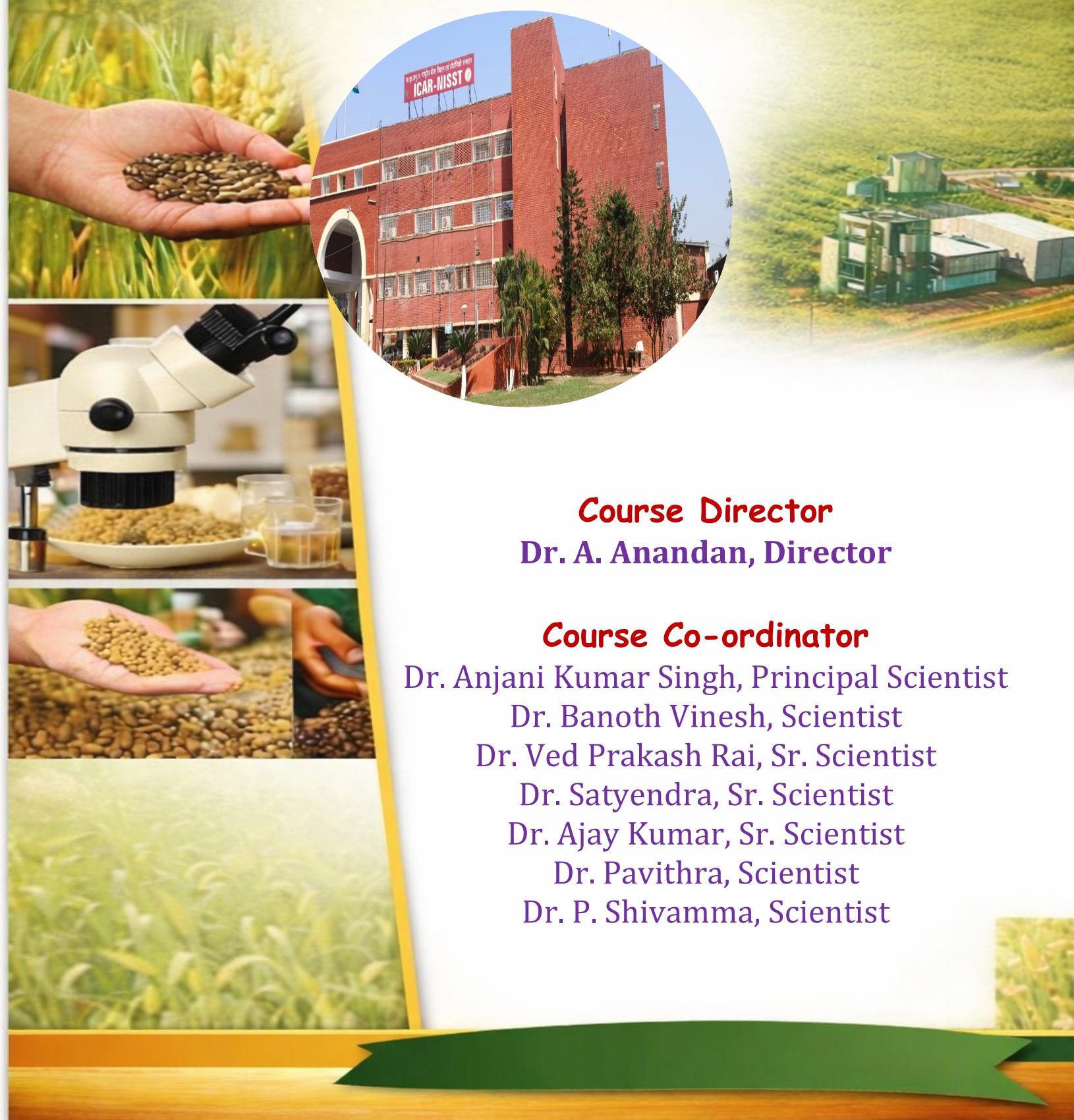


AICRP on Seed (Crops) Sponsored 10 Day Training on Advanced Training on Quality Seed Production, Certification and Seed System Management



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About the Training Programme

Quality seed is the most critical input for enhancing crop productivity, varietal replacement, and sustainability of agricultural systems. Strengthening the technical and managerial capacity of officers and scientists involved in seed production is essential for ensuring availability of genetically pure, physically sound, and physiologically vigorous seed to farmers. This programme is designed to provide comprehensive technical knowledge, practical skills, and regulatory clarity in quality seed production and seed systems management.

Objectives

- To strengthen understanding of principles and practices of quality seed production
- To enhance technical competence in seed certification, testing, and storage
- To develop skills in planning and monitoring seed production programmes
- To promote quality assurance and adoption of modern tools in seed systems

Course Content

- Indian Seed Sector: Structure and Policy Framework
- Fundamentals of Quality Seed Production
- Crop-Specific Seed Production Technologies
- Seed Certification and Seed Legislation
- Seed Harvesting, Processing, and Packaging
- Seed Testing and Quality Evaluation
- Seed Storage and Seed Health Management
- Seed Production Planning, Economics, and Entrepreneurship

How to Apply

Applications must be submitted in the prescribed format and forwarded by the competent authority of the sponsoring ICAR/SAU/CAU/Research institute/ District agriculture office/FPOs. Candidates may send an advance copy; however, final selection requires the formally forwarded application within the last date.

Last date for applications: 06.02.2026

Intimation of selection: 11.02.2026

Eligibility

Scientists from ICAR Institutes, SAUs, and allied organizations, Technical Officers, District Agricultural Officers and FPOs involved in Seed Production and Quality Control. A maximum of 25 participants will be selected as per ICAR guidelines.

Location

The programme will be conducted at ICAR-National Institute of Seed Science and Technology (NISST), Mau.

India's premier institution in seed science and technological research.

Travel, Boarding & Lodging

Boarding and lodging facilities will be provided free of cost to the participants at the ICAR campus. No DA will be paid to the participants. The candidates selected for participation in the training will be provided travelling expenses as per their entitlement, restricted to II Tier AC rail fare by the shortest route, only after submission of the original tickets. For places not connected by rail, bus fares will be paid as per the Council's rules.

Venue

ICAR-National Institute of Seed Science and Technology (NISST), Mau

No registration fee is applicable. Selected candidates must confirm participation immediately

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Applicant Format for Participation

AICRP on Seed (Crops) Sponsored 10 Days Training “Advanced Training on Quality Seed Production, Certification and Seed System Management” from February 19thto 28th, 2026.

APPLICANT FORMAT FOR PARTICIPATION IN TRAINING PROGRAMME

1. Name (in block letters):_____
2. Designation:_____
3. Mobile no. and Email:_____
4. Present employer address:_____
5. Address to which reply should be sent (in block letters):

6. Permanent address:

7. Date of birth:_____
8. Sex:_____
9. Marital status:_____

Signature of applicant Place:

Date:

Recommendations of forwarding Institute/Office

Signature:

Designation:

Address:

Date:

ABOUT MAU

Mau (Maunath Bhanjan), located in Eastern Uttar Pradesh, is known for its rich cultural heritage and textile industries, especially handloom weaving. It is also emerging as a hub for agricultural research, with the ICAR-National Institute of Seed Science & Technology playing a pivotal role in advancing seed sciences for sustainable agriculture.



WEATHER

The weather in Mau during January is generally pleasant and comfortable, with temperatures ranging between 15°C to 28°C. Light woolens are recommended for mornings and evenings.



HOW TO REACH

By Road: Mau is well connected by a network of national and state highways. Regular UPSRTC and private buses connect Mau with major cities like Varanasi (120 km), Gorakhpur (95 km), Azamgarh (55km), Lucknow (325km), and Patna (220km). Taxis and shared vehicles are also available for convenient road travel. **By Rail:** Mau Junction (MAU) is well connected by rail to major cities such as **Varanasi, Gorakhpur, Lucknow, Delhi, and Kolkata**. Regular trains are available from these cities, making it a convenient travel option.



By Air: The nearest airport is **Varanasi (Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport)**, about **120 km from Mau**, with regular flights from Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, and other major cities.

Another nearby options **Gorakhpur Airport**, located about **95 km from Mau**. From both airports, taxis and buses are available for onward travel to Mau.



Nearby Visiting Sites-

Delegates may explore nearby place so cultural and spiritual significance:

- **Varanasi (120 km):** The spiritual capital of India, famous for the Ganga ghats, Kashi Vishwanath temple, and Banaras silk.
- **Gorakhpur (95 km):** Known for the Gorakhnath temple and cultural heritage.
- **Sarnath (125km):** A major Buddhist pilgrimage site where Lord Buddha delivered his first sermon.
- **Ayodhya Dham (214km):** Shri Ram Janma bhumi teerth sthan, a religious place located on the east bank of River Saryu.

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Important

Please send an advance copy of the application, followed by the formal approval order, to banoth.vinesh@icar.org.in by **06.02.2026**

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