



ICAR Sponsored Winter School on Advances in Social Science Research and Evaluation

25 January to 14 February 2022

Background

Social research has long played a significant role in maximizing the utility of socio-technological interventions. Extension research has evolved over the years by integrating scientific research methods and tools from other social sciences. However, the methodological evolution has stagnated in the last few decades thereby producing insignificant outcomes. Quality and relevance of extension research, therefore, has been the subject of serious concern. Further, evidence-based extension research with uncompromised methodological rigour can provide significant policy-oriented outputs.

Reorienting extension research is the need of the hour. It needs coordinated approach by integrating state-of-the-art methods from other social sciences to improve the utility and visibility of extension research outcomes. This training programme is aimed at developing the critical abilities of extension professionals to conduct quality research and evaluation.

Objectives

- To equip participants with the latest knowledge, skills and innovative practices needed for conducting impact-oriented and quality extension research and evaluation;
- To orient the participants with the advanced methodology used in social science research and
- To facilitate networking among the participants for inter-institutional research in extension.

Duration and Venue

This course of 21 working days duration is offered during 25 January to 14 February 2022. The participants are expected to arrive latest by the evening of January 24, 2022 and can leave after 1700 hrs on the last day of the programme. The programme will be held at the ICAR - National Academy of Agricultural Research Management, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad-500030. The programme is completely residential.

Programme content

The programme would follow modular approach with two modules, namely

i) Starter module: Basics of extension research – scientific approach, research process, designs, measurement, sampling frameworks, data collection methods and techniques, data analysis (including software) and interpretation and

ii) Pathfinder module: Good practices on advanced research methods, ethical considerations, writing convincing research proposals and high quality research papers and other publications.

Eligibility

- The programme is mainly targeted at the entry and middle level NARES professionals including that of KVKs, who are actively involved in technology management
- Working not below the rank of Assistant Professor and equivalent in the concerned subject under Agricultural University / ICAR Institute



Nominations

- Nominations through proper channel may be sent so as to reach on or before 10th January, 2022. The selected candidates will be intimated by 12th January 2022 by e-mail.

Registration

- There is no course fee, however a non-refundable registration fee of Rs.50/- (Rupees Fifty only) is to be paid by way of a Postal Order (drawn in favour of ICAR Unit, NAARM payable at Hyderabad).

For further information

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Participants Selection

Maximum intake for the programme is 25 participants. As per the eligibility criteria, participant's selection would be based on first-cum-first basis. Selection of candidates is a matter of discretion of the competent authority of ICAR-NAARM. Participant's nomination from the respective heads of organizations does not entail confirmed participation in the programme. A formal confirmation letter indicating the selection of candidates will be sent by ICAR-NAARM a week after the last date for the receipt of nominations. Selected participants are expected to bring their present assignments pertaining to pattern communicating and managerial skills in technology management.

Travel

- Hyderabad is well connected by air, rail and road from all parts of the country. Participants are advised to make their return reservations well in advance at their end.

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Boarding and Lodging

- Participants will be provided rent-free accommodation, wholesome meals and refreshments. Local participants will be provided lunch and inter-sessions tea only.

How to Apply ?

As per the ICAR instructions, the interested candidates should register and apply online through 'Capacity Building Programme' (CBP) Portal as follows:

1. Visit the website <https://cbp.icar.gov.in/> or click on Capacity Building Programme link under <http://www.icar.org.in/>
2. Login using your user ID and Password. To create user ID use "Create New Account" link.
3. After login, click on "Participate in Training" link and fill the proforma and send the duly signed copy through proper channel to The Course Director.

The advance scanned copy of the nomination may be sent by email.

Participants are advised to depart to Hyderabad only after the receipt of participation confirmation letter from Course Director.

TA and DA

- Participants will be paid to and fro fare for journey performed by the shortest route 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, provided they travel by Air India.