



*ICAR Sponsored Summer School  
on  
Empowering Rural Youth through  
Agri-entrepreneurship  
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## **BACKGROUND**

Indian agriculture is facing several challenges including climate change, depletion of natural resources, changing production and consumption patterns, demographic changes, reducing interest of rural youth towards agriculture and so on. It has been observed that market linkages play a crucial role in making agriculture profession a profitable one. Agri-entrepreneurship plays a pivotal role in the transformation of subsistence farming into a profitable venture and it creates jobs, shapes entrepreneurial opportunities, brings competition, which ultimately improves farm productivity. It acts as a catalyst for development of agriculture and overall improvement of economic growth.

Adoption of newer established technologies would act as a strong medium in promoting sustainable livelihoods for about 900 million people across the world who are in poverty and distress. Innovation is the central point in the development of entrepreneurship. Entrepreneurs make innovations possible and operate under creative disruption. They try to address local issues and harness the potential of entrepreneurial opportunities, thereby generating employment and income for the local economy. This process has multidimensional impact on the local market and local economy. Eastern Gangetic Plains (EGP) is the home to 300 million people, with the world's highest concentration of rural poverty and a strong dependence on agriculture for food security and livelihoods. It is very much applicable to the states like Bihar where more the 90 per cent farmers are categorized under small and marginal. Agripreneurship is the way by which we can enhance the socio-economic condition of grassroots. The retention of rural youth in farming calls for promotion of entrepreneurial activities in the field of agriculture and allied areas.

The course is designed primarily to provide knowledge and information to the participants on agri-entrepreneurship, venture planning, leadership, management and related aspects.

## **ABOUT THE COURSE**

The course includes theory lectures, practical classes along with participants' exposure to the successful agri-entrepreneurs. It will also provide an opportunity to the participants to interact with the subject experts and fellow workers from different parts of the country and update themselves with the latest information in the field.

## **OBJECTIVE**

The objective of the proposed summer school is to bring together multidisciplinary researchers / scientists working in the field of agribusiness and/or extension education and to apprise them with the necessary skills on agri-entrepreneurship for better understanding of the process and procedure involved in setting up of small enterprises.



## ABOUT BAU, SABOUR

Sabour is a beautiful countryside located in Bhagalpur district of Bihar and renowned for being one of the oldest colleges and research centres in the Indian subcontinent. Bihar Agriculture College (BAC), Sabour was established by the Britishers in the year 1908. It is located at 25.2454° N, 87.0449° E of 46 m above mean sea level. Bihar Agricultural University was established at the same place on 5th August, 2010 to serve as a leading centre of education, research, extension and training in the field of agriculture and allied subjects in the state.



Within a short span of time, the university has received several accolades for its excellence in work. Besides, BAC, it has four Agricultural Colleges located at Saharsa, Purnea, Kishanganj and Dumraon, one Horticulture College at Noorsarai (Nalanda), one Veterinary College at Patna, one Dairy Technology Institute at Patna, 13 Research stations and 20 Krishi Vigyan Kendras spread in 20 different districts of Bihar. Sabour (SBO), Bhagalpur (BGP) and Naugachhia (NNA) are the nearest railway stations located respectively 0.5 km, 9.0 km and 22.0 km away from the university headquarters. It is well connected to Kolkata, Mumbai, New Delhi and Chennai by train. It is also well connected with Patna Airport and Bagdogra Airport. Weather during the month of August is hot and humid with moderate rainfall and average temperature ranging between 30-35°C.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Master's Degree in agriculture and allied disciplines with working knowledge of computer.
- Working not below the rank of Assistant Professor and equivalent in the concerned subject in Agricultural University/ICAR Institute.

### BOARDING AND LODGING FACILITIES

Participants will be accommodated in guest house/ hostels located at BAU campus or nearby along with provision for food. Participants are requested not to bring any family member as the accommodation is strictly limited for trainees only. The participants will be paid for the journey, to and fro, restricted to AC-II tier train fare or bus or any other means transport in vogue, as the case may be, actual certificate by the participants. TA may be paid from the place of duty to the summer/winter school location and back by the shortest route.



## HOW TO APPLY

As per the ICAR instructions, the interested candidates should register and apply Online through Capacity Building Program (CBP) portal of ICAR/IASRI accessible at <http://cbp.icar.gov.in/>. The applicants should pay a non – refundable registration fee of Rs. 50/- (Rupees Fifty Only) in the form of a demand draft only in favour of Comptroller BAU, Sabour payable at Sabour (Bhagalpur).

The online submitted application should be printed by the candidate and endorsed by their Head of the Institute. The endorsed application may be scanned and uploaded on the CBP portal latest by July 20, 2017 and the hard copy of the original application along with the above mentioned registration fee should be sent to the Course Director, so as to reach on or before July 23, 2017. Applicants may send an advance copy of their application, but their selection will be subject to receiving of their original application along with recommendation from respective competent authority.

## SELECTION

The selected candidates will be informed about their selection well in advance on or before 25.7.2017. Since we have to enrol limited number of candidates, applications and nominations of eligible candidates will be selected as per the criteria laid down by ICAR and first come first serve basis.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Last date for Apply : July 20, 2017  
Notification for Selection : July 25, 2017

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