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On Campus Training Programme on

## Testing and Certification and SOPs for Organic Seed Production

For the Officers of Department of Seed Certification & Organic  
Certification, TN State

(06<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2025)



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## Introduction

The Extension Education Institute, Hyderabad is organizing a five-day training programme on “Testing and Certification and SOPs for Organic Seed Production” for the Officers of the Department of Seed Certification & Organic Certification, Tamil Nadu, from 06th to 10th October, 2025. This programme is designed to strengthen the technical knowledge, procedural skills, and practical exposure of officers in ensuring the quality, credibility, and sustainability of organic seed production systems. The training brings together experts from reputed certification bodies, laboratories, and academic institutions to cover key aspects such as testing procedures, organic certification standards, group certification systems, participatory guarantee systems, international protocols, and gender budgeting. The programme also includes field visits and exposure to successful organic entrepreneurs, ensuring a blend of theoretical insights and hands-on learning for effective application in the field.

## Objectives

The programme aims to:

- Enhance knowledge on testing procedures of organic commodities and the protocols for processing, handling, storage, and transportation.
- Build capacities of officers on organic certification systems including grower groups, crop production standards, PGS, and group certification with Internal Control Systems.
- Familiarize participants with national and international standards such as NPOP and USDA NOP for certification of organic products.
- Expose officers to best practices, field-level inspections, and successful case studies of organic entrepreneurs and collectives.
- Sensitize participants to Government of India programmes and gender budgeting approaches for mainstreaming inclusiveness in organic agriculture.

## Course contents

- Testing Procedure of Organic Commodities
- Processing, Handling, Storage & Transport of Organic Products
- Organic Certification – Grower Group
- Organic Certification of Crop Production & Best Practices
- PGS – Participatory Guarantee System for Organic Certification
- Group Certification & Internal Control Systems: Procedures, Auditing & Field Inspection
- Certification Procedures under NPOP & International Standards
- Gender Budgeting for Mainstreaming Gender
- Experience Sharing of Successful Organic Entrepreneur
- Visit to SRTC, PJTAU, Rajendranagar
- Visit to Pesticide Residue Lab, EEI, Rajendranagar
- Visit to Sahaja Aaharam, Tarnaka
- Government of India Schemes and Programmes

## Methodology

- o Presentations by eminent speakers/experts
- o Interim interactive sessions
- o Interim group discussions
- o Brainstorming
- o Individual and group presentations
- o Individual and group assignments
- o Kirkpatrick Model of Evaluation

## Participating Officers

Officers of the Department of Seed Certification & Organic Certification, Tamil Nadu

## Duration

6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025 (both days inclusive)

## Evaluation:

Pre, Post Course evaluation and After Training Evaluation will be administered to the participants to assess their knowledge and effectiveness of the training.

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