

ASSIGNMENT BOOKLET

**Diploma in Agricultural Cost Management
(DACM)**

**January 2026 sessions
and
July 2026 Sessions**



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Dear Students,

The Diploma in Agricultural CostManagement(DACM) consists of 6 theory courses. The assessment of theory courses is done in two components, i.e. continuous assessment (assignment) and term-end examination. The weightage for the term-end examination will be 70per cent, and the weightage for the continuous assessment (assignment) will be 30per cent. There is one assignment for each theory course, thus a total of six assignments for the programme. Each assignment will be of 100 marks, which ultimately will be converted to have a weightage of 30 % of the total marks.

Before attempting the assignments, please read the following instructions carefully.

1. First of all, read the assignment /questions and instructions carefully and identify the components of an assignment. You should read the relevant sections and sub-sections of a unit while preparing your responses, and write answers in your own words. Your responses should not be a verbatim reproduction of the textual materials/blocks provided for self-learning purposes. We also suggest that you read additional materials available in your study centre or any other library before preparing your responses. But extra reading is not a must to answer these assignments.
2. **On the top of the first page of your answer sheet, please write the details exactly in the following format.**

Enrolment no.:
Name:
Address:
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Course Code:
Course Title:
Study Centre:
(Name and Code)
Date:

3. Use foolscap-size paper for writing your answer.
4. Leave a 4 cm margin on the top, bottom, and left of your answer sheet.
5. Indicate the question number and part of the question being solved while writing your answers.
6. Assignments have to be sent to the Programme Coordinator of your study centre.
7. **We strongly suggest that you retain a copy of your assignment responses.**

Wishing you good luck.

Assignment -2

Course Code: BAM-002

Course Title: Institutional Support for Agricultural Development

Session: January and July, 2026

Maximum Marks: 100

Note: Attempt any FIVE questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1.	Describe the various agricultural extension programmes implemented in India.
2.	Discuss the importance and mechanism of the regulated market, buffer stocks, and interventions in agricultural pricing.
3.	Discuss the different forms of agricultural and rural development cooperatives. Explain the strategies for the successful operation of cooperatives.
4.	Explain the concepts and importance of Self-Help Group (SHG). Also, explain the process of formation of self-help groups.
5.	What is custom hiring centre (CHC)? Discuss the rationale for CHC. Briefly explain the models of custom hiring.
6.	What do you understand by agri-input marketing? Explain the 4 P'S in agri-input marketing. Give an overview of the seed market in India.
7.	Explain the concept and importance of contract farming. Discuss the models of contract farming.
8.	Discuss the various ongoing programmes and schemes in the agricultural sector in India.