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TRAINING REPORT

**MANAGE SPONSORED CERTIFIED FARM ADVISOR
(FLORICULTURE) Module-II TRAINING**

14-28 November, 2018

A fifteen days training programme entitled “Certified Farm Advisor (Floriculture) Module II” sponsored by National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Rajendranagar, Hyderabad 500030 was organized at ICAR-Directorate of Floricultural Research, College of Agriculture Campus, Shivajinagar, Pune, Maharashtra 411005 from 14-28 November, 2018. The training was designed for intensive specialized skill oriented training for a period of 15 days for those who have completed Module I from MANAGE.

The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Lakhan Singh, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Pune and Dr. K. V. Prasad, Director, ICAR-DFR, Pune. In his inaugural address, Dr. Singh emphasized on the role & importance of training in enhancing the skill of a person. He opined that training also helps in better understanding and execution of work. He appreciated the noble efforts taken by MANAGE for the unique idea of certified farm advisor. The training programme was lead by Dr. K. V. Prasad, Course Director and Dr. Tarak Nath Saha & Dr. Ganesh B. Kadam as Course Coordinators. A total of twenty two participants including five women and fifteen men from various State Departments/ self-employed attended the training programme.

An intensive training schedule was followed with a blend of theoretical lectures (39) and hands-on- practical exposure (11) with the help of internal as well as external experts available in and around Pune and also from NAU, Navsari, Gujarat. The lectures covered Status of Floriculture, Growing Media, Alternate Media, Soil, Water and Fertilizers for Ornamentals, Propagation and Nursery management, Micro-propagation in Ornamentals, Drip and Fertigation Management, Basics of Protected Cultivation, Hi-tech flower production, Flower production under open field, Seed Production in Annuals, Specialty flowers and fragrant ornamentals, Cut greens and fillers,

Turf Grass management, Indoor plants, Vertical garden, Bulbous Ornamentals, Weed management in Ornamentals, Crop Protection, Postharvest technology in Ornamentals, Dry Flower, Nutraceuticals and Essential oils, Role of NHB in promotion of Floriculture, IPR and PPVFRA, Finance for Floriculture, etc.

In addition, there were ten exposure visits to Flower Market; Flora Expo; Soil Museum; Hi-tech Floriculture Units at COA, Pune and Talegaon; Hydroponics Unit, Flower grading Unit, Hi-Tech Nursery Unit at Talegaon; Bonsai Namaste Unit, Somantane; ICAR-NRC Grapes; K.F. Bioplants; ICAR-DFR Research farm; Jagtap Nursery; KVK, Baramati; Commercial Mushroom Production Unit and Essar Floritech, Kamshet.

During the course of training Mrs. Sadalakshmi, Consultant at MANAGE, Hyderabad also visited the Directorate and expressed her satisfaction about the course content and arrangements made. A training manual and CD was prepared covering all the theoretical and practical lectures covered during the training and given to all the trainees. During the evaluation, the trainees obtained 91.5 % marks related to the subject taught. Based on the feedback received from the trainees, the overall rating/feedback of the training was excellent (9.0).

Dr. K. E. Lawande, Former Vice-Chancellor, BSKKV, Dapoli presided over the valedictory function of the training programme and he urged the trainees to pass on the learning experience to the stakeholders for the betterment of the farming community and keep in touch with the Directorate for ready reference. The brief training report was presented by Dr. Tarak Nath Saha. The participants expressed high level of satisfaction and appreciated the efforts of Course Director and Coordinators for organizing such a useful training programme in a frontier area of Floriculture. At the end of the training programme the certificates were distributed to the trainees.

The Directorate acknowledged Mrs. V. Usha Rani, Director General, MANAGE, Hyderabad for selecting ICAR-DFR as a collaborating partner for imparting farm advisor training programme.



Inaugural session of the Training Programme



Lecture by Dr. K. V. Prasad, Director, ICAR-DFR



Participants of the Training Programme



Certificate Distribution by Dr. K. E. Lawande, Chief Guest



Visit to Flower Expo



Hands on Training at Hi-tech Flori Unit, COA, Pune