

Background and Objectives

ICAR RC for NEH Region, Sikkim Centre, Tadong, Gangtok is a lead centre under the ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam, Meghalaya, carrying active research in the field of organic farming for more than last ten years. The centre has developed a number of farmers' friendly organic production technologies and practices since its inception and imparted training to various stakeholders across the country (farmers and officials from 21 states of India). With this background, we are going to conduct a 21 days ICAR Sponsored Winter School training program on **"Advances in the organic production system in Sikkim Himalayas"** at ICAR RC for NEH Region, Sikkim Centre, Tadong, Gangtok, Sikkim.

About the Training and Eligibility

The winter school will be organized at ICAR RC for NEH Region, Sikkim Centre, Tadong, Gangtok, from 21st November to 11th December, 2022 for the Assistant Professors/Scientists or equivalent possessing Master's or PhD degrees in Agriculture/Horticulture/Animal Sciences. In this training, various technologies and techniques related to organic farming research will be taught. The program has been designed with the objective to develop trained human resource on various aspects of organic production systems.

Course Content

1. History of organic farming and organic production standards

2. Organic certification and traceability
3. Soil health and nutrient management in Organic agriculture
4. Organic fruit, vegetables, flowers, medicinal plants and tuber crops production
5. Plant protection in organic production system
6. Role of animal husbandry in Organic production
7. Mechanization in organic farming and post-harvest management of organic produce
8. Agri-business and marketing strategies in organic farming
9. Field visit to the Organic farm

Faculty

The faculty consists of experienced scientists from ICAR RC for NEH Region having a vast experience of working on organic agriculture for last ten years or more. Additionally, the guest faculty comprising of experts from Sikkim/other states who have been the pioneers in organic movement in Sikkim/experienced in organic farming will also share their experiences and expertise with the participants.

Number of Participants

A total of 25 participants will be registered based on the eligibility criteria and as per ICAR guidelines. On the receipt of completely filled application form, the selected participants will be informed through E-mail.

Registration Fee

Registration fee of Rs. 50/- should be deposited to the following bank account and must be mentioned in the application form while applying in online mode at ICAR-CBP portal.

"Account name: Joint Director, ICAR, Sikkim Centre, **Account No.:** 10738824721, **Branch:** SBI, Tadong Branch, **IFSC code:** SBIN0007950."

How to apply

As per the ICAR instructions, candidates desirous of participating in the course and fulfilling the eligibility conditions can apply through proper channel in ICAR-CBP portal as given below:

1. Visit the website <https://cbp.icar.gov.in/>.
2. Log in using your user ID and Password. To create user ID use "Create New Account" link.
3. Click on "Participate in Training" link, fill the proforma and after completion of application, submit the application in online mode.
4. The advance copy of the nomination may be sent by email to wsicarsikkim@gmail.com before the last date of application.
5. The final signed and scanned copy must also reach the course director (wsicarsikkim@gmail.com) before the last date of application.
6. Selected candidates will be informed at least seven days prior to the start of the training program.
7. The last date for applying for winter school is 11th November, 2022.

8. Participants are advised to depart to Gangtok only after the receipt of participation confirmation email from Course Director.

Traveling and Accommodation

Participants will be paid to and fro fare for journey performed by the shortest route from duty location to ICAR RC NEHR, Sikkim Centre by rail or bus or other means of transport. The payment will be made as per their entitlement but restricted to the maximum of AC II tier train fare. If any participant chooses to travel by Air, he/she may do so, but their claim shall be restricted to AC II tier train fare.

Accommodation on sharing basis will be provided in the guest house. The accompanying person will not be provided the accommodation by the institute and will be sole responsibility of the participants. The boarding and lodging for the training participants will be provided free of cost as per the norms and operational guidelines for organization for the summer/winter school of ICAR. Local participants will be provided lunch and inter-session tea only.

How to Reach Gangtok

ICAR RC NEHR, Sikkim Centre, Tadong is located in Gangtok town at a distance of 120 km from Bagdogra airport and about 105 km from New Jalpaiguri Railway station. Taxi (taxi service through online booking/direct hiring) and bus service is available from both the places to Gangtok.

Weather in Gangtok

The temperature in Gangtok during the course of winter school may vary between 0°C to 18°C.

Important Dates

Last date applying:	11.11.2022
Intimation of selection :	13.11.2022
Commencement of the training :	21.11.2022

Course Conveners

1. Dr. S. K. Das, Sr. Scientist (Soil Science)
2. Dr. S. Saha, Scientist (SS) (Agri. Phy.)
3. Dr. T. L. Bhutia, Scientist (SS) (Hort.)
4. Dr. E. L. Devi, Scientist (SS) (GPB)
5. Dr. Mukesh Bhatt, Scientist (Vety. Micro.)
6. Dr. Amit Kumar, Scientist (Agronomy)
7. Dr. J. K. Singh, Head (I/c) (KVK, East Sikkim)
8. Dr. Manoj Kumar (KVK, East Sikkim)
9. Mr. Boniface Lepcha (KVK, East Sikkim)

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