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#### Regulating Horticultural Quality by Altering Drip Fertigation Recipes

Automated drip fertigation technology at IHT is computerized allowing changes in recipes, at different growth and development stages of crops. Improved colour and succulence could be developed with adjustment of drip fertigation recipes in bell pepper. Thus the quality of the produce can be tailored as per niche market demand of high value crops. The modern horticulture is becoming knowledge based calling for capacity building in horticultural sector than

Fruit bearing in bell pepper under greenhouse begins two months after transplanting change in fertigation recipes at this time can help alter the quality of produce to meet the demand of niche market.



## Capacity Building Programme at Institute of Horticulture Technology

nstitute of Horticulture Technology ⊥(IHT) has emerged as India's premier capacity building institute in November and December, 2016 farmers from different states and Union Territory participated in capacity building programme. IHT organized short duration training programme on

various topics such as Greenhouse Production and Management, Establishment of Organic Production Hi-Tech horticulture. In the month of Systems, Application of Innovative Technologies in Horticulture Production and Micro irrigation Technologies. The focus of our training programme remained to improve knowledge and skills of farmers.

#### **Summary of Trainings held in November and December, 2016**

S No.	State/ District	Participants	Dates	Duration (Days)	Title	
1	Andaman and Nicobar	Farmers	13th - 17th November, 2016	5	Greenhouse Production and Management	
2	Andaman and Nicobar	Farmers	13th - 17th November, 2016	5	Establishment of Organic Production System	
3	Mizoram	Farmers	17th - 19th December, 2016	3	Greenhouse Production and Management	
4	Mandla and Badwani	Farmers	2nd - 6th December 2016	7	Application of Innovative Technologies in Horticulture Production	
5	Indor, Jabal- pur & Shihor	Farmers	6th - 12th December 2016	7	Application of Innovative Technologies in Horticulture Production	
6	Gautambudh Nagar	Farmers	14th December 2016	1	Micro irrigation Technologies	
7	Uttarakhand	Farmers	15th-17th December 2016	3	Application of Innovative Technologies in Horticulture Production	
8	Uttarakhand	Farmers	19th-21st December 2016	3	Application of Innovative Technologies in Horticulture Production	

## **Capacity Building Snapshots**





Hands on Training of farmers from Andaman and Nicobar, 13th-17th Nov, 2016 (Left) and Mizoram 17th-19th Nov, 2016 (Right) on Plug tray nursery production







Sanitization is most important in plug nursery production in greenhouse-Andaman and Nicobar Trainees in their disposable sanitized overalls watching demo in nursery greenhouses at Technology Park (13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Nov,2016)

Interactive Lectures for farmers from Uttarakhand 15th-17th Dec, 2016

#### School Children Exposure Visit to Technology Park

Making coming generations aware of various aspects of horticulture particularly environment and safe food production, gives us a deep sense of fulfilment in our pursuit for better world through horticulture and environment protection. Following these objectives IHT provided opportunity to school children from four schools to visit our Horticulture Technology Park during Nov-Dec, 2016, detailed here under.

S No.	Schools	Grade	Date of Visit
1.	Delhi Scottish School, Greater Noida	1st to 5th	3rd Dec, 2016
2.	Sanskar Co-educational School, Gaziabad	9th (A) and 10th (A)	10th Dec, 2016
3.	Sanskar Co-educational School, Gaziabad	9th (B) and 10th(B)	17th Dec, 2016
4.	Vishwa Bharti Public School, Greater Noida	1st to 3rd	19th Dec, 2016
5.	Dujana Public Inter college, Greater Noida	8th and 11th	28th Dec, 2016





Students of Delhi Scottish School listen to instructor's brief before visiting greenhouses and open field c crops

Students of Sanskar Coeducational School ( $10^{th}$  Dec, 2016) were surprised to see as to how vegetables they eat every day grew on plants they never thought







Students of Vishwa Bharati, Greater Noida (19<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2016) young one's shown how the vegetable plants actually look like

IHT faculty making students of Dujana Public Intercollege, Greater Noida (28th Dec, 2016) familiar with horticultural crops

## **Training Calendar 2017**

JANUARY 2017									
Date	Course Code	Duration	Course Title	Remarks					
2 <sup>nd</sup>	INT-006	5 Days	Micro Irrigation and Fertigation						
	INT-003	5 Days	Protected Flower Cultivation						
	PCS-107	1 week	Climate Control in Polyhouse						
	CCH-303	3 months	Commercial Fruit Production						
9 <sup>th</sup>	INT-001	5 Days	Modern Nursery Production Technology						
	UPH-118	1 week	Hydroponics and Aeroponics						
	HPT-114	1 week	High Density Planting-II						
16 <sup>th</sup>	UPH-119	1 week	Year Round Vegetable Production						
	HPT-113	2 weeks	Rejuvenation of Unproductive Fruit Plants						
23 <sup>rd</sup>	UPH-120	1 week	Home Scale Mushroom Production	CCH-601 running					
	PPT-111	1 week	Training, Pruning and Trellising	from last month					
FEBRUARY 2017									
Wednesday	INT-006	5 Days	Micro Irrigation and Fertigation						
1 <sup>st</sup>	OYH-204	2 weeks	Innovative Nursery Production						
6 <sup>th</sup>	PMP-103	1 week	Root Trainer Nursery Production - Fruits	OYH-204 running					
	OYH-206	2 weeks	Polyhouse Cut Flower Production	from last month					
	OYH-204	2 weeks	Innovative Nursery Production						
13 <sup>th</sup>	PMP-104	1 week	Tissue Culture of Horticultural Plants	OYH-206 running					
	OYH-206	2 weeks	Polyhouse Cut Flower Production	from last month					
20 <sup>th</sup>	PPT-110	1 week	Drip and Fertigation Technology	CCH 303 running					
	UPH-122	1 week	Home Scale Waste Management	from last month					

#### Tips for farmers for the coming months

- Irrigate your crop frequently to protect from cold it moderates the soil temperatures
- Plan for off season crop of cucurbits by starting crop in low tunnels



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