



PROSPECTUS

International Post Graduate Diploma in Organic Certification

Jointly Designed By

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Ecocert, France



For Correspondence
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Background //

India has diverse climatic conditions. The marginal land holdings, poor economic background of farmers and undernourishment of crops limiting potential production of crops. The extensive agricultural practices contributing in degrading natural resources. Therefore, maximum use of on farm resources and other organic inputs are advisable for conserving precious resources as well as making agricultural system more profitable. While, in organic agricultural practices, certification of farm, organic inputs, harvested produce and the technique followed are having greater significance. Presently, most of the multinational garment brand demanding organically produced cotton. Equally the people are getting more attracted towards organically produced items. Hence ample market is available at global level with premium prices, but certification of inputs, process and farm is major constraint. With this view the Post Graduate Diploma has been designed. The agriculture and science graduates have greater opportunity to accommodate in multinational certification agencies or start their own enterprises after completion of this course.

Goal //

Competative, skilled human resource is to be developed for organic certification including crop production, livestock, poultry & products, beekeeping /apiculture, food and animal feed processing and handling for global marketing.

About Dr. PDKV, Akola //

Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth, Akola is premier institutions imparting agricultural education to rural youth through various constitutes and affiliated colleges in eleven district of Vidarbha region. Similarly, University is also conducting site specific and need based research through various research stations spread over in university jurisdiction. The innovative outreach programme is also one of the major mandate of university. The University has been executing effective transformation and dissemination of farmers friendly technologies through Krishi Vigyan Kendra and research stations. Accordingly, Dr. PDKV, Akola is serving for comprehensive up-liftment of farming community since its inception. The University have joined hands together with nine international organizations based as Japan, Switzerland, France, Netherands, Hungary and several institutes in India. The University have close association with Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL), Switzerland and The Solidaridad, Netherland. University also undertaking course on Plant Protection in collaboration with University of Debrecen, Hungary. The University has large experimental farm area, where the seed production activity is being taken up to fullfill the need of viable and reliable seed to the farmers. The University has been accredited by ICAR and ranked 26 among all the SAUs at national level.

About E & H (Subsidiary of Ecocert), France //

The firm Des Enjeux et des Hommes, one of France's leading CSR consultancy firms, and the Ecocert Group, world leader in organic certification and operational support towards sustainability, are combining their expertise and teams to form a world-leading sustainable development and CSR consultancy division. The two companies share strong values and a common ambition: accelerating the transformation of economic models towards greater

responsibility, by placing people at the forefront of businesses. Ecocert has been committed to Organic Agriculture since 1991 by developing its core business: the certification of sustainable practices. To accompany and support organizations in their progression, in 2014 Ecocert created a subsidiary dedicated to training and consulting, “Ecocert Expert Consulting”. The acquisition of 100% of the capital in Des Enjeux et des Hommes enables Ecocert to strengthen the strategic component of its business.

Course content

The major topics of this course:

- Certification introduction and definition
- Certification process
- National program for organic production (NPOP) requirements for Production (Crop, Livestock, Bio inputs, Poultry, Apiculture)
- Processing and handling; (Food & Feed)

Guidelines for certification of Grower Groups

- Participatory Guarantee System (PGS);
- Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) license;
- Labels;
- TRACENET;
- Non compliances;
- Focus on major crops of the districts around Akola : Pulses, Oilseeds, Cereals, Vegetables organic production.
- Overview of GOTS standard for organic cotton production;
- Insights on how to start an organic business (theory, case studies and field visits):
Overview of the main actors, main outlets and commercial opportunities
- Statutory requirement for setting of organic business unit;
- Food processing and nutraceuticals
- Input manufacturing
- Cosmetic industry

Course Details

To cover all the above-mentioned topics, it would potentially be

- 60 hours course (60 credits)
- Over a 12 months period
- Based on a 1+1 total credits model, thus having equal theoretical and practical time for students.

Course Curricula //

The diploma course will consists of certification process and methodologies for

- Crop production,
- Livestock, poultry & products,
- Beekeeping /apiculture, food and animal feed processing and handling.
- Focus on NPOP / role of APEDA
- Introduce students to the other organic regulations in other regions of the world as well
- Production and certification of bio inputs
- Exposure visits

Course Fees : 35,000 INR

Eligibility: Agriculture Graduate / Any Science Graduate*

- Graduates in Agriculture or allied sciences (Must have completed degree in Agriculture / Horticulture / Forestry / Agricultural Engineering / Biotechnology / Food Technology / Dairy Technology / Agri Business Management).
- Any science graduate (Must have completed degree with PCB group)
- The admission will be given based on higher CGPA (Agriculture and allied sciences) or percentage (any science graduate) obtained during under graduate programme.

(The graduation obtained with distance learning will not be considered for said course. Similarly any degree mentioned above should be obtained through proper registration, success course completion by ICAR, UGC and NHAIE registered institute with physically attended examination will be considered)

Period of Course : One Year

Language of Course : English

Accommodation : University premises on payment basis.

Library : Central Library of the University will be available to the students.

Execution of Programme

The course will be conducted at University Headquarter on weekly basis.

Exposure Visits //

The visits to organic farms and certification agencies will be organized during the course duration as part of practical.

Placement opportunities //

- The candidate undergoing diploma course has an opportunity to get placement in multinational certification agencies.
- The candidate can be accommodate in channels of organic certification of various government and private.
- They can be accomodate in export and import of organic products

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES //

1. The candidates are required to read the prospectus and application form carefully before filling in the application.
2. Submit the hard copy of application form along with photocopies of essential documents to the address given in prospectus.
3. The said course is completely professional. Hence, the selected candidate has to deposit Rs. 35000/- at the time of admission. The details for transaction are given separately in prospectus. The said fee is non-refundable.
4. The self-attested photocopies of degree certificate and mark sheet / grade card of Graduate / Post Graduate / Doctoral degree examination is to be submitted.
5. The candidate has to submit leaving certificate of last college attended at the time of admission. However, if the candidate is already pursuing any other degree / diploma has to submit “No Objection Certificate” duly signed by Head of the Institution. Failing of which admission will not be given.
6. Domicile Certificate of the candidate issued by competent authority from Maharashtra State or College / School Leaving Certificate or Birth Certificate issued by competent authority of Maharashtra State mentioning the birth place from Maharashtra State. Domicile Certificate of the candidate issued by competent authority from other State is also compulsory.
7. Out of thirty seats, 20 seats will be made available for students those have completed their graduation in agriculture and allied disciplines, however 10 seats will be for other science graduates. While, based on the admission made and availability of seats, it will be converted vice versa.
8. The candidate will be selected purely based on CGPA obtained in Under Graduate degree programme in agriculture and allied discipline, however in other science graduate students, the highest percentage of undergraduate degree programme will be verified.
9. The students those have completed their graduation in Agriculture, Horticulture, Forestry, Biotechnology, Agriculture Business Management, Agricultural Engineering, Food Technology, Dairy Technology will be eligible under agriculture and allied discipline. **However, under any Science discipline, the students those have completed their graduation with PCB group (Chemistry, Physics, Botany, Zoology, Microbiology, Home Science, etc) will only be eligible.**
10. Reservations will not be applied in any case. Similarly, any concessions will also not be given in fees of the course as it is completely professional.
11. The candidate has to deposit full fees at the time of admission only.
12. The candidates have to attend at least 80 % classes, failing of the same he or she will not be allowed to appear for the examination.
13. University facilities will be provided on payment basis.

14. The candidate have to make their arrangement of travel and local transport at their own. However, the calendar of event / classes / practical's will be provided in advance.
15. During the execution of course some classes will be held **physically** at University Headquarters, however some classes will be arranged **virtually**. Hence, candidate will have to be attentive and be at proper place wherever connectivity is well.
16. The selection of candidates will be made as per University Education System.
17. The documents will not be accepted through courier, post, by hand after submission of application form.
18. In case of any litigation as regards the admission process, the prospectus shall be considered as valid.
19. Every candidate shall peruse the 'Admission List' on the dates as per the time table of admission. The candidate whose name appears in the List' shall visit personally for confirmation.
20. If the Candidate desires to cancel his / her admission after registration he / she has to submit the request application addressed to the Course Director. In such case, the Candidates are advised to collect all original documents from Course Director, However the deposited fees will not be refunded as per norms.
21. The candidate who are allotted & has desire to confirm their admission such candidate will have to report with original documents & prescribed fees on or before the last date & within specified time.
22. The changes will be happens in admission schedule or admission procedure due to natural disaster or technical problems. The notices/ circulars are available on University website time to time if any changes. Therefore, it is necessary to visit University website (www.pdkv.ac.in) time to time for updated information during admission process.
23. The name and contact number of the Director, Co-Course Director and Coordinator are given in prospectus.
24. The candidate have to download prospectus from University website (www.pdkv.ac.in) for detail information. The application form will be given separately in word file. The students have to fill up the same and submit in person along with Demand Draft of **Rs. 250/-** only in favour of "**Comptroller, Dr. PDKV, Akola**" against application charges.
25. The list of selected candidates will be displayed on University website. The selected candidate have to report in person to Course Director/ Co-Course Director / Coordinator within three days for confirmation of admission. While reporting, the Demand Draft of **Rs. 35000/-** in favor of "**Comptroller, Dr. PDKV, Akola**" should be submitted against admission fees.
26. If the candidates in displayed list are not reporting in three days after display of list on University Website, the candidates in waiting list will be called.
27. The course is fully professional, however University or Ecocert are not bound to avail job opportunities or setting of startup business.

28. The University reserves full rights for taking any decisions based on the situation arises. The decision of Controlling Officer and Course Director should be final.

Advisory Committee

Name	Designation
Dr. V. M. Bhale Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. PDKV, Akola and Subject Expert (Organic Farming)	Chief advisor and Mentor
Shri. Anil Jadhao Managing Director Ecocert India Pvt Ltd, Bengluru	Member
Ms. Rozenn Richardeau Training Consultant Ecocert (E and H), France	Member
Director Maharashtra Organic Certification Agency, Department of Agriculture, Government of Maharashtra	Member
Dean (Agriculture) Dr. PDKV, Akola	Member Secretary

Credit Distribution of Diploma Course

Lectur	Theory (Credits)		Practical (Credits)		Speakers
	E&H	PDKV	E&H	PDKV	
Organic introduction and definition	1	0	0	0	Subject Expert form Ecocert
Certification process (India and overseas)	2	0	0	0	Subject Expert form Ecocert
National program for organic production (NPOP) requirements for Production (Crop, Livestock, Poultry, Apiculture) for individual and group certification	4	0	3	12	University Scientist
Production technologies for important crops and focus on seed production technologies based on organic management practices	0	2	0	0	Subject Expert form Ecocert

Rule and regulations for PPV, FRA	0	1.5	0	0	Subject Expert form Ecocert
Soil, Plant and animal health management	0	1.5	0	0	University Scientist & Expert from MAFSU, Nagpur
Processing and handling (Food & Feed)	2	0	2	0	Subject Expert from Ecocert
Participatory Guarantee System (PGS)	1	0	0	0	Subject Expert from Ecocert
Labels	1	0	1	0	Subject Expert from Ecocert
TRACENET & Transaction Certificates	2	0	2	0	Subject Expert from Ecocert
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) license	0	1	0	1	Subject Expert from Food Safety Standards Authority of India, Mumbai
Statutory requirements for setting of organic business unit	1	1	1	0	Subject Expert from APEDA and PDJM
Food processing and nutraceuticals	0	1	0.5	0	Expert from CFTRI, Mysore and VNMKV, ParbhaniNational Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad
Input manufacturing	2	0	1	0	Subject Expert from Ecocert
Overview of GOTS standard for organic cotton production	1	0	1	0	Subject Expert from Ecocert
Cosmetic industry	1	0	0.5	0	Subject Expert from Ecocert
Audit report and non compliances	2	0	2	0	Subject Expert from Ecocert
Insights on how to start an organic business	0	2	0	3	Subject Expert from Ecocert +APEDA, PDJM, Project Director PDJM, Certification Officer, Department of Agriculture, Expert from ROMIF Representatives from Organic Inputs Production Units (Private Enterprises)
TOTAL 1	20	10	14	16	
TOTAL 2	30		30		

Calender of Events

Publication of advertisement	06.08.2022
Availability of online prospectus and application	06.08.2022
Last date of submission of application	20.08.2022
Display of list of applicants	24.08.2022
Display of merit list	25.08.2022
Display of list of selected candidates	26.08.2022
Final date of admission (If seats are available)	30.08.2022
Orientation Programme	First week of September, 2022

APPLICATION FORM

Application for Admission in Post Graduate Diploma in “**Organic Certification**” at Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth, Akola

1	Name (CAPITAL LETTERS) start with surname, first name and middle name	:		Self-attested Recent Photo
2	Address for correspondence	:		
3	Cell no and What's app number	:		
4	Email address	:		
5	Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)	:		
6	Educational Qualifications	:	B.Sc./M.Sc./ Ph.D.	
7	Specialization /Discipline	:	Agriculture and allied disciplines: Agriculture/ Horticulture/ Forestry/ Biotech/ Agri Business Management, Agricultural Engineering Non Agri- Science Disciplines- Graduate with any science faculty	
8	Year of graduation	:		

Educational Qualifications

Qualifications	Year of Passing	Board/University	Percentage /CGPA	Subject/Specialization
SSC				
HSSC				
B.Sc.				
M.Sc.				
Ph.D.				
MSCIT				
Any other				

I hear by declare that, the above filled information is correct to the best of my knowledge and if found misleading my candidature can be cancelled any time.

Place

Date

(Signature with name)

Financial Details

Demand Draft of Rs.No.....Datedof bankdrawn on
.....deposited in favour of towards fees of application form/
Admission fees.

(Signature with name)

(Demand Draft against application fees and Course Fees should be drawn in favor of
“**Comptroller, Dr. PDKV, Akola**”)

Classroom / Lab Facilities



Classroom



Biological Control Unit



Bio-pesticide Production Unit

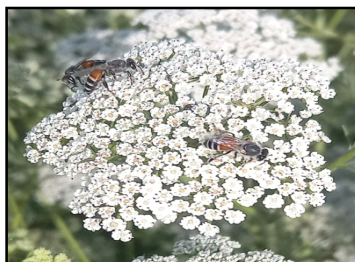
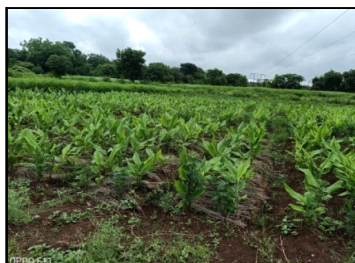


Soil and Plant Testing Laboratory

Students Field Activities



Field Trials





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Glimpses of Global Organic Convention - 2019



Global Organic Convention on Natural Resource Management for Sustainable Agriculture, Soil Health & Quality Food jointly organized by Dr. PDKV, FiBL, C&A Foundation and SOARD in gracious presence of Shri. Nitinji Gadkari, Hon'ble Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways of India, Dr. Anil Bonde, Agriculture Minister and Dr. V.M. Bhale, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. PDKV. Dignitaries from nine countries & university officials at Hotel Le meridian, Nagpur, September 15-17, 2019.



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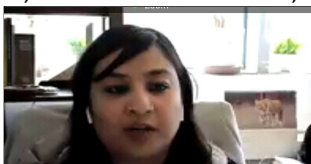
Glimpses of Organic Farming Training : Field to Fashion



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Dr. Monica Messmer
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Dr. Eva Goldmann,
FiBL, Switzerland



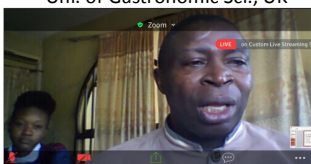
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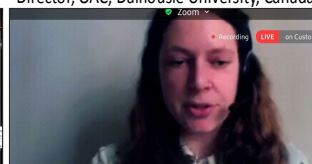
Dr. Andrew
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COART has organized One Week International Training Programme on Organic Farming: Field to Fashion from 14 to 19 December 2020 for Scientist, Students and Farmers in online mode. In this programme 2909 participants have registered from 15 different countries and from 22 states of India and successfully completed the training programme.



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Glimpses of National Summit on Strategies for promoting Organic Cotton in India



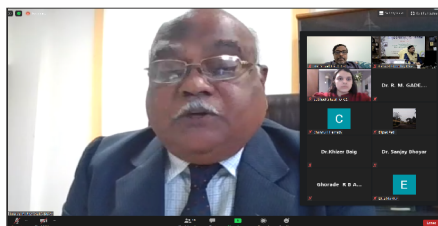
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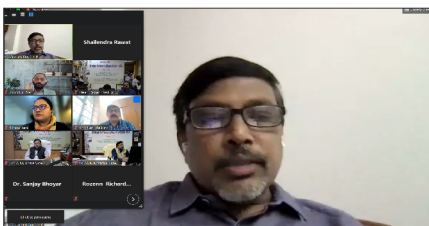
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Dr. Y. G. Prasad
Director, CICR, Nagpur



One day National Summit on “Strategies for Promoting Organic Cotton in India” was organized on 3rd Feb., 2022. The summit witnessed the presence of more than 20 renowned scientists from 8 different national and international institutes

**Events Organized in Collaboration with
FiBL, Switzerland at Dr. PDKV, Akola**



MoU between Dr.PDKV, & Organic Farming
Research Institute (FiBL), Switzerland for research



Best Poster Award at International Symposium Orgznized by
FiBL Switzerland



Visit by SGF-FiBL Monitoring Team

Dignitaries Visit



Visit of Dr. Y. G. Prasad, DDG, CICR, Nagpur



Visit of Foreign Deligates from Japan



Visit of Shri. Eknathji Dawle (IAS),
Chief Secretari (Agriculture), M.S.



Visit of Dr. R. C. Agrawal, DDG,
Agriculture Education, ICAR, New Delhi



Visit of foreign delegates from Australia, UK, Uzbekistan, Kenya,
DR. Congo, France was arranged at COART, Dr. PDKV,
during International Farmers Dialogue in 2014.



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