

# ACTIVITIES

The School takes various activities for imparting Agriculture Education to different stakeholders:

## 1) Conceptualization, Planning, Designing, Development and Delivery of Academic Programmes

The Faculty of the School has been involved in conceptualization, planning, designing, development and delivery of new academic programmes in the Agriculture and Allied Sectors. The Development of Academic Programmes include: need assessment, organizing expert group meeting, getting approvals from different statutory bodies, finalization of curriculum, course writer's and editor's meeting, coordination with the uniter writers& editors, development of audio/video programmes, CRC preparation, Proof Reading and printing of study materials. The programmes which are under development are:

- Diploma in Horticulture
- Diploma in Animal Husbandry
- Diploma in Agriculture
- PG Diploma in Food Science and Technology
- PG Diploma in Agri-business Management
- Master's in Agri-business Management

## 2) Counselling at Programme Study Centre, School of Agriculture, IGNOU, New Delhi

School of Agriculture is working as Programme Study Centre for its various programmes. The counselling sessions (Theory and Practical) are being organized for the learners enrolled in the programmes *viz.* Certificate in Water Harvesting and Management (CWHM), Certificate in Organic Farming (COF), Diploma in Value Added Products from Fruits and Vegetables (DVAPFV), Diploma in Meat Technology (DMT) and PG Certificate in Agriculture Policy (PGCAP).





### 3) Offering of MOOC on SWAYAM

The School has developed and is offering eight MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) in Agriculture and allied sectors through SWAYAM Platform. The courses are:

- i. Introduction to Poultry Farming
- ii. Food Laws and Standards
- iii. Technology of Fermented, Cheese, Ice-cream and By-products
- iv. Awareness Programme on Solar Water Pumping System
- v. MNR 001: Indian Agricultural Development
- vi. MNR002: Agricultural Policy: Formulation, Components, Process, Implementation and Comparative Analysis
- vii. MNRE 015: Cooperatives and Farmers' Organizations
- viii. MNRE 016: Project Analysis

### 4) Operationalization of Food Processing Laboratory

The School has established a Food Processing Lab with the funding of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MOFPI), GoI. The Lab was Inaugurated by Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal, the then Hon'ble Minister, MOFPI on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017. The counselling sessions for different programmes viz. Certificate in Water Harvesting and Management (CWHM), Certificate in Organic Farming (COF), Diploma in Value Added Products from Fruits and Vegetables (DVAPFV), Diploma in Meat Technology (DMT) are being undertaken in this laboratory. In addition to this, small training programmes on value-added products from fruits and vegetables are also conducted as per the need.

### 5) Activities under SWAYAM PRABHA Channel on Basic and Applied Sciences

The School of Agriculture provides academic support in the form of video contents and live video lectures in the area of Agriculture and allied sectors for the SWAYAM PRABHA Channel on Basic and Applied Sciences.

## 6) Conduct of Training Programmes

Few of the training programmes are as follows:

- a) **Model Training Course:** The School of Agriculture has organized two Model Training Courses. The first was on the theme “Development and Delivery of e-Learning Materials in Agriculture Extension” held during 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017 in which 19 extension functionaries from seven states participated. The second was on the theme “Development and Delivery of Agriculture Extension Contents using Digital Technology” held during 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 in which 20 extension persons from the State Agricultural Departments, ICAR institutions and state agricultural universities participated. These courses were sponsored by Directorate of Extension, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation, and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India.



- b) **FOSTAC Training Programmes:** School of Agriculture has organized seven one-day “Food Safety Training and Certification (FOSTAC) Training Programmes for the Food Safety Supervisors in Manufacturing Sector. IGNOU is one of the Training Partner for FOSTAC Training Programme and School of Agriculture is one of the FSSAI approved Training Centres.

