

## **Invites applications for course on Good Agri Practices**

The Spices Board is inviting applications for admission to the ninth batch of the course on Good Agricultural Practices from candidates of the states of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tami Nadu. This course is being offered by the Board to train educated and unemployed youths having agrarian background with the aim of enabling them to perform as agricultural resource persons in various aspects involved in the production of quality spices. The Board has already given training for over 200 applicants from north-eastern states and other states including Kerala.

The course will cover Good Agricultural Practices like production of good quality planting materials, crop husbandry practices, integrated pest management (IPM) & integrated disease management (IDM), post harvest handling, storage and processing, organic certification requirements and organic production practices of major spices and herbs. The scheme is planned to act as an alternative extension mechanism fully conversant with good agricultural practices rooted in rural communities with self-reliance. The programme will help in bridging the gap between current yield level and the potential yield of spice crops. The trained youth would provide an interface between the Board and Spices growers by rendering advisory services.

### **CURRICULUM**

The curriculum will cover topics like 'Crop production and protection aspects of spice crops such as cardamom, black pepper, chilli, ginger, turmeric, vanilla, tree spices and herbal spices- practical training on the production of quality planting material-organic inputs such as vermi-compost,- conventional composting, bio dynamic preparations- vriksha ayurveda preparations such as panchagavya, Fish Amino Acid, Egg Amino Acid etc - bio-fertilizers (Azospirillum, Azatobacter, Phosphobacteria), bioagents (Trichoderma, Pseudomonas, Mycorrhizae etc.)-soil testing and advisory services, mechanization, post harvest handling and processing of spice crops including value addition and farm management'. Communicative English, computer application and personality development are the specialty of this curriculum. Medium of instruction will be English.

### **Location:**

The training will be given at the Indian Cardamom Research Institute, Spices Board, Myladumpara, Idukki District, Kerala, 685 553

### **Duration:**

The duration of the programme is two months (1<sup>st</sup> November 2012 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012) and 25 candidates will be accommodated in a batch. It is a fully residential programme.

### **Eligibility:**

Unemployed youth having an agricultural background including agricultural laborers with Plus Two qualification are eligible. The plantation managers/ supervisors and candidates who are members of Kudumbasree or similar farmers' self help groups will be given preference. Candidates must be 18-35 years old as on 31/07/2012.

### **Stipend for trainees:**

A stipend of Rs.3000/ per month will be given to the trainees during the period of training.

### **Post training activity:**

After successful completion of the training programme, it is expected that the trainees will continue to engage themselves in agricultural based activity including production of quality spices in their villages and provide side by side extension services to the interested spice growers in sourcing their expertise on payment basis.

**Submission of application:**

Neatly hand written or typed application in the prescribed format shall be addressed to The Director (Research), Indian Cardamom Research Institute, Spices Board, Myladumpara, Kailasanadu P.O. Idukki District, Kerala, 685 553, South India. *The cover containing the application shall be super scribed as 'Application for GAP training Nov-Dec 2012'*

**Last date for receipt of application: 15.08.2012**

**Selection of candidates:**

Based on the merit, candidates will be short-listed. The decision of the Board will be final.

The selected candidates will be given second class railway fare / bus fare from their home town to ICRI, Myladumpara, for onward and return journey by shortest route, .

More details can be obtained from: Training In charge: Tel 04868- 237207,237206 Extn: 211 Fax: 04868-237285, Email: [icrimyla@yahoo.com](mailto:icrimyla@yahoo.com),



## APPLICATION FORM FOR TRAINING

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1. Name of the applicant :
2. Date of birth\* (as on 31.07.2012) :
3. Educational qualification\* :
4. Address for communication :  
(With pin code, Mobile & telephone number)
5. Permanent address :
6. Occupation of Father/Guardian :
7. Do you belong to SC\*/ST\*/OBC : Yes  No
8. Are you an agriculturist cultivating own land : Yes  No

(or)

Are you cultivating in the land taken on lease/rent : Yes  No

9. Details of agricultural land if any, owned or leased :  
Area ha: \_\_\_\_\_ Sy. no : \_\_\_\_\_  
Village : \_\_\_\_\_ Taluk : \_\_\_\_\_

10. Name of crops cultivated by your family:

11. Are you member of any farmer group<sup>†</sup> : Yes  No

If yes, give name and address of the group -----

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I certify the details and information given in this form are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief

(Signature of the candidate)

N.B: - Selected applicants shall be intimated by post and no enquiry regarding the selection shall be entertained

