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SAMETI is registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860 and functioning as an Autonomous body from the year 2000 after up-gradation of Agricultural Staff Training Institute (ASTI). At present, it is located at Gorantla, Guntur.

A brief history

It was originally established in the year 1966 as Plant Protection Training Centre (PPTC) to build up technical knowledge with latest agricultural information to the extension staff to meet the situations of large and frequent pest outbreaks. The field workers were being trained in monitoring and identifying different pests and diseases. Hence, the institute was renamed as State Institute of Plant Protection and Pest Surveillance (SIPP & PS) in 1976.

Later on, the Soil Conservation Training Centre (SCTC) was merged with the institute and the name of institute was changed to Agricultural Staff Training Institute (ASTI) in 1989. The Institute was working under the administrative control of the Commissioner of Agriculture, Andhra Pradesh.

The Govt. of Andhra Pradesh decided to upgrade and strengthen the existing ASTI as State Agricultural Management & Extension Training Institute (SAMETI) as an Autonomous body in order to cater the training needs and human resource development of the middle level functionaries of Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry and other line departments. Besides, the staff of ATMA in the districts are also trained under Extension Reforms. The Institute is managed by the General & Executive Councils. The Principal Secretary to the government, Agril & Cooperation dept. is the Chairman of SAMETI, AP. The Institute is headed by a Director (in the cadre of Addl. Director of Agriculture) assisted by Asst. Directors of Agriculture and Agricultural Officers along with supporting ministerial staff.

Aims and objectives of SAMETI

- To provide extension management input for extension functionaries of Agricultural and allied departments.
- To develop systematic linkages between the allied departments, state universities and regional & national institutes of outstanding accomplishments in the field of Agriculture.
- To study the Agricultural Extension Management Systems and policies together with operational problems and constraints at all levels.
- To promote and develop the management tools for improving the effectiveness of Agricultural extension Services.
- To organize need based trainings for developing skills of all extension functionaries.

Training Programmes

SAMETI has been organizing different types of training programmes viz technical, managerial, off campus training programmes and other trainings on various schemes of the department, entrusted by the Special Commissioner of Agriculture.

Action Plan for the trainings during 2018-19

The training programmes have been formulated based on the needs of the extension functionaries, feedback from the participants, suggestions from FTC's and of the faculty. The trainings are designed based on, need based analysis at field level.

Technical training programmes on Organic Farming, Polambadi and sub schemes such as Pulses & Nutri Cereals production technology & Managerial trainings pertaining to soft skills, office management etc. have also been included in the Annual Training Calendar of 2018-19. It was also decided that the number of participants for each technical/managerial training should be 26 i.e 2 officers/district.

It is proposed to organize (12) Technical trainings covering 312 number of officers from Agriculture Department and (12) Managerial trainings covering 312 number of officers from Agriculture & allied departments. For organizing technical trainings, an amount of Rs.39.808 lakhs is allotted, for Managerial Trainings, an amount of Rs.18.00 lakhs is allotted. In addition to the above, need based Orientation courses for AO's & Work shops/ Brain Storming sessions are also being organized pertaining to various schemes.

Details of the trainings organized during the year 2018-19 is enclosed in Annexure.

SAMETI as Centre of Excellence

In addition to imparting trainings to the departmental middle level functionaries in traditional aspects like departmental schemes, quality control of inputs, crop management practices, managerial skills etc., SAMETI also serves as Centre of Excellence, not only furnishing information but also providing trainings to the departmental personnel with emphasis on Information & Communication Technologies (ICT) in Agriculture that includes online soil health card systems, e - agrilabs, e - governance, HRMIS, fertilizer monitoring systems etc., and modern technologies in crop management practices like genetic engineering crops, climate resilient agriculture, ZBNF, farmer centric approaches to make agriculture profitable and other recent aspects in collaboration with other institutes like MANAGE, EEI, CRIDA, IIRR (former DRR), IIOR (former DOR), IIMR (formerly called NRCS) NIRD, NAARM & all located in Hyderabad & ANGRAU Regional Research Stations to strengthen the functionaries of the department.

PGDAEM - Programme

SAMETI is acting as nodal agency to conduct contact classes and examinations for one year **Post Graduate Diploma in Agricultural Extension Management (PGDAEM)** course through distance learning mode in collaboration with MANAGE, Hyderabad. This course was launched by MANAGE, Hyderabad in 2007.

It was also supported by Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India with the following objectives.

- To enhance the techno - managerial competence of extension functionaries.
- To acquaint the extension functionaries on the latest developments in the field of agricultural extension.
- To equip the extension functionaries with latest tools and techniques for participatory decision making.
- To develop an insight into various extension models to enrich the agri-value chain.

From 2007-2008 to 2016-17, a total of 1092 candidates were admitted into PGDAEM course, out of which, 696 candidates have successfully completed this course & certificates were issued to the successful candidates.

During the financial year 2018-19, (11th batch) nominations for PGDAEM course were requested from eligible candidates and a total of (98) candidates are registered during the year.

DAESI

The Diploma in Agriculture Extension Services for Input dealers (DAESI) is being implemented by MANAGE, Hyderabad one year diploma course for capacity building of the input dealers in extension services, through SAMETI as the State Nodal agency. DAESI programme was commenced at SAMETI from 2015-2016 onwards .

The course fee for the said diploma course is Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only), out of which, Rs.10,000/- from the input dealers and rest of the Rs.10,000/- is given by the Department of Agriculture and co-operation, Government of India through MANAGE to SAMETI , A.P., Guntur (50% : 50% share) and course fee for self finance is Rs.20,000/- (i.e total amount) from input dealers only.

At State Level, SAMETI as nodal implementing Agency and overall supervision by department of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) will be the implementing Agency at district level. DAESI has to be implemented through KVK's, Agricultural Colleges, and Nodal Training Institutes (NTI's) PD's ATMA. Identification of facilitator at district level and approval and appointment authority by Director SAMETI.

During the year 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 a total number of nine (9) DAESI programmes (DAC) were organized in Prakasam, Guntur, Chittoor, West Godavari, Kurnool (2), SPSR Nellore (2) and Ananthapuramu

During the year 2017-2018 a total number of 19 DAESI programmes are being organized, out of which twelve (12) under DAC in Prakasam(2), Guntur, Chittoor, Visakhapatnam, West Godavari, SPSR Nellore (2) Srikakulam, Vizianagaram ,YSR Kadapa & Kurnool and Seven (7) under self finance in Chittoor (2) SPSR Nellore, Kurnool, Krishna, East Godavari and Guntur.

During the year 2018-19 DAESI Programme will be implemented as per the instructions of MANAGE (GoI) Rajaendra Nagar, Hyderabad.

Skill Training of Rural Youth (STRY)

As per the instructions of the Director General, MANAGE, Hyderabad “**Skill Training of Rural Youth (STRY)** of Sub-Mission on Agricultural Extension (SMAE) of National Mission on Agricultural Extension & Technology (NMAET) is to be implemented across 7 States in India. Andhra Pradesh is one among them to implement the programme.

Skill Training of Rural Youth (STRY) aimed at imparting skill-based training to rural youth on agri-based vocational areas in compliance with National Policy on Skill development & Entrepreneurship-2015 in agriculture & allied areas to promote employment in rural areas.

This programme is being implemented through Project Directors ATMA. The skilling areas in Agriculture, Horticulture & Animal Husbandry sectors should be identified as per the local needs by PDs, ATMA and the details viz., the type of skill, the venue, one day exposure visit, the Bank A/c number of PD, ATMA concerned with IFSC code etc. are to be informed to the Director, SAMETI, for onward transfer of funds on receipt of the same from MANAGE, Hyd.

During the year 2017-18, a total no of 32 STRY programmes were organized in 13 Districts and 480 no. of persons were covered under STRY.

During the year 2018-19, STRY programme will be implemented as per the instructions of MANAGE (GoI) Rajaendra Nagar, Hyderabad.

Proposed Technical Training Programmes for the Year 2018-19

Sl. No	Title	Duration
1	Water Management of crops with special focus on micro irrigation	3 Days
2	Integrated Crop Management (ICM) in major crops	3 Days
3	Quality Control of inputs	3 Days
4	Genetically Modified crops – pros & cons	3 Days
5	Farm Mechanization for Profitable Agriculture	3 Days
6	Post Harvest Technology & Value Addition in Agricultural crops	3 Days
7	Climate Change & adaptations in cropping pattern	3 Days
8	Market intelligence for sustainable Agriculture	3 Days
9	Crop Production Technologies in rainfed Agriculture	3Days
10	Soil Health Management for Sustainability	3 Days
11	Management practices for dryland Agriculture	3 Days
12	Extension strategies for promotion of organic farming / ZBNF	3 Days

Proposed Managerial Training Programmes for the Year 2018-19

Sl.No.	Title	Duration
1.	Work Ethics for Extension Functionaries	3 Days
2.	E - extension Skills for better management	3 Days
3.	Office Administration & Accounts	3 Days
4.	Soft skills for personality development	3 Days
5.	Managerial Skills for Extension Personnel	3 Days
6.	Service matters & Audit	3 Days
7.	Communication Skills & Conflict Management Skills for extension professionals	3 Days
8.	Documentation skills for field functionaries	3 Days
9.	Importance of ICT's for faster information in Agricultural development	3 Days
10.	Gender Budgeting & Gender Mainstreaming in Agriculture & allied sectors	3 Days
11.	Leadership & team building for better extension	3 Days
12.	Time & stress management skills for extension functionaries	3 Days

BUDGET

1	Budget allotted for (12) Technical training programmes	Rs.39.808 lakhs
2	Budget allotted for (12) Managerial training programmes	Rs.18.00 lakhs
Grand Total		Rs.57.808 lakhs