

Business oriented Agriculture and Cooperative sector Training Programme

Vision :

- Quality work and best service
- Transforming society through innovative education

Mission :

- Structure of quality training for individual, community-based organization development.
- To increase the value addition of agricultural produce and increase the source of income of the farmers.
- Creating opportunities for entrepreneurship and skill development in rural areas.
- Strengthening and employment generation of cooperative societies, farmer producer companies, self-help groups.
- Guidance on planning, financing and export growth for cooperative processing industries.

Associated Training Partner:

There was a major revolution in agricultural production in the country in the 20th century. However, in the 21st century, recognizing the need to add value to agricultural produce, grow the agro-processing industry and create a marketing chain for agricultural produce, a separate training department has been established by the Corporation in January 2019.

Through this department, for entities viz cooperative societies, farmer producer companies, Women self-help groups, more than 250 training programmes on various topics including high-tech agriculture have been organized, wherein, around and 15,000 farmers have been trained in the last five years. The following organizations have associated themselves with the Corporation: -

- National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Pune
- Project on Climate Resilient on Agriculture (Pocra), Mumbai
- Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA)
- Jaljeevan Mission, Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal
- Maharashtra Agribusiness Network Project (MAGNET), Pune
- National Beekeeping Board, Delhi
- Prime Minister Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme

- Groundwater Development Authority, Pune
- Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj Research, Training and Human Development Institute (Sarathi), Pune
- Precision Farming Development Center, Mahatma Phule Agriculture University, Rahuri
- Buldhana Urban Co-operative Bank, Buldhana
- Three multistate cooperatives on agricultural exports, organic farming, seeds sector
- MANAGE Hyderabad
- Around 135 NGOs

Three to five days residential trainings have been organized in the State.

Purpose of training:

- Value addition of agricultural produce and provide additional source of income for farmers.
- Creating opportunities for entrepreneurship and skill development in rural areas.
- To strengthen the economy and create employment for cooperatives, farmer producer companies, and self-help groups.
- MCDC provides finance in the form of loans and investments to cooperative processing industries, and provides guidance on increasing the export of agricultural produce.

Training Topics-

- Shadenet and Polyhouse
- Nursery Technology
- Commercial hydroponics farming
- Turmeric & Ginger production technology
- Modern dairy business
- Training for Directors and CEO of farmer producer company
- Agri.Business start up Training Programmes
- Agri-tourism, fisheries, Good agricultural practices for fruit and vegetable production
- Post-harvest technology of agricultural produce
- Intensive farming
- Dehydration of fruits and vegetables
- Micro food processing industries, beekeeping, opportunities in import and export
- Housing co-operative societies, co-operative banks, multipurpose co-operative societies etc.

Ratings:

- Certificate of appreciation from the Agriculture Department for being the institute that provides the largest number of trainings in the state under the Prime Minister's Micro Food Processing Scheme in a planned manner.
- MCDC has been recognized by the Government as a State Level Apex Training Institute under the Department of Cooperation, Marketing and Textiles, Government of Maharashtra.
- Recognized as a State-level training institute by the Department of Agriculture, Government of Maharashtra.
- Center of Excellence (CoE) under Maharashtra Agri Business Network Project (MAGNET)
- MCDC has been awarded affiliation of central government sponsored agriculture skill council of india (ASCI)
- MCDC is an authorised institute for NABARD Sponsored programmes as Producers Organization Promoting Institute (POPI) and Resource Support Agency (RSA)

Training Fees Structures

- MCDC has tieup with a total of 45 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) in the State regarding various facilities for training programme
- The duration of training and fees as follows: -

Sr.no	Period	Fees including GST (Rs.)
1	One day	Rs.1500/- (Non-Residential)
		Rs.2000/- (Residential)
2	Three days	Rs.7080/- (Residential)
3	Five days	Rs.10,030/-(Residential)

- The training fees Include - Training material, Certificate, Tea, Snacks, Meals, Residence and field visits