



FARM SCHOOL

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- Farm Schools may be established in the fields of outstanding farmers.
 - Such Farm Schools will be based on the principles of “**learning by doing**” as well as ‘seeing and harvesting is believing’ with focus on farmer-to-farmer extension.
 - The Farm School would help in developing a cost effective extension system.

Key Features of the Farm Schools

- Farm Schools would be operationalized at Block/Gram Panchayat level.
- These would be set up in the field of outstanding farmers and awardees of nationally recognized awards for farmers. These could also be set up in a Government/ Non-Government Institution.
- “Teachers” in the Farm Schools could be progressive farmers, extension functionaries or expert belonging to Government or Non-Government Sector.

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- One of the main activities of Farm Schools would be to operationalize Front Line Demonstrations in one or more crops and/or allied sector activities.
 - These demonstrations would focus on Integrated Crop Management including field preparation, seed treatment, IPM, INM, etc.

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- Farm Schools would provide season long technical backstopping/ training to target farmers.
 - The “students” of Farm Schools would be leaders of Commodity Interest Groups (CIGs) formed in different villages and other farmers.
 - “Students” would visit Farm Schools as per specified schedule or as may be necessary. “Teachers” may also visit students as may be necessary.

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- Knowledge and skills of ‘teachers’ would be upgraded on a continuous basis through training at district/ state/ national level institutions and exposure visits, etc.
 - In addition to technical support through Farm Schools, knowledge and skill of “students” may also be upgraded through training at district/ state level and exposure visits, etc.
 - “Students” would have the responsibility of providing extension support to other farmers in the respective village or neighboring villages.



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