



INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KHARAGPUR

Centre for Rural Development and Innovative Sustainable Technology (CRDIST)

Smallholder agriculture in South-East Asia, particularly in regions like India, faces significant market failures that often leave farmers in distress, sometimes even leading to tragic outcomes such as suicides. Research has shown that collective action can be a powerful solution for improving farmers' livelihoods and overcoming these market challenges. Farmer Producer Organizations are one such model, offering smallholders a structured, member-based entity whether in the form of a producer company, cooperative society, or other legal federations that promotes collective participation and strengthens their bargaining power. In light of this, the Centre for Rural Development and Innovative Sustainable Technology (CRDIST), in collaboration with the Department of Science and Technology of the Government of India, is organizing a one-day training and capacity-building workshop focused on the **Management and Governance of Farmer Producer Organizations**. This workshop aims to equip smallholder farmers, particularly those from the Kharagpur sub-division-I, with the knowledge and skills to establish their own agri-business ventures, ultimately fostering wealth creation and sustainable rural livelihoods.

Objectives

- To build a support ecosystem for smallholder agribusinesses
- To foster an entrepreneurial mindset among smallholder farmers
- To develop knowledge of FPO formation, governance, & management skills for success
- To provide training and capacity building for smallholders, particularly SC & ST farmers
- To accelerate smallholders' agriculture into a sustainable enterprise

Potential attendees

- Small vegetable farmers (35-40 small farm holders from Kharagpur sub-division-I)

Major focus areas

The workshop aims to discuss;

- Concept behind collective action and FPO
- Pathways for sustainable agribusiness and food economy
- Advantages of FPO formation
- FPO registration procedure
- Necessary documents for registration and by-laws
- Role and responsibilities of stakeholders in an FPO
- Governance and management skills for sustainable agri-ventures
- Membership responsibilities and benefits
- Schemes and initiatives for FPOs

Advisory Committee

- Head, CRDIST, IIT Kharagpur
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Organising Committee

- Prof. P.K. Singh, Faculty, CRDIST, IIT Kharagpur
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Session Plan

Training cum capacity building workshop
on

Management and Governance of Farmer Producer Organizations

11th December 2024

Schedule for the inauguration

Particulars	Guest/Faculty	Time (Hrs)
Welcome and Introduction	Prof. P.K. Singh, CRDIST IIT KGP [PI]	10.00-10.05
Felicitation of Guests and Lightening the Lamp	Head & Associate Head CRDIST and Prof. P.K. Singh	10.05-10.15
About the Centre & activities	Head/ Associate Head CRDIST	10.25-10.35
Vote of thanks	Prof. P.K. Singh, PI, CRDIST, IIT KGP	10.35-10.40
Farmers Interaction & photo session		10:40-10:45

Schedule for interactive sessions

Time (Hrs)	Particulars	Guest/Faculty
10:45- 11:00	Tea Break	
11:00-12:00	Session 1: Farmer Producer Organizations: A Single Window for Multiple Solutions	Prof. P.K. Singh; CRDIST; IIT Kharagpur
12:05-01:00	Session 2: Steps and Benefits of FPO Formation	Prof. K.C. Balodi, IIM Lucknow
13.00-14:00	Lunch	
14:05-15:00	Session 3: Roles and Responsibilities of Stakeholders in an FPO	Prof. I.S. Yadav, IIT Kharagpur
15:05 – 16.00	Session 4: Governance and Management Skills in FPO Success	Prof. Aditya Billore, IIM Indore
16.05-17.00	Session 5: Schemes and Initiatives for FPOs in India	Prof. A.K.Singh, IIM Nagpur
17.05-17:15	Tea Break	
17.15-17.45	Closing ceremony & Photo session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head CRDIST/ Associate Head CRDIST • Prof. P.K. Singh, IIT Kharagpur