



ACABC

AGRI - Clinics & Business Centres



ACABC scheme

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare, Government of India, in association with NABARD has launched a unique programme to impart modern methods of farming to each and every farmer across the country. This programme aims to tap the expertise available in the large pool of Agriculture Graduates.

Committed to this programme, Government of India is now providing start-up training to graduates in Agriculture and its allied subject like Horticulture, Sericulture, Veterinary Sciences, Forestry, Dairy, Poultry Farming, Fisheries, Botany, Zoology and Chemistry etc. Those completing the training can apply for special start-up loans for venture from MUDRA BANK as well

The fully residential ACABC training is provided completely free of cost to the selected candidates for 45 days.

Agri Clinic vs Agri Business

Agri-Clinic is a consulting service which the candidate can start in an individual capacity after getting the program certification. He or she may not need an external financial help to start it.

Agri Business is an entrepreneurial initiative like crop cultivation, fisheries, dairy farms, goat farms, honey making etc which may require financial assistance from any commercial / cooperative / MUDRA bank. So a candidate will be provided technical know-how to prepare a detailed business plan during this training. All assistance will be provided by NTI (Nodal Training Institute) to get a bank loan to start his/her own agri business at their preferred location.

Advantage of ACABC program

During the program a candidate will be trained on;

- ★ Techniques to do environmental scanning for starting Agri business.
- ★ Technical aspects like seed, soil, pest management etc.
- ★ Preparing a business plan, project report to be submitted to bank for loans.
- ★ Scope for financial assistance from banks.
- ★ Personality development and Leadership to adapt and survive in changing business environment.

Program flow chart



Project financial assistance

Up to Rs. 20 Lakhs in shape of bank loan with a provision of subsidy upto 44% for women and SC/ST candidates, upto 36% for other candidates. However for a group project the loan amount can go upto Rs 1 crore. The sanction of loan is not guaranteed by NTI.

NIST, Berhampur as Nodal Training Institute (NTI)

NIST Palur Hills has been recognized as Nodal Training Institute (NTI) by National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management, Hyderabad (MANAGE) to roll out ACABC Scheme in Odisha. The Institute started its functioning in 1996 and established by a group of academicians educated in the top Institutes of India & abroad. The founder Chairman, Dr. Sukant K Mohapatra, PhD (Stevens Institute of Technology, NJ, USA), MS (University of Louisiana, Lafayette, LA, USA), Trustee Mr. Sangram Mudal is a distinguished alumnus of IIT Kanpur (1985) & University of Houston, USA (1987). They resolved to establish a world class Institute in their home state of Odisha. Within a few years the reputation of the Institute spread far and wide and it admitted students only from the top 20% of the Odisha Joint Entrance Examinations and All India Entrance Examinations (JEE-Mains). Within a short span of 23 years, it has produced 4 BOYSCAST faculty scholars who have been funded by Government of India to pursue postgraduate research in the top Institutes in USA and Germany. NIST has produced 3 Full Bright Scholars. Three of its faculty has won the Samant Chandrasekhar Young Scientist Award instituted by the Government of Odisha. Two AICTE funded Emeritus Professors work at NIST. The faculty of the Institute has been awarded 3 URSI Young Scientist Awards. More than 30 Post Doctorate scholarships have been awarded to the Institute faculty. The faculty of the Institute are alumni of IIT's, IISc, ISI, IITs, Jadavpur University, Calcutta University etc. The Institute has received a number of grants, projects, special funding, travel funding, SDPs, FIST grant, scholarships, etc., from DST, CSIR, AICTE, ICSSR and IT companies etc.

Certification

On successful completion of this 45 days training program & recommendation by NTI, candidates will get certified by MANAGE, Hyderabad, Govt of India.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR CANDIDATES

The scheme is open to following categories of candidates of age group of 18 to 60 years.

- ★ Graduates in agriculture and allied subjects like Horticulture, Sericulture, Dairy, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Home/Community Sciences, Biotechnology, Agricultural Engineering, Forestry, Food Technology, Food Nutrition and Dietetics etc, from SAUs/ Central Agricultural Universities/ Universities and graduates in Environmental Science, Botany, Zoology and Chemistry recognized by ICAR/ UGC. Degree in Agriculture and allied subjects offered by other agencies are also considered subject to approval of Department of Agriculture Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Government of India on recommendation of the State Government.
- ★ Diploma (with at least 50% marks)/ Post Graduate Diploma holders in Agriculture and allied subjects from State Agricultural Universities, State Agriculture and Allied Departments and State Department of Technical Education. Diploma in Agriculture and allied subjects offered by other agencies (autonomous bodies, UGC affiliated universities etc.) are also considered subject to approval of Department of Agriculture Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Government of India on recommendation of the State Government.
- ★ Post Graduation in Agriculture & allied subjects.
- ★ Degree courses recognized by UGC having more than 60 percent of the course content in Agriculture and allied subjects.
- ★ Diploma/Post-graduate Diploma courses with more than 60 percent of course content in Agriculture and allied subjects, after B.Sc. with Biological Sciences from recognized colleges and universities.
- ★ Agriculture related courses at intermediate (i.e. plus two) level, with at least 55% marks.

The scheme covers full financial support for training and handholding. Provision of loan and credit linked back ended composite subsidy is available as per Govt. Norms.

Application Procedure and Dates

Candidates are advised to apply online www.acabcmis.gov.in. No need to pay any fees while applying. This 45 days training program is planned to start in month of October - November, 2019.

During training

All candidates will be provided free training, accommodation, food, reading materials & field trip transportation. Personal expenses including local transportation to and from the NTI will be borne by candidates.

Other Website for Reference

www.manage.gov.in | www.agriclinics.net | www.nist.edu/acabc



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