ITEC-International Programme

November 16 – 21, 2026

Campus Duration
6 Days (One Week) – 30 Hours

Transforming Agribusiness through Innovative Financing: Driving Sustainable and Inclusive Growth

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Introduction

Agriculture is one of the largest industries employing more than 1 billion people and generating more than $1.3 trillion worth of food across world. Agribusiness is very vast and includes a range of activities including production, processing or industrialisation, and commercialization of agricultural products, either for food or non-food purposes. This includes all kind of forward linkages, backward linkages, credit linkages, value chain financing, and many other aspects which otherwise are an integral component of the world economy. The concern for low profitability in agriculture needs attention for more inclusive growth in the country. In recent years frequent climatic hazards has added to the pain of the farmers. It is important to note that in recent years the country has witnessed several innovations from private as well as government to facilitate increased production, reducing the risk of climate change, enhance market linkage, enhanced access to finance for promoting sustainability in agriculture. Financial innovations are the key to Sustainable and Inclusive growth. This program is designed with the objective of highlighting such innovations, discussing it and suggesting suitable policy outcomes for the promotion of sustainable agriculture and inclusive growth.

Objectives

The objectives of the program as below

- To explore various financial innovations promoted by government as well as private sectors for promotion of sustainable agriculture.
- To analyse the role of these innovations on sustainable and inclusive growth.
- To suggest suitable policy modifications for promotion of sustainable agriculture and inclusive growth.

Contents

The program will holistically discuss innovations in the entire value chain of agricultural products, including forward and backward linkages. It will include innovations in the supply of agri inputs, including finance and equipment. It will also discuss various models of agri-marketing. The program will also highlight various digital innovations in finance, marketing as well as the supply chain of various agricultural products.

a. **Production:**

Innovations in the production of Agri produce including hydroponics, aeroponics etc.

b. **Backward linkages:**

Automated irrigation, models of agri-input marketing, financing equipment and machinery

c. **Forward Linkages:**

- Financing marketing of produce like e name, and digitalization of Agri value chain, agri export financing etc.
- Various innovations in post-harvest management of agriculture produce like warehouse receipt financing etc.

Support services:

- Digital lending,
- Value chain finance, supply chain finance etc.
- Agriculture analytics and managing big data in agriculture
- Collectivisation of small and marginal farmers

Pedagogy

The program will utilize real-life cases, group discussions, group assignments, and presentations as pedagogical tools to help participants learn about various innovations in agriculture.

A completion / participation certificate will be given to the participant at the end of the programme provided he / she attends the programme for the mandated hours of engagement.

Who Should Attend?

This programme will be useful for Senior Executives, Policy Makers, and Officers responsible for Agriculture Banking, Rural Finance, Microfinance, and Agribusiness Development from:

- Central Banks and Regulatory Authorities
- Commercial Banks (Public and Private Sector)
- Rural and Microfinance Banks
- Cooperative Bank
- Development Finance Institutions
- Government Departments/Ministries and Agencies involved in Agricultural and Rural Development
- Multilateral and Bilateral Development Organizations
  - Policy Think Tanks and Research Institutions focused on sustainable agriculture and rural finance

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Venue

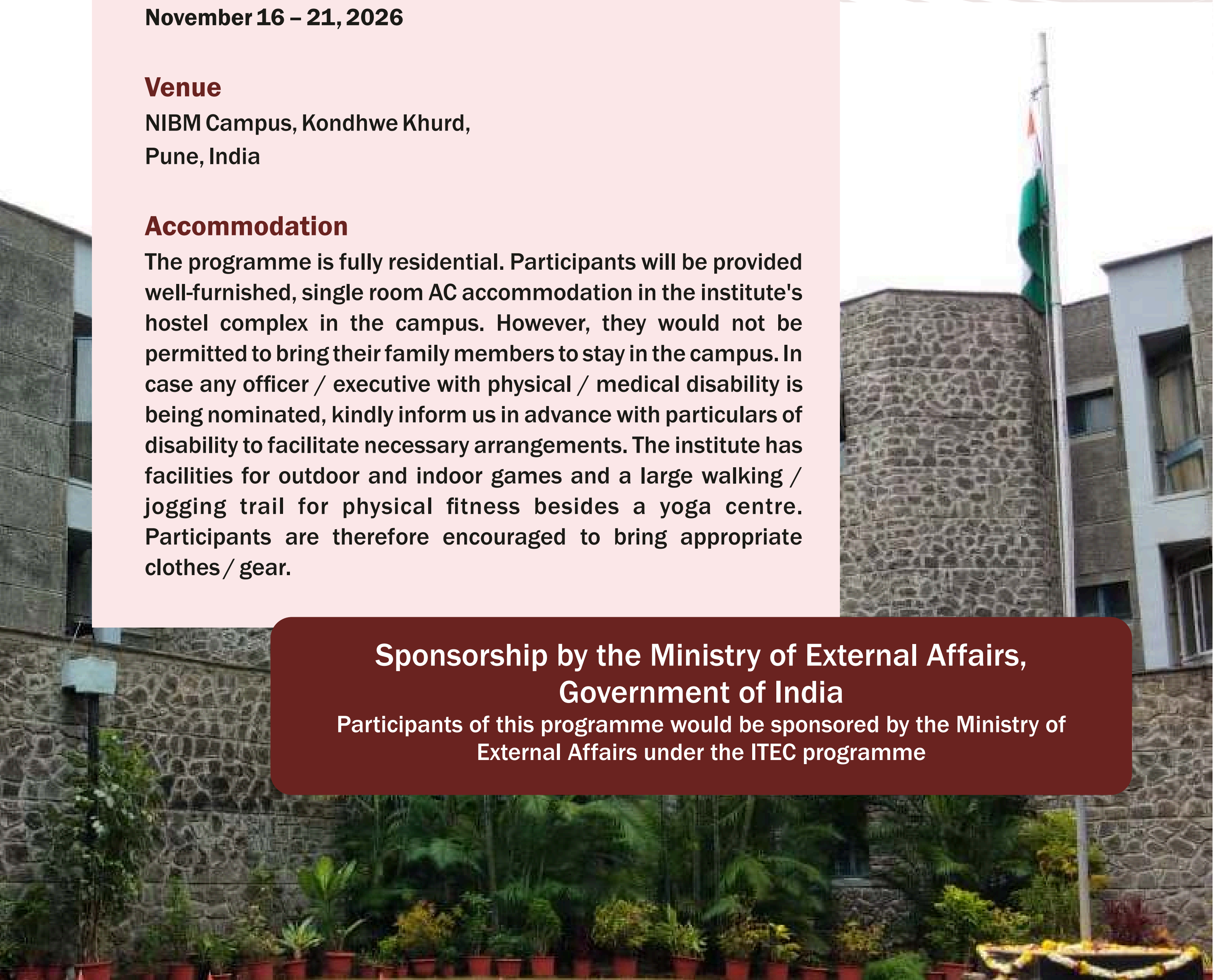
NIBM Campus, Kondhwe Khurd,
Pune, India

Accommodation

The programme is fully residential. Participants will be provided well-furnished, single room AC accommodation in the institute's hostel complex in the campus. However, they would not be permitted to bring their family members to stay in the campus. In case any officer / executive with physical / medical disability is being nominated, kindly inform us in advance with particulars of disability to facilitate necessary arrangements. The institute has facilities for outdoor and indoor games and a large walking / jogging trail for physical fitness besides a yoga centre. Participants are therefore encouraged to bring appropriate clothes / gear.

Sponsorship by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India

Participants of this programme would be sponsored by the Ministry of External Affairs under the ITEC programme



Medical Care

NIBM has its own health centre equipped with all the necessary facilities and also a Resident Medical Officer (RMO) staying inside the campus to handle the basic health issues (if any) of the programme participants during their stay in the campus. Programme attendees are free to consult the RMO for any health-related guidance / care. Participants are advised to bring their regular medicines.

Visa Requirements

Participants are requested to follow up with the Indian High Commission in their country to obtain visa for the sufficient number of days for their stay in India.

Enquiries

Address your enquiries and nominations to:

Programme Directors

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Assistant Professor

Dr. Nisha Bharti is a postgraduate in Agriculture and holds a doctorate in Rural Management. Her area of expertise is Financial Inclusion, with a special focus on agriculture finance, agri-business finance, climate finance, and agri-tech finance, etc.

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About the Institute

The NIBM is a premier academic-cum-training institute for providing research, training and consultancy services to the banking industry and financial institutions both in India and abroad. The Institute was established in 1969 as an autonomous body by the Government of India and is supported by the Reserve Bank of India, Commercial Banks and Financial Institutions in India.

The Institute aims at promoting professionalism in the management of banks and other financial institutions by carrying out the following functions:

- Imparting training and education to bankers both in general and functional management areas.
- Conducting fundamental and applied research on problems concerning the banking industry.
- Providing consultancy and other advisory services to the industry in their problem solving endeavours.

The NIBM currently has around 30 faculty members including the visiting faculty, working in the following area groups (multi-disciplinary approach): (a) Finance, (b) Human Resource Management, (c) Information Technology, (d) Money, International Banking and Finance, (e)Rural Finance and Development, (f) Strategic Planning, Marketing and Control.
The Institute conducts the following major education and training programmes:

- Top management conferences and seminars on policy issues.
- Training programmes in functional and general management areas for senior bank executives from India and other countries.
- Programmes for development of faculty at the banks' training establishments
- Incompany programmes for meeting organization-specific requirements of banks and financial institutions both in India and abroad.
- Conducting AICTE approved Post-Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM) - Banking and Financial Services to provide to the financial system a pool of talented young executives on a regular basis

The Institute has been actively involved in research on various subjects concerning the banking and financial system. It has brought out more than 100 publications in the form of books and monographs

The Institute also brings out the following quarterly Journals in English:
– **Prajnan:** Journal of Social and Management Science (launched in 1972)
– **Vinimaya:** Presents conceptual and practical view points of both the bankers and management educationists on issues of bank management in an informal style (launched in 1976)

The Institute has contributed significantly to the development of banking and financial sector in India and other developing countries through its consultancy and policy research activities in diverse areas.
The Institute has an excellent Library with more than 65,000 books, 10,000 bound volumes of journals and 2,000 reports of various committees. The library receives more than 240 Indian and foreign academic journals on various subjects of management, information technology, banking and finance.
The Institute also has a modern, well-equipped Computer Service Centre to support its academic activities.
The Institute has excellent Administrative Support Facilities for carrying out its activities. These include reprographic services, internet and e-mail facilities, travel booking arrangements, entertainment facilities, etc. Medical facilities are also provided within the campus. The supporting administrative staff is efficient and well organized.

Reaching NIBM Campus at Pune

- Pune has few international flights like Abu Dhabhi, Dubai, Sharjah, Frankfurt. The Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai is the nearest International Airport. Pune is connected by air and rail from major metros like Mumbai, New Delhi, Kolkatta, Chennai and Bengaluru. The road drive from Mumbai is an unforgetable experience through the western ghats. The shared taxi service, luxury (AC Volvo) and semi-luxury (Asiad) buses are regularly available from airport and Dadar TT (about 15 kms from the airport). The share taxi and bus charges are about Rs. 800 and Rs. 1000 per head respectively. The road journey of 200 kms from Mumbai to Pune normally takes around 3.5 hours. The road map of Pune to guide the arriving participants is given overleaf.
- **Transport Facilities at Pune:** Prepaid Taxi/Auto services are now available at the Pune airport/railway station (16/9 km distance from NIBM Campus). **As such participants are requested to make their own transport arrangements at Pune to reach the campus.** Standard taxi services available at Pune Airport.
- In case of any requirements on arrival at Mumbai, foreign participants may contact on Tel : 09867885332 (Sanjay Redkar)

Route Map