

■ Candidates

SCSAD is from 1st of July 2014 to March 2015. Eligible persons should meet following qualifications;

- A minimum of class ten pass at school or equivalent ability
- At least two years work experience in agriculture, community organisation, educational or health work at village level
- Be able to communicate and express themselves in writing and speech either in Hindi or English
- Be able and willing to participate in daily manual labour during the course
- Be recommended by sending body's Director
- Be between the age of 18-45 by July 2014
- The sending body must agree for the participant to take up a position within its organisation upon the completion of the course .

■ Fees

- Course fees for year 2014-15 for Indian students are Rs.63,600 – (see below for **Scholarship details**)

This includes food and accommodation, stipend, tuition fees, tours, all curriculum-related travel and course material.

In addition, there is a non-refundable registration fee of Rs.1000 payable by April 1st by accepted candidates.

- Travel expenses between their home and Allahabad should be incurred by students and the responsibility of the sending-body.
- Fees for overseas students are US\$4,000 which in addition to those items listed for Indian Students, also includes a basic health-cover policy, and arrival-travel from airport to Allahabad.

- **Scholarship** –is available upon application for all Indian and overseas' organizations which support deserving candidates and which can justify their need for financial assistance. Contact us for more detail.

■ Application Forms

- Requests for application forms must reach MSCNE by **28th February 2014**.

- All completed application forms by fax or post must be returned **before 30th March 2014** clearly indicating the address and phone contact-number of the NGO and applicant. **An email address is most desirable.**

What is Sustainable Agriculture (SA) at MSCNE?

SA is focused on sustainability of agricultural production for the present as well as future generations. Nature has the most important roles to produce our food. Hence, it has sustained human life as it provides our foods. Therefore, SA denies the harmful chemical agriculture, which degrades our natural environment.

The important elements of SA emphasize the following points:

- Use of ecologically sound technologies,
- Use of renewable and local resources
- Maintenance of satisfactory productivity
- Enhancement of income by creating alternative marketing systems and value-adding strategies (e.g., food processing)
- Promoting awareness of safe and healthy food in both the rural and the urban communities.
- Promoting organic agriculture groups/cooperatives to support one-another in SA.



For further details, contact the recruitment coordinator (Email: recruitment@ashaasia.org), or refer our website (HP: <http://www.mscne.org/>).



Special Course in Sustainable Agriculture and Development



*More Sustainable...
More Participation for Women...
More Education and Hope for Rural Children...*



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Reality, Experience, Learning

Course Goal

...Is to nurture rural leaders, both men and women who may better serve small-scale and marginalised farmers and rural communities at grassroots level through the practice of sustainable agriculture and development.

Course Outline

Based on the goal noted above, SCSAD is divided into two majors;

- 1) **Sustainable Agriculture Major**...While focusing on organic farming, students will learn knowledge & skills of vegetable and crop cultivation, small-scale animal husbandry and marketing.
- 2) **Rural Development Major**...Students will learn knowledge of community health/nutrition skills food processing and income generation activities which are necessary for the betterment of rural livelihood.

SCSAD applies four different learning approaches: Classroom session, Practical session, Personal & Spiritual Growth and Special Curriculum (See the figure for more detail).

About MSCNE



Makino School of Continuing & Non-formal Education (MSCNE) is one of the schools of Sam Higginbottom Institute of Agriculture, Technology & Sciences (SHIATS). It was established in 1975 as an ecumenical institution with Christian spirit (God's Love). The school has been emphasising the importance of Sustainable Development, Organic Farming, Rural Education and Mother and Child Care in rural India and its neighbouring countries. *Dean Dr. Teruo Miura*

Curriculum

SCSAD curriculum is designed for "Participatory", "Learning by Doing", "Integrated learning" & "Sharing".

Sustainable Agriculture Major

Concepts of Sustainable Agriculture / Soil Sciences / Plant Protection/Rice Culture / Fish Culture / Pig Farming / Horticulture (classroom session) / Farm Work (crop & vegetable cultivation / charcoal making / Wood vinegar making / Agriculture microorganism) / Individual Plot/Others



Rural Development Major

Food processing (Food Preservation / Meat Processing / Vegetable processing / Fruit Processing / Bottling / Packing / Flour processing) /Community Health / Healthy Cooking / Kitchen Garden / Cooperative Shop Management / Village survey / Other (Tailoring)



Common Area of Study

Classroom Session

Concepts of Sustainable Agriculture / Small-scale animal husbandry / Development Issues / Rural Management / Cooperative management / Other (Computer/English)



Practical Session

Basic techniques of Sustainable Agriculture / Mushroom Culture / Natural Poultry Farming / Egg Hatchery / Income generation project (Soap making / Screen printing) / Products development



Special Curriculum

Rural Village Stay & Survey / Observation trip / Study tour / Special Events (Sports day / Cultural Exchange / Harvest Thanksgiving Celebration / International Fellowship)



Personal & Spiritual Growth

Leadership / Sharing with others / Taking Responsibility / Bible Study / Active Participation

