## SPECIAL STATUS

The Department of Agriculture, Govt. of West Bengal has recognised Ramakrishna Mission Samaj Sevak Sikshan Mandir as a resource centre for training of farmers and is sponsoring different training programmes for groups of farmers from different districts of West Bengal.

## INFRASTRUCTURE

The two storied fulgent building with 7500 Sq. ft. covered space of the institute inaugurated in the year 2011 coinciding celebration of its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, is looking over a sprawling flowery and greenery outskirt. It eventually represents a very convenient residential centre of mounting convergence of trainees sponsored by various govt. departments & agencies, besides those enrolled under statutory RSETI short duration EDP training programmes.



The building contains a number of spacious class rooms, dormitories, staff rooms, monk room, office rooms, guest rooms, meeting and counselling room, conference hall, computer lab, gymnasium, library, besides a numbers of toilet blocks & long corridor. At present residential training for more than 100 trainees can be organised simultaneously at the institute. The building is being further enlarged with construction of halls in 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. The institute reiterates its earnest thanks to the Dept. of Agriculture, Govt. of W.B for providing grant-assistance for construction of the building under RKVY.

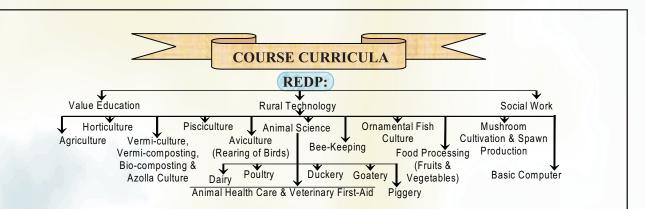


# TRAINING COURSES

Under the core programme the institute has been conducting free residential consolidated training course of 10 months duration for 31 educated unemployed rural youth, irrespective of caste, creed and religion. Besides, short duration EDP and other specified training courses on various trades under farm & non-farm sectors have been conducted. Detailed course programmes are categorised hereinafter.

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The 29<sup>th</sup> session of the core programme of the institute of 10 months duration now christened as **REDP** (Rural Entrepreneurship Development Programme) on Agriculture & Allied Activities concluded successfully during the year 2014-15. 31 trainees being the educated unemployed youths emanating from rural areas of 12 districts of West Bengal successfully completed the programme.

#### **Recruitment Procedure:**

The selected youths are from remote rural areas spanning over in different districts. They responded paper advertisement, passed through selection process to enter into a new vibrant life style.

Their daily routine is bound by hours & minutes between 5-00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. Apparently it is rigid but joyful too. Prayer twice a day, "Sramadan" for up-keeping the wide-

-spread campus, on-job training in the agricultural field, physical exercise in the gymnasium, musical class, outdoor games - all together form the essential fabric of the daily routine - leaving apart attending the subject specific theoretical classes. With the progress of the training course - the trainees get themselves more and more cheerfully involved in their day-to-day activities.



#### **Course Spectrum:**

Training disciplines, *inter alia*, include Agri-Horticultural practices, Poultry Keeping, Duck Rearing, Pisciculture including Ornamental Fish Cultivation, Animal Husbandry & Animal Health Care, Apiculture, Aviculture, Mushroom cultivation & Spawn culture, Vermiculture & Vermicomposting, Food Processing etc. along with Environment & Sanitation, Primary Health Care, Agricultural Extension, Entrepreneurship Development, Social Studies, Organisation building, Basic Computer and Value education. Training curriculum includes both in-house training and field placements.

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITES**

### AGRICULTURE

Subject Specific Focus

Agriculture with Soil Fertility & Soil Testing, Seed Production, Integrated Plant Nutrient Management, Integrated Pest Management, Watershed Management etc







Agronomical crops,. Pomology, Floriculture and Olericulture, horticultural nursery etc



Courses on Animal Husbandry and Animal Health Care including Dairy, Goatery, Poultry, Duckery, Veterinary First-aid etc. are given due weightage considering their importance in rural economy and selfemployment.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY



PISCICULTURE

Cultivation of Indian Major Carps and other species of fish vis-à-vis. Inland Fishery includes hatching, nursing, rearing and **induced fish breeding** & seed management occupies an important role in the training curricula.

## FOOD PROCESSING

The institute's cottage scale training-cum-production unit on food processing is used for training on Processing and Preservation of fruits & vegetables(Various Types of Jam, Jelly, Pickles, Squash, Tomato Ketchup, Chilli Sauce, Honey, Amlaprash, Papad etc.).





COMPOSTING

The trainees are actively involved in preparation of Bio-Composting which includes Super-Compost, Vermicompost as well

as preservation and multiplication of suitable species of earthworms by utilising the compost pits specially constructed for this purpose within the premises of the Institute.

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