SKILL DEVELOPMENT COURSE APPROVED BY UGC UNDER NSQF

NAME OF THE COURSES:

1. Integrated Fishery Based Farming System (IFFS)
2. Community based Tourism and Agro- Rural tourism (CBT).

**These are level 5 one year diploma programmes approved by UGC under NSQF. The basic objectives of these programmes are to create skill full human resources with entrepreneurial mindset. These programmes will help in generating employment opportunities.**

**Eligibility**

**10+2 Passed or Higher Secondary level passed in any disciplines**

**About the Courses:**

1. **Integrated Fishery Based Farming System (IFFS)**

Integrated fish farming has received attention in recent years in the North East India. Almost every household of the villages in Assam are equipped with a pond in their dwelling campuses. Most of them are habituated with fishing, farming and life stock management to some extent. The technology involves a combination of Fish Farming integrated with live stocks production and Horticulture.  On farm waste recycling, an important component of integrated fish farming is highly advantageous to the farmers as it improves the economy of production and decrease the adverse environmental impact of farming. This system of livelihood is popular in Lower Assam part as it involves Maximum utilization of Land and certain out put due to multiple engagement.

The Programme which includes practical skills and knowledge to pursue a career in aquaculture/fisheries/fishery industries/ Life Stock / horticulture is most suitable primarily for entrepreneurial avenues. A study and practical training over 6- 12 months and some work experience will provide an employment opportunity as apprentice in the aquaculture sector. Students on the programme spend most of their time learning ‘on-the-job’ at their employers’ aquaculture sites, and additional training is provided where ever required.

The university, therefore, designed a level 5 one year diploma program to develop scientific knowledge on various aspects of fish farming as well as live stock production, Fruit, Spices and Vegetable production. It is also designed as a device of developing skill development and entrepreneurship development.

**Duration of the Programme**: 2 semesters ( One year)

Each semester will contain 30 credits. 12 credits for theory class and 18 credits for practical based classes. Total credit of the diploma course is 60. 24credits for theory classes and 36 credits for practical based classes.

**Components of the Programme**: Fish Farming, livestock and poultry farming and Horticulture and Entrepreneurship Education.

1. **Community based Tourism and Agro- Rural tourism (CBT).**

The main objective or aim of the course is to introduce Community Based Tourism (CBT), Agri or Agro-Based Tourism and Rural as well as Cultural Heritage Tourism in rural areas of the greater Bajali region and entire Barpeta district. The course is basically designed to find out the problems and prospects of rural based agro tourism, community based Tourism and also cultural heritage potentiality of the rural localities as well as folklore traditions of the various communities and ethnic treasures and their preservation, promotion and development through practicing rural tourism with community participation. It is also designed to impetus to employment as well as income generation, entrepreneurship development and to increase the economic sustainability as well as to boost up financial condition by the common masses through initiation of practicing CBT, Agro and Rural Tourism in a micro level or local areas / regions. It is aimed to promote one possible source of entrepreneurial avenues for those areas and their subsequent development. The university is already running a degree course in Travel and Tourism Management.

**Duration of the Programme**: 2 semesters (One year)

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**Components of the Programme**: Introductory Idea of Rural Tourism & Sustainable Eco Tourism, Agro-Based Tourism in rural localities, Prospects and Problems, Hospitality Sector, Entrepreneurial Avenues, Ethnic Food, culture and lifestyle, Transportation Management System .

OUTCOME OF THE COURSES:

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