

Agriculture Department Schemes and activities:

- 1) The Main objective of the Department is to carry out extension work and to educate and train the farmers to adopt modern cultivation practices and to increase Agriculture Production and income.
- 2) There are 48 Raitha Samparka Kendras in the district headed by Agril officer and at taluka level Asst, Director of Agriculture is responsible for co-ordination of extension activities, input arrangement, quality control of the inputs etc.,
- 3) There is one training centre i.e. Dist Agril Training Centre headed by Deputy Director of Agriculture. The main objective is to impart training to farmers.
- 4) There is one Soil Health Centre at Gulbarga headed by an Agril Officer. The Soil Samples of the farmers field are analyzed and suitable recommendations are suggested at nominal cost.
- 5) Monitoring of Fertiliser supply:- Department monitors the supply and distribution system of fertilisers.
- 6) In addition to above activities, Agril., Department is implementing many of the schemes under Zilla Panchayat, State sector and central sectors.
- 7) Distribution of seeds: The Department makes arrangement for stocking and distribution of seeds of different crops at RSK level on subsidy basis under different schemes.
- 8) Crop production schemes:-
The Department is implementing schemes like ISOPAM (for pulses, Oilseeds and Maize), ICDP, NFSM, RKVY etc., under which demonstrations are conducted in farmers field, and other inputs like chemicals, Biofertilizers, Biopesticides, Micronutrients, equipment, implements, Pumpsets, Sprinkler sets etc are supplied on subsidy basis to encourage the farmers.
- 9) Plant protection:- Department monitors pest and disease incidences on different crops and suggest the farmers to take up suitable control measures whenever required. Farmers are assisted by providing subsidy for purchase of p.p. chemicals, sprayers etc. In addition, samples are drawn and analysed to control the sale of substandard chemicals.
- 10) NFSM: (National Food Security Mission) : Its main objective is to increase production of rice, wheat & pulses, restoring soil fertility, creating employment opportunities & enhancing farm level economy. This scheme include the demonstrations of improved cultivation practices, distribuion of agricultural inputs on subsidy basis, and trainings to farmers.

- 11) RKVY: The major activities under this scheme include integrated development of major food crops like paddy, wheat, pulses, oilseeds, cereals etc., agriculture mechanisation, enhancement of Soil health, development of rainfed farming systems, IPM, Strengthening market infrastructure , study tours to farmers etc.,
- 12) ISOPAM; Its main objective is to increase area, production & productivity of oilseeds, pulses & maize, Activities include promotion of seed production units, carrying out large scale demonstration, providing of certified seeds & other agriculture inputs on subsidy basis etc.,
- 13) CTM-II: Cotton is one of the major commercial crop of state. Under this scheme , demonstrations involving new cultivations methods in cotton will be held, and trainings will be conducted to farmers.
- 14) FARM MECHANISATION: Under this scheme, farmers will be distributed with modern and hi-tech agricultural implements like tractors, tractor drawn implements, power tillers, diesel engines , pumpsets etc, on subsidy basis. Agro processing equipments are also provided to farmers on subsidy basis.
- 15) MICRO-IRRIGATION: This scheme aims at efficient use of water. Under this scheme, farmers are provided with sprinkler sets, & drip irrigation sets on the basis of 75% subsidy.
- 16) ATMA (Agriculture technology management agency) : Based on the local needs, trainings, study tours, demonstrations etc., are organized for the benefit of farming community.

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