NAVSARI AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY

ICAR Accredited

ASPEE Agribusiness Management Institute (AABMI)

Navsari Agricultural University (NAU), Navsari, Gujarat

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proudly announce

FARMER PRODUCER ORGANISATION

Call for Admission to the 3rd Batch of the Pioneering Unique Course

Post Graduate Certificate in Farmer Producer Organisation (PGC-FPO)

(December, 2026 to June, 2027 Batch)



1st Ever Time in India - Pioneering Unique Course of PGC-FPO

Key Highlights of the Course



- Access to Top Notch Experts from Industry & Academia
- Cost Effective Result Driven Curriculum
- Leveraging on Maximum Convergence of Policies and Schemes
- Batch Size of only 35 learners for personalized attention
- Duration of Six Months
- Strong Focus on Capacity Building
- Case Studies, Field Visits and Project Work
- Facilitate networking with professionals

ICAR Accredited & GSIRF 5-Star Rated Navsari Agricultural University at a Glance



Commencing with a college of agriculture established in 1965; our Navsari Agricultural University (NAU) presently runs 14 Colleges (8 Degree Colleges and 6 Polytechnics) imparting 3 Diploma, 5 UG, 27 PG and 21 Doctoral Degree Programmes in the Faculty of Agriculture, Horticulture, Forestry, Agribusiness Management, Agricultural Engineering and Biotechnology. **All the eight constituent colleges of NAU, Navsari are accredited by "National Agricultural Education Accreditation Board" of ICAR, New Delhi.** As per the "Ranking of Agricultural Universities" conducted by ICAR, the NAU, Navsari was ranked XXII (2016), IX (2017), XIV (2018), XLII (2019) and XXXI (2020). Moreover, **NAU was also bestowed with the Highest 5 Star Rating by Government of Gujarat under GSIRF ranking in 2024.** Another unique feature of this university is that it imparts vocational education and training to rural youths through Short Term Certificate Courses in FPO, Agriculture, Horticulture, Bakery, Landscaping & Gardening, Wildlife Photography and Turf Grass Management. Further, there are 25 Research Centres at 15 locations to carry out need based fundamental, applied and verification research on mandate crops viz., paddy, sugarcane, cotton, sorghum, small millets, mango, banana, sapota and vegetables.

ICAR Accredited ASPEE Agribusiness Management Institute at a Glance

ASPEE Agribusiness Management Institute (AABMI) was established in **2007** as the pioneering Agribusiness Management Institute of Gujarat; with generous financial support from the *reputed philanthropic set-up of* **ASPEE Foundation for Agricultural Research and Development, Mumbai.** Along with the flagship PG programme of **2 Years Full Time MBA (Agribusiness Management) since 2007,** the institute is also offering **3 Years Full Time Ph. D. (Agribusiness Management) since 2017** and a unique **6 Months PG Certificate Course in FPO in hybrid mode since 2024.** The institute is **duly accredited by ICAR, New Delhi.** The institute has also been selected as the **"Nodal Training Institute under the Agri-Clinics and Agribusiness Centre (AC&ABC) Scheme" since 2021 by MANAGE, Hyderabad** - *an apex level autonomous organization under Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India.* Further, as the leading and pioneering Agribusiness Management Institute of the State and a constituent college of NAU, our institute has been given the responsibility of the **"Implementing Institute" for the University Nodal Centre for SSIP 2.0, as recognized under the "Student Startup & Innovation Policy (SSIP) 2.0 Scheme" since 2022 by the SSIP Cell, GKS, Directorate of Technical Education, Govt. of Gujarat.** The TOP TRIO of our *Principal* **Dr. Jayesh J. Pastagia**, *Professor & Head in HRM* **Dr. Mehul G. Thakkar** and *Professor & Head in ABM* **Dr. Swati S. Sharma**; have been serving **as the Officials for both these important schemes.**



Objectives of the Course

- Create in-depth understanding of conceptual base of FPO among the inquisitive learners and other stakeholders of the system for its effective implementation.
- Develop competent human resources for cluster based agribusiness approach through FPOs.

Course Structure



- Understanding the Agribusiness Ecosystem of the FPOs
- Concept and Governance of FPOs
- Resources Planning for Business Development of FPOs
- Marketing and Market Linkages for the FPOs
- Financial Management for FPOs
- Field Visits and Project Work

Scope of the Course

The PGC-FPO will offer a diverse and dynamic scope that combines agricultural knowledge, entrepreneurial skills, and community development. It will equip individuals with comprehensive knowledge about FPOs and their role in the agricultural sector and will prepare graduates to initiate and manage FPOs, fostering entrepreneurship and self-reliance in rural communities.

They will acquire skills in business planning, financial management, and tailored agricultural marketing strategies. This course will open doors to various career opportunities, including policy advocacy, agricultural research, and innovation. Graduates can contribute significantly to sustainable agriculture and rural development, positively impacting farming communities. It is an excellent choice for those passionate about making a difference in the agricultural sector.



Course Pedagogy

- Interactive Sessions of Seasoned Professionals from Industry and Academia
- Discussion Oriented Learning
- Reflection and Introspection
- Field Visits
- Project Work
- Exclusive National Webinars
- Special Capacity Development Training with Seasoned Industry Professionals, Eminent Academicians and FPO Functionaries as Trainers



APPLICATION FEE: Rs. 500/-

COURSE FEE: Rs. 3500/-



Eligibility Criteria

Graduate/Post Graduate in Agriculture & Allied subjects; Bachelor in Science/Rural Studies/Commerce/Business Management from the ICAR/UGC recognized university.

Selection Procedure

Applications will be scrutinized purely on merit basis i.e. marks obtained at the graduation level. Preference will be given to the candidates having Graduate/Post Graduate in Agriculture & Allied subjects. In case of vacant seats, candidates with Bachelor Degree in Science/Rural Studies/Commerce/Business Management will be considered for admission.



Reservation of Seats : Reservation of seats shall be as per the roster prescribed by Government of Gujarat from time-to-time.

Medium of Instruction : The medium of instruction shall be **ENGLISH** only.

Mode of Instruction : **Hybrid Learning Mode**

Duration of the Course : **6 Months (December, 2026 to June, 2027)**

Application Procedure

Interested and eligible candidates are required to send the hard copy of the duly filled Application Form along with self attested copies of all the documents to the Course Chairman by Post. It should be accompanied with Application Fee Payment Receipt of Rs. 500. **Advance Copy of the Application may be sent by email to the official email id: pgcfpoaabmi@nau.in**

Key Dates

- Announcement and Display of Admission Flyer: **October 13, 2026**
- Last Date of Application: **November 15, 2026**
- Intimation of Selection to the Participants through email and Display of List of Selected Candidates on www.nau.in: **November 25, 2026**
- Payment of Course Fee and Confirmation of Participants: **December 5, 2026**



• Account Details for Online Payment •

Name of the Bank & Branch	**: SBI, NAU Campus Branch**
Account No.	**: 33314111101**
Account Holder's Name	**: DRAWING AND DISBURSING OFFICER (DDO) ASPEE AGRI. MGMT INST**
IFSC Code	**: SBIN0003889**

For any queries, feel free to get in touch with any of the following Course Committee Member :



Dr. Timur R. Ahlawat

- Pioneer, Promoter & Protector of "Entrepreneurial & Startup Ecosystem", "FPO Management" & "IPR Movement" @ NAU, Navsari
- Chairman of University Startup Cell
- Chairman & Training Convener of Nodal Centre for SSIP 2.0 Scheme of Govt. of Gujarat
- Chairman & Training Convener of AC&ABC Scheme of Govt. of India
- Chairman of University IPR Cell
- Chairman of University Publication Cell

Chairman of University FPO Cell
Director of Research & Dean-Post Graduate Studies
Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari



Dr. Jayesh J. Pastagia

- Pioneer of "Bee Keeping & Apiculture Research" in Gujarat
- University Advisor & Training Co-Convener of SSIP 2.0 Scheme of Govt. of Gujarat
- Training Co-Convener of AC&ABC Scheme of Govt. of India
- University Advisor of CIA
- Chairman of the Pioneering PGC-FPO Course
- Celebrated Apiculture-Bee Keeping, Entrepreneurship, Startups & FPO Trainer
- Extensive Experience and Proven Track Record of Teaching, Research, Extension and Administration

Course Chairman & Lead Trainer of PGC-FPO
Principal
AABMI, Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari



Dr. Mehul G. Thakkar

- University Co-Coordinator & Training Director of SSIP 2.0 Scheme of Govt. of Gujarat
- University Nodal Officer & Training Director of AC&ABC Scheme of Govt. of India
- University Coordinator of CIA
- Former Mentor & Present Active Member of University Startup Cell
- Proud Executive Education Alumni of the World Renowned IIM, Indore
- Winner of the International Youth Employability Skills Development Champion Award
- Certified National Trainer, Master Trainer & Lead Assessor of NSDC, Govt. of India
- International Certified Career Coach from Mindler-India & CDA-USA
- Startup Mentor of Govt. of India, CII & i-HUB (Govt. of Gujarat) and VNSGU-Surat
- Celebrated HRD, Employability Skills, Entrepreneurship & Startups, Value Education & FPO Trainer
- Proven Experience & Expertise in Training & Development, Entrepreneurship Development, Employability Enhancement and Counselling-Mentoring
- Conducted 1950+ Training Programmes, Trained 12+ Lakh People and Contributed to 950+ Organizations across 29 States of India & 11 Other Countries

Course Co-Director, Project Mentor & Lead Trainer of PGC-FPO
Capacity Building Expert of University FPO Cell
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Dr. Swati S. Sharma

- University Coordinator & Training Director of SSIP 2.0 Scheme of Govt. of Gujarat
- Training Coordinator of AC&ABC Scheme of Govt. of India
- University Coordinator of CIA
- Member Secretary of University Startup Cell
- Celebrated Entrepreneurship, Startups & FPO Trainer
- Proven Experience & Expertise in Agribusiness Management, FPO and QMS
- Delivered 150+ Agribusiness Expert Talks in Renowned HEIs & Universities across the Nation including NIFTEM-Sonipat & NIAM-Jaipur

Course Director, Project Mentor & Lead Trainer of PGC-FPO
Active Member of University FPO Cell
Professor & Head – *Dept. of Agribusiness Eco. & Finance*
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Dr. Kiran N. Patel

Acclaimed Expertise in Agribusiness Management, Entrepreneurship Development and FPO
Lead Trainer of SSIP 2.0

Course Coordinator, Project Mentor & Lead Trainer of PGC-FPO
Asst. Professor in ABM
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For updated information, kindly visit our University website www.nau.in



Patron - Inspiring Leader

Dr. Rajendra M. Naik

Pioneer, Promoter & Protector of "Entrepreneurial & Startup Ecosystem", "FPO Management" & "IPR Movement" @ NAU, Navsari

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor
Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari



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A Pioneering Initiative in India

PGC-FPO Course Performance and Progress

Batch	Duration (6 Months)	Intake	Students Enrolled	Learning Journey	Students Passed
1st Batch	1st March, 2024 to 31st August, 2024	35	35	• 29 Lead Training Sessions by 13 Handpicked Resource Persons • 3 Exclusive National Webinars • 2-Days Intensive Offline Training Workshop on *"Formation and Management of FPO"*	27
2nd Batch	20th December, 2025 to 20th June, 2026	35	35	• 47 Lead Training Sessions by 24 Handpicked Resource Persons • 4 Exclusive National Webinars • FULL Day Intensive Online Capacity Devt. Training on *"FPOs as Catalysts of Agricultural Growth: Reflections & Future Pathways"*	35

Glimpses of the Enriching Learning Journey...



















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Application Form

POST GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN FARMER PRODUCER ORGANISATION (PGC-FPO)

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(Enclose self-attested copies of proof of Date of Birth and Academic Qualifications along with Application Fee Deposit of Rs. 500).

I hereby declare that all the information given above are correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of applicant

Date:

Place: