Invitation of application for Certificate Programme for Graduates on Skill and Capacity Development in Coconut Based Secondary Agriculture

NAHEP-CAAST-KAU, Kerala invites applications for **Certificate Programme on Skill and Capacity Development in Coconut Based Secondary Agriculture with a duration of 6 months** from aspiring graduates of Kerala. Application is open to all graduates from the state though preference will be given to graduates from Agriculture and allied areas. The purpose of the proposed programme is to promote the entrepreneurial capabilities of the student community in the thematic area of 'Coconut based secondary agriculture' and to develop them into job providers rather than job seekers.

The training program is initiated by the Centre of Advanced Agricultural Science and Technology (CAAST) project of KAU, under the World Bank – ICAR funded National Agricultural Higher Education Project, Government of India.

It is a uniquely designed program with hands on training and expert mentorship cum assistance in development of agribusiness ventures. The selected candidates will be trained in different technologies for value addition in coconut sector such as coconut kernel & coconut water based products, neera & neera based products and coconut wood based products. Training programme also include development of entrepreneurial skills, coconut production technology, mechanization in coconut sector, socioeconomic aspects, hybridization, neera tapping technology and coconut biomass utilization as part of waste – to - wealth concept. The trainings will be conducted for 30 selected candidates who will be provided with stipend and accommodation. Certificate will be given on successful completion of the programme.

Applications will be accepted from **25.08.2022 to 05.09.2022**. Fill in applications may be sent to **picaast19@gmail.com**.. For more details, Visit www.kau.in / https://caast.kau.in

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