



KERALA AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY

PROSPECTUS FOR ADMISSION TO

**POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN
INTEGRATED FARM MANAGEMENT**

(FOR WORKING PROFESSIONALS)

2024-25

1. INTRODUCTION

IFM is a promising farming system that can help Kerala to achieve its goal of food security and sustainable agriculture. Thus in order to promote strategies to disseminate the technologies on Integrated Farm management for sustainable development and natural resource management in the agriculture sector of Kerala, there is a need to intervene and to ignite the young minds. Kerala Agricultural University had been in the forefront in refining and customized fine tuning of existing technologies and exploring cutting edge technologies in the field of different type of farm management. A host of pioneering and trendsetting technological recyclable options for the conversion of degradable solid waste to quality organic manure have been standardized till date. Crop-livestock integration, Aquaculture, Agroforestry are just a few of the many integrated farming practices that are being promoted in Kerala. By adopting these practices, farmers can improve productivity, profitability, and sustainability.

2. COURSE OBJECTIVE

- To promote teaching, research and extension activities in the field of Integrated Farming System
- To impart scientific and practical knowledge on Crop production, Livestock management, Aquaculture etc.
- To enhance entrepreneurship opportunities in integrated farming through capacity building

The details of course are given below:

a.	Name of Course	PG Diploma (Integrated Farm Management)
b.	Name of Institution (collaborating)	Communication Centre, KAU, Mannuthy
c.	Number of seats	To be decided later
d.	Duration of Course	One year
e.	Fee Structure	
	Admission Fee	Rs.5000/-
	College caution deposit (refundable)	Rs.1000/-
	Tuition Fee	Rs.12500/- per semester
f.	Medium of Instruction	English
g.	Accommodation	Candidates have to make their own arrangements for boarding and lodging

** The fee will be subject to revision from time to time at the discretion of the University.*

3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION (Academic Year 2024-2025)

- Degree in any discipline.
- Candidates must possess 1-3 years of working experience in the relevant field.
- Self-sponsored working professionals will have to submit a No Objection Certificate from their respective employer.
- Working professionals sponsored by Industries, Govt. institutes, Public sectors, Universities, Other grant in aid institutions etc. must submit their applications through proper channel along with deputation order.

4. MODE OF APPLICATION

Online application mode through Google Form for which the link will be provided in the KAU websites (www.kau.in and admissions.kau.in)

5. MODE OF CLASSES AND LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

- **Class Format:**
 - **75% Online Mode:** Majority of the classes will be conducted online, including live sessions and pre-recorded lectures on platforms like KAU Moodle etc. fostering a flexible (“anytime, anywhere”) learning ecosystem.
 - **25% Offline Mode:** Periodic contact classes/practical sessions (as applicable) will be arranged on weekends or holidays to specifically accommodate the demands of working professionals.
 - **Offline Practical Sessions:** Two intensive practical sessions of required duration will normally be arranged per semester, typically scheduled in the second and fourth months or as decided by the course teacher in consultation with the learners. These sessions will be designed to be immersive, providing hands-on experience and maximizing learning outcomes within a condensed but flexible timeframe.
 - However, all the credit requirements per semester needs to be fulfilled and satisfied.
 - The learner must satisfy a minimum overall attendance of 75 per cent.

6. EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT

- **Continuous Assessments:** Evaluation will be conducted through assignments, seminars/presentations, viva voce exams etc. for maximum 30 per cent of total marks allotted for the course.
- **Summative Assessment:** There shall be a written exam, for maximum 70 per cent of total marks allotted for the course.

FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE COURSE, CONTACT:

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