

**Proceedings of 9<sup>th</sup> Academy committee meeting for review, discuss and finalize of Annual training calendar (2024-25) of EEI, Nilokheri held on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 via Google meet link (Online).**

The following member were present as under:

1.	Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Regional Director, EEI Nilokheri	Chairman
2.	Sh. Sanjay Khalikar, Joint director (Extension Training), MoA& FW, New Delhi	Member
3.	Dr. Sube Singh, Assistant Director (Ext. Educ.), Rep. DEE, CCS HAU, Hisar	Member
4.	Dr. Yogesh Jindal, Assistant Director, Rep Director HRM, CCS HAU, Hisar	Member
5.	Dr. B. Renuka Rani, Deputy director (NRM), Rep. DG, MANAGE, Hyderabad	Member
6.	Dr. Puneet Dogra, Training Officer, Rep. Director, SAMETI Mashobra, H.P.	Member
7.	Dr. Purshotam Singh, Professor, Rep Director SAMETI, Srinagar (J&K)	Member
8.	Dr. Parmod Kumar, AD (Training), Rep Director SAMETI, Rehmankheda, U.P.	Member
9.	Dr. Jitender Kawatra, Director SAMETI, Pantnagar, Uttrakhand	Member
10.	Prof. B.D Singh, Professor, SAMETI, Pantnagar, Uttrakhand	Member
11.	Dr. Abhishek Tirkey, DDAE, Rep Director SAMETI Ranchi, Jharkhand	Member
12.	Dr. Rupinder Kaur, Deputy Director, Rep Director PAMETI, Ludhiana, Punjab	Member
13.	Dr. Neeraj Kumar, Deputy Director, Rep Director, BAMETI, Bihar	Member
14.	Dr. Puja Nayyar, Deputy Director, Rep Director, SAMETI, Jammu	Member
15.	Dr. Amandeep Singh, Asstt. Prof., Rep DEE, GADVASU, Ludhina, Punjab	Special Invitee
16.	Dr. P.K. Singh, Joint Director, Rep DEE, SVPAUT, Meerut, U.P.	Special Invitee
17.	Dr. Sridhar Patil, Rep DEE, RLBCAU, Jhansi, U.P.	Special Invitee
18.	Dr. R.K. Asrani, ADE, Rep DEE CSKHPAU, Palampur	Special Invitee
19.	Dr. Satyakaam Malik, Associate Professor (Mgt. Science), EEI, Nilokheri	Faculty
20.	Dr. Jasvinder Kaur, Assistant Professor (Ext. Educ.)	Training Incharge

The 9<sup>th</sup> Academy committee meeting in the presence of above-mentioned members under the chairmanship of Regional Director EEI, Nilokheri started well in time with a warm welcome address by the Training Incharge, Dr. Jasvinder Kaur. After that, the members formally introduced themselves to the members of the committee and chairman, Dr. Sanjay Kumar.

After formally welcome, the meeting was started and the Chairman Dr. Sanjay Kumar presented briefly the work done during the year 2023-24, which was highly appreciated by each and every member of meeting. In the continuation the chairman presented the proposed the training calendar for academic year 2024-25 to all the members and offered them the platform for discussion and their valuable suggestions so that a more comprehensive and exhaustive training calendar can be finalized.

**Dr. Parmod Kumar, AD (training) rep Director SAMETI, Rehmankheda, U.P** , was of the view that extension education institute should come forward with training programs on bio fortified varieties, production and marketing of millets and nano fertilizers, to popularize them among farmers. So, the chairman principally agreed to insert lectures of above suggested topics in upcoming training.

**Dr Jitender Kawatra, Director, SAMETI, Pantnagar, Uttarakhand** observed that extension education institute should be covering following topics in their training programs namely: need and impact assessment studies, women empowerment for social upliftment of society, statistical tools, business plan development, writing of external funded projects, precision agriculture practices, IPR awareness programs, IFS and exposure visit at farmers field. Chairman responded that some of the above suggested queries are already been taken care of like exposure visits to the progressive farmers has been an integral part of every training and rest of the issues will be taken care of in upcoming trainings.

**Dr. Purshotam Singh, Professor, rep Director SAMETI, Srinagar (J&K)** showed his concern about doing something about site specific crops and one district one crop.

**Dr. B. Renuka Rani, Deputy Director (NRM), rep DG, MANAGE, Hyderabad** after appreciating all the endeavour of EEI Nilokheri asked the institute if something can be done about the topics namely: Entrepreneurship development, start-ups, ATMA research study, how to strengthen ATMA, Natural resource management, Govt. Flagship programs, faculty development programs for SAMETIs, webinars on different interventions and some research studies on present extension systems. Chairman said that as far as webinars are concerned, they may be organized during this year.

**Dr. R.K. Asrani, ADE, rep DEE CSKHPAU, Palampur** stressed upon the dairy start-ups and advised that trainees should be more often taken to the progressive dairy farmers to increase their entrepreneurial skills. Chairman informed that the institute is already in this pursuit.

**Prof. B.D. Singh, Professor, SAMETI, Pantnagar, Uttarakhand** demanded that the topic selected for off campus training at Pantnagar should be change to Enhancing performance of extension personnel for transfer of technology. Chairman immediately consented with his suggestion.

**Dr. P.K. Singh, Joint director rep DEE, SVPAUT, Meerut, U.P.** was of the view that lectures related to entrepreneurial skills and income generation, *i.e.*, mushroom cultivation,

poultry, IFS, floriculture should be included in the trainings. The institute is already working in this direction.

**Dr. Abhishek Tirkey, DDAE, rep Director SAMETI Ranchi, Jharkhand** put forward that the main strength of EEI Nilokheri is its soft skills training programs and they should consolidate this forte. Chairman found merit in his observation and assured him to work more objectively in this direction. He also thanked Dr. Abhishek Tirkey for his suggestion.

**Dr. Puja Nayyar, Deputy Director, rep Director, SAMETI, Jammu** started her brief by appreciating training programs conducted by EEI Nilokheri and further expected that EEI Nilokheri will specifically take care of needs of small and marginal farmers in its further endeavour. She opined that topics like smart packaging can help farmers in a big way.

After this, Chairman requested Sh. Sanjay Khalikar, Joint Director (Extension Training), MoA& FW, New Delhi to conclude the 9<sup>th</sup> academy committee meeting for year 2024-25.

**Sh. Sanjay Khalikar, Joint Director** was all praise for EEI Nilokheri and lauded the efforts put in by Regional Director. Since, Sh. Sanjay Khalikar had a long association with EEI Nilokheri and had seen the functioning of various Regional Directors who worked here, he was particularly excited by the visible difference seen in the performance of EEI Nilokheri. He also appreciated that the representatives from all the clientele states took part in the meeting and apprised the house that although all the suggestions given by different clientele states in the meeting was good but there are certain limitations to implement all the points raised in the meeting. He stressed that EEI Nilokheri should open up more in collaborating with other universities regarding topics suggested by members of committee and add some more trainings under At-campus programme. In his concluding remarks he stressed upon the thrust areas where EEI Nilokheri should focus and those are: skill training, follow up studies and action research.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks by Dr. Satykaam Malik, Senior faculty, EEI, Nilokheri.

Chairman reserves the right of adding/deleting/modifying training calendar during the year 2024-25 in the interest of smooth functioning of EEI Nilokheri.