture for Sustainable Agriculture

# **Prospectus**

#### Introduction

Increasing concerns expressed for the quality of food, contamination due to chemicals, serious health hazards and environmental issues have given rise to new consumer demands for "Safe and Healthy Food". This new demand has forced almost all large, medium and retail chains to create new relations, now popularly known as organic food section with the enactment of laws and legislations by most of the countries, organic food has acquired new status and is now also being labeled as "Value Added Products" as compared to normal and conventionally produced food products.

The organic philosophy, standard and practices while on one hand restrict the use of chemicals and external inputs, on other hand it requires on farm input production, recycling, diversity of activities, micro level management of farm activities for any product to qualify as certified organic produce and above all very high levels of record maintenance of farm activities.

To meet ever increasing demand for organic/quality food and medicine in India as well as abroad, a trained human resources are required to run the agribusiness related organic products. The skilled man power trained in organic agriculture is not available to work at grass root in villages. Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth, Akola has designed a new curriculum in organic agriculture to provide new avenues in HRD for management sector and sustainable establishment of eco-friendly farming system.

### **Objectives**

The main objectives of the certificate course in organic agriculture are to:

- Impart knowledge and proficiency in organic agriculture.
- Develop manpower having technical skills in organic farming.
- Certification process and marketing of organically raised agricultural produces
- Promote self employment and income generation on large scale at villages.
- Promote to create healthy environment and to produce healthy food.
- Develop technique to recycle biomass, crop and animal waste for crop production.

#### **Avenues for Employment**

Organic counselor, Proficient in organic certification and standardization, Productrion and marketing of organic products, Self employment, Management skill in organic crop / livestock / diary / vegetable / fruit production unit etc.

#### **Course Outline**

**Intake Capacity**: 30 seats

**Duration of Course**: Six months

Medium of instruction: English

**Eligibility** : 12<sup>th</sup> Std. Pass / Diploma in Agriculture

Course Fee : Rs. 20,000/-\* (Scholarship See Rule No. 8 on Page No. 5)

Faculties : Experienced faculty / Eminent Researchers

are available

**Facilities** : • Well Furnished class room

• Classic Computer lab with free internet connection

• Well equipped laboratories

Organic demonstration farm for practicals.

Study tours to various Research Units,
Organic growers and Organic
Production Units

• Guest lectures from reputed Institutions/NGO's

Venue : Agronomy Farm, Dr.PDKV., Akola

For more information conract:

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Course Coordinator: Mr. V. A. Khadse, Cell 09850085966

## **Instruction to Candidates**)

- The candidates should read the prospectus carefully before filling the application form.
- 2. Prospectus will be available on cash or Demand Draft of Rs. 100/- payable at State Bank of India, PDKV branch, Akola in favour of Project Director, COA and Head, Department of Agronomy, Dr.P.D.K.V., Akola 444104.
- 3. Application form should be signed by candidate and duly filled application along with required attested documents viz., Mark sheet of 12<sup>th</sup> Standard / Diploma in Agriculture, leaving certificate, 7/12 form, Caste certificate issued by competent authority.
- Application form completed in all respect and received on or before the last date of submission shall only be considered for admission.
- As the course is on non-grant basis the course fee will be Rs. 20,000/- for all categories of the students and they should pay in the form of DD in favour of PD, COA and Head, Department of Agronomy, Dr. PDKV, Akola.
- Candidates will be admitted on the basis of "First Come First Serve" system.
- 7. Various financial concession / seat reservation offered by the Govt. of Maharashtra to girl/boys students from various reserved category shall not be applicable as the course is on non-grant basis.
- 8. The scholorship may be offered (up to 50%) if the grant sanction by State Department of Agriculture, Government of Maharashtra.

- 9. At the time of admission physical verification of the original certificate and documents will be done. If it is noticed that the candidate has false document and unable to pay course fee at one installment. Then she/he shall not be entitled for the admission in the said course.
- 10. Every student shall attend all theory and practical classes, field demonstration and farm management etc. with "learning by doing" system. Attendance of 80% is compulsory.
- 11. The cases of unfair means and the cases of misbehavior will be dealt as per rules and regulations of the University in vogue and as amended from time to time.
- 12. Every student should have his own Identity card. For issuing the Identity card, student should submit recent two pass port size photograph to the office at the time of admission.
- 13. The change in the process of admission and implication of course, the right reserved to Project Director & Head, Dept. of Agronomy, Dr. PDKV, Akola.
- 14. Incomplete applications shall be rejected on any one or more of the following deficiencies, if,
- a) The printed copy of the filled in **application is not signed by** the candidate.
- b) If a recent passport size photograph of the candidate is not affixed on the printed copy of the filled in application.
- c) The duly attested photo copy of the mark sheet / grade card is not submitted / attached.

- d) The duly attested photo copy of the school (last attended) leaving certificate is not attached. If the candidate has secured admission elsewhere, bonafide certificate of that Institute will be accepted. However, the candidate should submit the original leaving certificate after securing admission within a period of one month.
- e) 'No objection certificate' from the employer is not enclosed by the in-service candidate.
- f) The **photo copy of the domicile certificate of parents** is not enclosed (for other state candidates only).
- g) Certificate of Agriculturist for the year 2012-13 issued by the Tahasildar showing that the applicant or his/her parents or grand parents (paternal) is/are owner or tenant, hold agricultural land and whose main source of income is derived from personal cultivation of land.

# ADMISSION PROGRAMME

S.N. Programme		Date
1.	Prospectus and Application form availability in working hours / day of office and on website: www.pdkv.ac.in	11 <sup>th</sup> October, 2013
2.	Last date of submission of application form	25 <sup>th</sup> October, 2013
3.	Admissions will be start as application forms received till last seat filled	First come first serve system
4.	Commencement of Classes	1 <sup>st</sup> November, 2013

# **COURSES OFFERED**

S.N.	Subject code	Subject Title	Marks (T + P)*
1	COA -101	Introductory Organic Agriculture	50+0
2	COA -102	Elementary of Soil	50+50
3	COA -103	Composts and Biofertilizers	50+100
4	COA -104	Organic Farm Management	50+50
5	COA -105	Organic Plant Protection	50+50
6	COA -106	Organic Standards and Certification	on 50+50
7	COA -107	Marketing Management of Organ	nic 50+50

<sup>\*</sup> T - Theory P - Practical

#### **Check List for Submission of Admission Form**

- 1. Duly filled and Signed admission form
- Demand Draft of Rs. 100/- in the name of Project Director, COA and Head, Dept. of Agronomy,
  Dr. PDKV, Akola payable at State Bank of India,
  PDKV branch, Akola
- 2. S.S.C. Certificate
- 3. H.S.C. or Agriculture Diplioma Certificate
- 4. School/College Living Certificate
- 5. Agriculturist Certificate or 7/12 form
- 6. NOC in case of employee

### For more information please contact on

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