

# PROSPECTUS

**Post Graduate Diploma in Organic System  
Management and Certification**

**Jointly Designed By**

**Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth and  
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## **ORGANIC FARMING RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTER**

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India is one of the world's largest agricultural producers, but in recent years, there has been a growing concern about the quality and safety of agricultural products. With increasing awareness about the harmful effects of chemical pesticides and fertilizers, there is a

growing demand for organic products both domestically and internationally.

To meet this demand and ensure the authenticity of organic produce, there is a pressing need to work on skill development of the industry on organic certification.

The launch of this PG Diploma in Organic Management Systems and Certification addresses the increasing demand for organic products, fosters sustainable practices, and promotes India's participation in the global organic market.

Students will have greater opportunities to accommodate in multinational certification agencies, join ongoing agribusiness companies or start their own enterprises after the completion of this course.

### **Goal //**

Competitive, skilled human resources are to be developed for organic certification including crop production, livestock, poultry & products, food and animal feed processing and handling for domestic and international trade.

### **About Dr. BSKKV, Dapoli //**

The Konkan region is distinguished from the rest of Maharashtra state by virtue of its distinct agro-climatic conditions, soil types, topography, its location between the Sahyadri ranges and the Arabian Sea, crops and cropping pattern, land holdings and socio-economic conditions of the farmers. As such, the problems in agriculture and allied sectors are also entirely different from other parts of Maharashtra. Due to this, uniqueness the Government of Maharashtra established the Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth on the 18th May 1972 to impart education, conduct research on location specific problems and disseminate the improved crop production technologies amongst the farming community.

With a view to flourish organic farming in Konkan region Organic Farming Research and Training Centre was established in 2017 with the main objectives of promoting and strengthening the research work in organic farming with the purpose to develop organic package of practices, plant protection measures of various crops, survey and study organic practices followed by the farmers of Konkan region, investigate basic and approved methodologies practiced in organic farming. It also provides a platform to the scientist for working under the organic farming in the nation. About 55 training programmes have been conducted from the year 2018 till date with 3117 farmer beneficiaries. Various on-farm activities present in the project include Vermicompost production, NADEP production, Bio-nutrition unit, Deshi cattle production, deshi poultry production, Azolla production, bee keeping, bio-gas slurry enriched formulation production, cucurbitaceous crop production, organic fodder production, 1R Vashisthi Mandal Vegetable production and bio-gas production.

### **About E&H (Training & Consultancy subsidiary of Ecocert Group), France //**

The Ecocert Group is the world leader in organic certification and gathers technical expertise for Organic Management systems across food, textile and cosmetics sectors.

Ecocert Group shares strong values and ambitions: accelerating the transformation of economic models towards greater responsibility, by placing people at the forefront of businesses. Ecocert has been committed to Organic Agriculture since 1991 by developing its core business around certification of sustainable practices.

To support the change, E&H (Des Enjeux et des Hommes) is Ecocert Group's independent entity supervising training and consultancy activities to support efforts towards sustainability. It is one of France's leading Corporate Sustainability consultancy firms.

## Course content //

### The major topics of this course:

- Certification introduction and definition
- Certification process
- National program for organic production (NPOP) requirements for Production (Crop, Livestock, Bio inputs, Poultry, Apiculture)
- Processing and handling; (Food & Feed)
- Guidelines for certification of Grower Groups
- Participatory Guarantee System (PGS);
- Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) license;
- Labels;
- TRACENET;
- Non compliances;
- Focus on major crops of the districts around Dapoli: mango, rice, pulses, vegetables organic production.
- Overview of GOTS standard for organic cotton production and introduction to other
- Insights on how to start an organic business (theory, case studies and field visits): Overview of the main actors, main outlets and commercial opportunities
- Statutory requirement for setting of organic business unit;
- Food processing and nutraceuticals
- Input manufacturing
- Cosmetic industry

## Course Details //

To cover all the above-mentioned topics, it would potentially be

- ✓ 60 hours course (60 credits)
- ✓ Over a 12 months period

- ✓ Based on a 1+1 total credits model, thus having equal theoretical and practical time for students.

The diploma course will consist of certification process and methodologies for

- Crop production,
- Livestock, poultry & products,
- Food and animal feed processing and handling.
- Focus on NPOP / role of APEDA
- Introduce students to the other organic regulations for export
- Production and certification of bio inputs
- Exposure visits

**Course Fees : 35,000 INR**

**Eligibility:** Agriculture Graduate / Any Science Graduate\*

- Graduates in Agriculture or allied sciences (Must have completed degree in Agriculture / Horticulture / Forestry / Agricultural Engineering / Biotechnology / Food Technology / Dairy Technology / Agri Business Management).
- Any science graduate (Must have completed degree with PCB group)
- The admission will be given based on higher CGPA (Agriculture and allied sciences) or percentage (any science graduate) obtained during under graduate programme.

**(The graduation obtained with distance learning will not be considered for said course. Similarly, any degree mentioned above should be obtained through proper registration, success course completion by ICAR, UGC and NHAIE registered institute with physically attended examination will be considered)**

**Period of Course:** One Year

**Language of Course:** English

**Accommodation:** University premises on payment basis.

**Library:** Central Library of the University will be available to the students.

**Execution of Programme:** the course will be conducted at University Headquarter on weekly basis.

### **Exposure Visits //**

The visits to organic farms and certification agencies will be organized during the course duration as part of practical.

### **Placement opportunities //**

- The candidate undergoing diploma course has an opportunity to get placement in

multinational certification agencies.

- The candidate can be accommodated in channels of organic certification of various government and private.
- They can be accommodated in export and import of organic products

### Instructions for candidates //

1. The candidates are required to read the prospectus and application form carefully before filling in the application.
2. Submit the hard copy of the application form along with photocopies of essential documents to the address given in prospectus.
3. The said course is completely professional. Hence, the selected candidate has to deposit Rs. 35000/- at the time of admission. The details for the transaction are given separately in prospectus. The said fee is non-refundable.
4. The self-attested photocopies of degree certificate and mark sheet / grade card of Graduate / Post Graduate / Doctoral degree examination is to be submitted.
5. The candidate must submit the leaving certificate of the last college attended at the time of admission. However, if the candidate is already pursuing any other degree / diploma must submit “No Objection Certificate” duly signed by Head of the Institution. Failing of which admission will not be given.
6. Domicile Certificate of the candidate issued by competent authority from Maharashtra State or College / School Leaving Certificate or Birth Certificate issued by competent authority of Maharashtra State mentioning the birthplace from Maharashtra State. Domicile Certificate of the candidate issued by competent authority from other State is also compulsory.
7. Out of thirty seats, 20 seats will be made available for students those have completed their graduation in agriculture and allied disciplines, however 10 seats will be for other science graduates. While, based on the admission made and availability of seats, it will be converted vice versa.
8. The candidate will be selected purely based on CGPA obtained in Undergraduate degree programme in agriculture and allied discipline, however in other science graduate students, the highest percentage of undergraduate degree programme will be verified.
9. The students those have completed their graduation in Agriculture, Horticulture, Forestry, Biotechnology, Agriculture Business Management, Agricultural Engineering, Food Technology, Dairy Technology will be eligible under agriculture and allied discipline. **However, under any Science discipline, the students those have completed their graduation with PCB group (Chemistry, Physics, Botany, Zoology, Microbiology, Home Science, etc ) will only be eligible.**
10. Reservations will not be applied in any case. Similarly, any concessions will also not be given in fees of the course as it is completely professional.

11. The candidate has to deposit full fees at the time of admission only.
12. The candidates have to attend at least 80 % classes, failing of the same he or she will not be allowed to appear for the examination.
13. University facilities will be provided on payment basis.
14. The candidate have to make their arrangement of travel and local transport at their own. However, the calendar of event / classes / practical's will be provided in advance.
15. During the execution of course some classes will be held **physically** at University Headquarters, however some classes will be arranged **virtually**. Hence, candidate will have to be attentive and be at proper place wherever connectivity is well.
16. The selection of candidates will be made as per University Education System.
17. The documents will not be accepted through courier, post, by hand after submission of application form.
18. In case of any litigation as regards the admission process, the prospectus shall be considered as valid.
19. Every candidate shall peruse the 'Admission List' on the dates as per the time table of admission. The candidate whose name appears in the List' shall visit personally for confirmation.
20. If the Candidate desires to cancel his / her admission after registration he / she has to submit the request application addressed to the Course Director. In such case, the Candidates are advised to collect all original documents from Course Director, However the deposited fees will not be refunded as per norms.
21. The candidate who are allotted & has desire to confirm their admission such candidate will have to report with original documents & prescribed fees on or before the last date & within specified time.
22. The changes will be happens in admission schedule or admission procedure due to natural disaster or technical problems. The notices/ circulars are available on University website time to time if any changes. Therefore, it is necessary to visit University website (<https://dbskkv.org/>) time to time for updated information during admission process.
23. The name and contact number of the Director, Co-Course Director and Coordinator are given in prospectus.
24. The candidate have to download prospectus from University website for detail information. The application form will be given separately in word file. The students have to fill up the same and submit in person along with Demand Draft of **Rs. 250/-** only in favor of “ **ECOCERT India Private Limited**” payable at **Gurgaon** against application charges. Alternatively online bank transfer can be made to ECOCERT India Private Limited, Account number – 004405007798 and IFSC code - ICIC0002446.
25. The list of selected candidates will be displayed on University website. The selected candidate have to report in person to Course Director/ Co-Course Director / Coordinator within three days for confirmation of admission. While reporting, the Demand Draft of **Rs. 35000/-** in favor of “**ECOCERT India Private Limited**” payable at **Gurgaon** should be submitted against admission fees. Alternatively online bank transfer can be

made to ECOCERT India Private Limited, Account number – 004405007798 and IFSC code - ICIC0002446.

26. If the candidates in displayed list are not reporting in three days after display of list on University Website, the candidates in waiting list will be called.
27. The course is fully professional, however University or Ecocert are not bound to avail job opportunities or setting of startup business.
28. The University reserves full rights for taking any decisions based on the situation arises. The decision of Controlling Officer and Course Director should be final.



### Advisory Committee

Name	Designation
<b>Dr. Sanjay G. Bhawe</b> Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. BSKKV, Dapoli	Chief advisor and Mentor
<b>Shri. Anil Jadhav</b> Regional Director – South Asia and Middle East Ecocert India Pvt Ltd, Bengaluru	Member
<b>Ms. Luella Fernandes</b> Manager- Training Ecocert India	Member
<b>Dean (Agriculture)</b> <b>Dr. BSKKV, Dapoli</b>	Member
<b>Head, Department of Agri. Economics</b> Dr. BSKKV, Dapoli	Member
<b>Head, Department of Agronomy</b> Dr. BSKKV, Dapoli	Member
<b>Ragistrar</b> Dr. BSKKV, Dapoli	Member Secretary

### Credit Distribution of Diploma Course

Chapter name	Theory		Practical	
	E&H	BSKKV	E&H	BSKKV
Organic introduction and definition	1	0	0	0
Certification process (India and overseas)	2	0	0	0
National program for organic production (NPOP) requirements for Production (Crop, Livestock, Poultry) for individual and group certification	4	0	3	12
Production technologies for important crops and focus on seed production technologies based on organic management practices	0	2	0	0
Rule and regulations for PPV, FRA	0	1.5	0	0
Soil, Plant and animal health management	0	1.5	0	0
Processing and handling (Food & Feed)	2	0	2	0
Participatory Guarantee System (PGS)	1	0	0	0
Labels	1	0	1	0
TRACENET and Transaction Certificates	2	0	2	0
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) license	0	1	0	1
Statutory requirements for setting of organic business unit	1	1	1	0
Overview of GOTS standard for organic cotton production	1	0	1	0
Food processing and nutraceuticals	0	1	0.5	0
Input manufacturing	2	0	1	0
Cosmetic industry	1	0	0.5	0
Audit report and non-compliances	2	0	2	0
Insights on how to start an organic business	0	2	0	3
TOTAL 1	20	10	14	16
TOTAL 2	30		30	

## APPLICATION FORM

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Application for admission in Post Graduate Diploma in “**Organic Certification**” at Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli (M.S.)

1	Name (CAPITAL LETTERS) start with surname, first name & middle name	:		Self- attested Resent Photo
2	Address for correspondence	:		
3	Cell no and what's app number	:		
4	Email address	:		
5	Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)	:		
6	Educational Qualifications	:	B.Sc./M.Sc/Ph.D	
7	Specialization/Discipline	:	<b>Agriculture and allied disciplines</b> - Agriculture/Horticulture/Forestry/Biotech/Agri. Business Management, Agricultural Engineering <b>Non Agri-Science Disciplines</b> – Graduate with any science faculty	
8	Year of graduation	:		

### Educational Qualifications

Qualifications	Year of Passing	Board/University	Percentage/CGPA	SubjectSpecialization
SSC				
HSC				
B.Sc.				
M.Sc				
Ph.D				
MSCIT				
Any other				

I here by declare that, the above filled information is correct to the best of my knowledge and if found misleading my candidature can be cancelled any time.

Place

Date

(Signature with name)

### Financial Details

Demand Draft of Rs. .... No.....Dated..... of Bank .....  
drawn on ..... deposited in favour of ..... towards fees of  
application form/Admission fees.

(Signature with name)

(Demand Draft against application fees and Course Fees should be drawn in favor of  
ECOCERT)

## CLASSROOM FACILITIES



## FIELD ACTIVITIES







## EXPOSURE VISITS AND MEETINGS

