

Training-cum-Exposure Visit to Israel

On Hi-Tech Agriculture, Agro-Processing, Dairying and Water Resource Management

18th to 25th November 2019



Organised by:



BANKERS INSTITUTE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
Lucknow



A. Introduction

Bankers Institute of Rural Development (BIRD) is the training institution promoted by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), the apex Financial Institution in the area of Agriculture and Rural development in India. BIRD is involved in training, research and consultancy, particularly in the area of rural development banking. BIRD caters to the capacity-building, awareness-creation and sensitization needs of the Officers of Regional Rural Banks, Commercial Banks, Co-operative Banks and Government/Non-Government Organizations all across the country.

As part of its capacity building initiatives, BIRD also organizes well-structured Training-cum-Exposure Visits to Foreign Countries every year. These visits provide an opportunity to the development practitioners to observe first-hand the developments taking place in the developed/developing countries having replication possibilities in India.

In this background, BIRD is organizing a **Training Cum Exposure visit to Israel on “High-Tech Agriculture, Agro-processing, Dairying and Water Resource Management” from 18th to 25th November 2019.**

Israel is renowned the world over as the technology-leader for its innovative business models, cutting-edge technology and successful experiments in the areas of Agriculture, Agro-Processing, Dairy, Water Resource Management etc.

The Exposure visit will provide an opportunity to the participants to gain exposure to the modern production, processing and marketing technologies in agri-business and the methods adopted by Israel.

The exposure visit will broadly focus on the following areas:

1. Water management techniques – Hydroponics/Aquaponics
2. Micro Irrigation techniques
3. Organic cultivation
4. Dairy farms and Dairy value addition
5. Kibbutz farms (dairy, crop, renewable energy)

Israel is considered a holy land by many religions and is home to many places of historical importance. Therefore, the programme has been designed to include both professional as well as cultural/leisure visits. The visit may cover Tel Aviv city tour, Jerusalem city tour, Bethlehem visit, and visit to Dead sea etc., among others.

B. Tentative Schedule

The programme will spread over 8 days starting from 18th to 25th November 2019. The programme will commence from New Delhi International Airport and conclude at the same place. The team will depart from Delhi to Tel Aviv in the evening of 18th November 2019 (Monday) and will return to Delhi in the morning of 25th November 2019 (Monday).



The broad schedule of the Programme is indicated in the following table:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Dates	
1	Out-bound journey [DEL–Tel Aviv]	18 th Nov 2019 [Sun] – 18.00 hrs	18 th Nov 2019 [Sun] – 21.45 hrs
2	Programme in Israel	19 th Nov 2019 (Monday)	24 th November 2019 (Sunday)
3	Return journey [Tel Aviv - DEL]	24 th November 2019 (Sunday) – 21.25 hrs	25 th November 2019 (Monday) – 07.25 hrs

The participants should report to New Delhi International Airport by 2 pm (14.00 hrs) on 18th November 2019. The timings may change depending on flight confirmations and will be intimated.

The programme has been chalked out in consultation with the host agencies in Israel and a travel partner engaged by BIRD. It will be BIRD's endeavor to stick to the schedule indicated as above, to the maximum extent possible. However, there may be some last minute changes/modifications in departure/arrival timings, depending on availability of flights. It may kindly be noted that we do not hold any reservations in flights/hotels and all travel/boarding/lodging arrangements will be made depending on confirmation from nominating institutions. Hence, the final itinerary will be made available after confirmation of all logistics by BIRD, Lucknow.

C. Who can attend?

The programme would be highly useful for Policy makers and Executives/Officials from Government, Reserve Bank of India, NABARD, Banks, Research Institutions, National and State Rural Livelihood Missions, Farmers Producer Organisations, Non-Governmental Organisations, Micro Finance Institutions, Commodity Boards, Co-operative Federations etc.

D. Programme Fee

The fee for the programme is **Rs. 2,45,000/- per participant** (plus applicable GST @18%).

The programme fee **INCLUDES** the following:

- Return airfare from Delhi to Tel Aviv
- Accommodation in 4-star/similar category hotels in Israel on **Twin sharing basis**
- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner on all days in Israel
- Transport for programme related visits in Israel
- Israel Visa & Overseas Mediclaim

The fee **DOES NOT INCLUDE** any increase in visa fee or airline taxes, laundry, telephone, portorage, excess baggage etc.



The payment schedule is as under:

Particulars	Amount Rs.
Total Fee per participant	Rs. 2,45,000 + 18% GST i.e. 2,45,000+44100=Rs.289100
Confirmed Nominations along with payment of full fee on before 31 August 2019	Rs. 2,45,000 + 18% GST i.e. 2,45,000+44100=Rs.289100
Confirmation and payment after 31 August 2019 – with 10% late fee	Rs.2,69,500 + 18% GST i.e Rs.2,69,500+Rs.48510 = Rs.3,18,010/-

The fees may be remitted to us, preferably on-line [NEFT/RTGS, etc.] or by Demand draft favouring 'Bankers Institute of Rural Development' payable at Lucknow. Our bank details are furnished below:

Name of the Institute	Bankers Institute of Rural Development
Address	Sector-H, LDA Colony, Kanpur Road, Lucknow – 226 012
PAN No.	AAATB5910G
Name of the Bank & Branch	Kotak Mahindra Bank, Ashiyana Branch, Lucknow – 226 001(UP)
Bank Account No.	5411848265
IFSC	KKBK0005199
Type of Account	Saving

In case the participation fee is remitted online by NEFT / RTGS, the UTR no. along with the name of the participant may be advised to us immediately through FAX / e-mail. [Fax. No. 0522 – 242 1047, 242 1176 and e-mail: bird@nabard.org; training.birdlucknow@nabard.org; dinesh.p@nabard.org and dinesh.nabard@gmail.com .

E. Accompanying Guests of nominated participants

This being an international exposure visit, BIRD shall favourably consider requests for accompanying guests of the nominated participants. However, all risks and responsibility for the accompanying guests shall solely rest with the nominated participant. Since, the accommodation is being arranged on Twin sharing basis, such accompanying guests will have to **necessarily** share the accommodation with the participant concerned, at all locations where lodging is provided, as part of the programme. No separate accommodation shall be arranged by BIRD, Lucknow in this regard. While such guests are free to join the team in its official field visits, any deviation for local visits on their own shall be permitted, at their sole risks and costs. Deviations/adjustments for facilities not availed shall NOT be considered.

Such accompanying guests shall also pay the fee of **Rs. 2,45,000/- plus GST @ 18% as applicable to participants.**



F. How to Apply

Enrolment will be made on receipt of the nomination forms [as per enclosed format] along with the fees. The intake of participants for the programme will be limited to the first 30 confirmed nominations received, on a “**first come first served basis**”. Nominations may be forwarded to us as early as possible.

G. Last Date for Receiving Nominations with fees

Last date for receiving nomination along with applicable fees at BIRD, Lucknow will be **31st August 2019**.

Nominations received after 31st August 2019 shall be confirmed subject to availability of tickets, host agencies acceptance and nominating agencies willingness to pay extra charges, if any, towards tickets, other logistics, etc.

You are requested to send nomination forms in the enclosed form [photocopies may be used] as early as possible to enable us to make the necessary arrangements in time.

H. Visa Requirements

BIRD has engaged a Travel Partner who will arrange visa and other overseas travel formalities like overseas travel / medical insurance policy, etc. The participants will be required to submit their Visa application along with necessary documents as listed below to the travel logistics partner as per schedule to be communicated by them. It may also be noted that the nominated participants may be required to make personal appearance at the Israel Embassy for getting the Visa issued.

The visa requirements are broadly as under:

- Passport having minimum validity of 6 months.
- To apply for a visa, two blank leaves in the passport are required.
- Visa form along with copy of check list
- Invitation letter in Host letter head [will be provided by BIRD, Lucknow]
- Letter from employer [with name and designation] stating current designation, period of employment and current salary statement indicating break up of gross salary]
- Hotel confirmation [will be communicated by BIRD Lucknow]
- Ticket [Xerox Copy/ e-mail to be sent by Travel Partner]
- Overseas Travel / Medical Insurance (to be arranged by Travel Partner)
- Bank statement of last 6 months signed by bank Manager
- Income tax return for last 3 years
- Visa Fees (to be paid by Travel Partner)

The exact requirements in this regard will be communicated by the Travel Partner after confirming the nominations.



I. Medical Facilities to Participants

Although we wish all the participants a very pleasant stay & good health during their visit to Israel, we would like to request you not to depute such persons for the programme, who are suffering from serious ailments. Further, in case any participant falls sick during the course of the programme and requires specialist attention/ hospitalization, medical facilities may be arranged by BIRD/Host Institution, but all the expenses incurred by BIRD, Lucknow in providing medical care shall have to borne by the nominating institution / participant concerned.

J. Other Terms and Conditions:

1. **Cancellation Fee:** BIRD, Lucknow is required to forward the confirmed list of participants along with full fee to the host agencies in Israel/Travel Logistics Partner at least 2 months before the commencement of the programme to arrange all on-ground/in-field logistics. Accordingly, the exposure visit will be governed by the following cancellation policy:

Sl. No.	Cancellation Period	Cancellation Fees
a	Confirmed Nominations cancelled till 31 August 2019	15% of fees [excl. taxes]
b	Confirmed Nominations cancelled between 1 September 2019 and 30 September 2019	50% of fees paid [excl. taxes]
c	Confirmed Nominations cancelled after 30 September 2019	100% of fees paid [excl. taxes].

2. In respect of cancelled nominations, only the part of Programme Fee, nett of taxes, will be refunded, as indicated in 1 above. The Tax component, in no case, shall be refunded, as the same would have already been remitted by BIRD, Lucknow to the Govt. authorities.

3. Substitution of nominations shall be done at the sole discretion of BIRD, Lucknow. Requests for substituting nominations, if accepted, shall also entail the payment of such additional costs as may be incurred by BIRD, Lucknow to facilitate the request. However, substitution of nominations shall be permitted only till 30th September 2019.

4. BIRD, Lucknow shall not be responsible in case the nominated participant is not able to undertake the visit due to reasons like passport not in order, visa not issued, etc. Even in such circumstances, the policy of charging cancellation fees as indicated above shall apply.

5. Under NO circumstances, requests for booking of individual air tickets in deviation from the official travel itinerary, shall be considered.

6. In the unfortunate event of any of the nominated participants/ accompanying guests [if any] losing their travel documents [Passport, Visa, Air Tickets, etc.] during the course of the programme, BIRD Lucknow may, *without recourse*, co-ordinate with the local host, for providing location-based travel-assist/alternate arrangements. However, all costs in this regard will have to be borne by the nominated participant / nominating institution.



7. BIRD, Lucknow shall not be responsible if any of the scheduled programmes, as per the itinerary, gets cancelled due to circumstances beyond its control like natural calamities/terrorist attacks/accidents/missed flights, etc.

8. It shall be the responsibility of the nominated participant to fulfil all the necessary formalities for obtaining visa and overseas medical/travel insurance, well in time for joining the visit. BIRD, Lucknow, at best, shall provide the necessary facilitation support and guidance.

K. Contact Details:

For further enquiries, please feel free to contact:

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NOMINATION-CUM-DECLARATION FORM

Training-cum-Exposure Visits to Israel on High-tech Agriculture, Agro-Processing, Dairying and Water Resources Management: 18th to 25th November 2019

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GIVEN NAME [in Capital Letters: as appearing in passport]

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SURNAME [in Capital Letters: as appearing in passport]

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Recent Passport size [35 mm x 45 mm] colour photo on mat paper

Date of birth Date Month Year

Sex: Male Female

Passport Details: Passport No :

[Pl. attach self attested copy of passport pages containing personal information]

Place of issue: Date of Issue

Valid up to:

Whether the passport has ECNR endorsement: Yes No

Educational / Professional Qualifications

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Employer & Office Address incl. Name and phone number of contact person -----

Present designation: -----



Address for correspondence-----

Emergency Contact Number / Name -----

Telephone No: Office..... Residence.....
Mobile.....
Office Fax No..... e-mail.....
Nationality

Declaration

I hereby accept the terms & conditions indicated by BIRD, Lucknow in their brochure regarding the Training-cum-Exposure visit to Israel during 18 to 25 November 2019.

I undertake to pay to BIRD Lucknow any additional expenses incurred by them on my behalf during the course of the visit on account of medical emergency or any other unforeseen eventualities.

Participant's Signature
Signature
Signature/seal of Head of Sponsoring Organization or Head of Dept.

Particulars of Course fee:
Demand Draft No. / On-line Transfer
Date..... Amount Rs.....
Name of the Issuing Bank/Branch/ URT Number

The duly signed Nomination-cum-Declaration Form must reach BIRD Lucknow by 31st August 2019. Please e-mail your nomination form to: bird@nabard.org with copy to training.birdlucknow@nabard.org; dinesh.p@nabard.org and dinesh.nabard@gmail.com