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**KERALA AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY**

**Agri Online Courses**

**Krisi patasala**

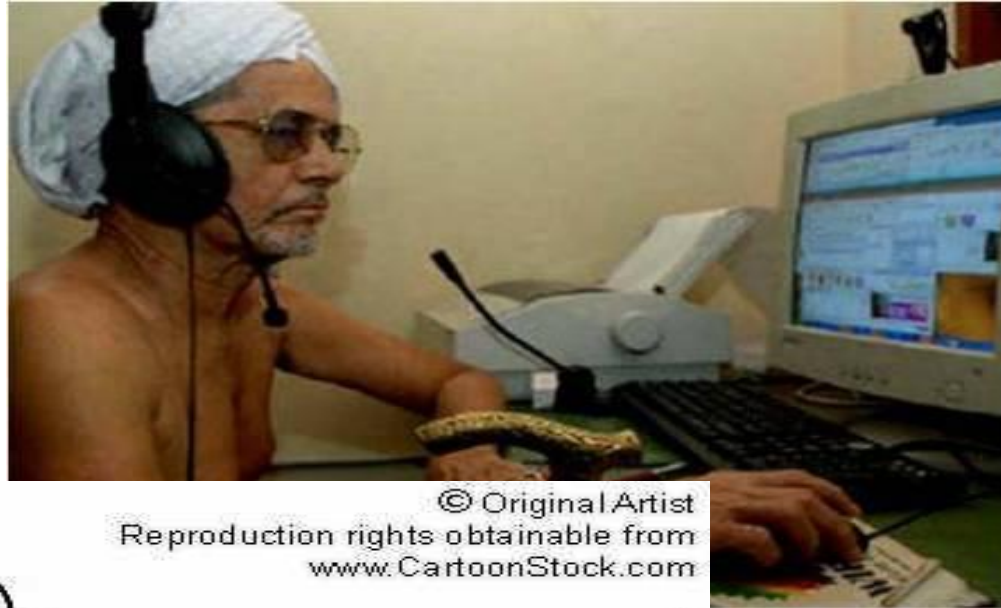
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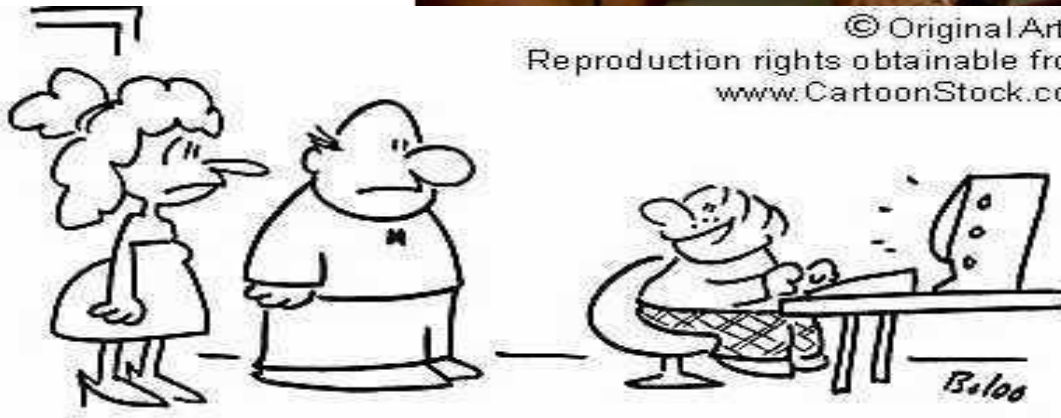
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# EDUCATION DOES NOT HAVE THE LIMITS OF DISTANCE AND AGE



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"You don't have to worry about my future any more  
— I just downloaded an entire college education."



- Realising this, Kerala Agricultural University launched the pioneer Indian Project of using a Cyber Plat form for Online courses in agriculture
- The courses were aptly called as ഇ-കൃഷിപഠാശാല(इ -कृषि पाठशाला)



- We designed purely indigenously, a Digital Course Management system for online courses
- The Content generation and Course modules were prepared with the help of experts of the State Agricultural University



# KAU ONLINE COURSES

- ❑ In November 2012, three Online Courses were launched (Certificate Courses of 6 months' duration):
  1. Organic Agricultural Management
  2. Plant Propagation and Nursery Management
  3. Post Harvest Management & Marketing of Fruits and Vegetables



# CEL ONLINE COURSE

- Received hundreds of applications for the course from within India and abroad
- Final participants were from Kerala, outside Kerala, middle east and even from the USA Participants are of age range of 17-65 years
- Wide range of formal educational qualification from Senior secondary to Post Graduation



- All aspects of the courses are managed online:
- Registration, Dispatch of lessons, lectures, video clippings, practical demonstration videos, assignment and project topics, ....all are online.
- Online learners are attached to the Faculty of the State Agricultural university as Tutors and consultants





- The Krishipatasala uses the KAU Agri-Infotech Portal [www.celkau.in](http://www.celkau.in) as the platform for running the Course program



- Learners clear their doubts and share information with the consultants through internet and the specially designed 'Discussion Forum'
- Submission of assignments, Case studies and Project reports are online
- All the examinations are done online



- Quarterly contact classes for practicals are arranged
- Attendance in contact classes are optional
- The videographed contact classes are sent to all participants
- Online reference sources are suggested to the learners



- A separate e-mail forum and a common Chat forum are provided for peer discussions and exchange of ideas among the learners





# KAU Agri - Infotech Portal

## Centre for E-Learning

### Kerala Agricultural University



Tuesday, September 10, 2013

Information Home Google Custom Search



### Welcome to KAU Agri-Infotech Portal

This KAU Agri-Infotech portal is an ICT enabled platform for demand-driven Technology Information and Advisory Service for farmers, extensionists, researchers, students, and all other stakeholders of the Agri-front.



**LATEST NEWS**

Agricultural Research Station, Asakkayam (Malappuram Dt.) starts new training courses.

Pre: 2 New Units of Module - 4 have been uploaded

CEL, KandiKorathur 2012 Joseph Pellan Farm, new

0:00 / 4:00

Online Course Platform link

Agri



Animal Husbandry



Crop Doctor



Farmers' Corner



Fisheries



Crop Health Diagnoser



CEL Forum



Farm Machinery



Agri Inputs & Services



Newsletter



Market Intelligence



Agri Almanac



Media



Agri Meteorology

- E-Resources
- E-Library
- Agri Data Repository
- Kerala Agri Directory
- Photo-Gallery
- Video-Gallery
- Important Weblinks

Visitors since 1/11/2012 : 49021

# ONLINE COURSE LOGIN PAGE



- Users are provided with the username and password to login

# ONLINE COURSE PLATFORM



The screenshot displays the KAU Agri - Infotech Portal interface. At the top, a green banner features the KAU logo on the left, the text "KAU Agri - Infotech Portal" and "Centre for E-Learning Kerala Agricultural University" in the center, and the KAU emblem on the right. Below the banner, a navigation bar includes "Information Gateway on Agr Home" and a "Logout" link. The main content area shows a "Welcome Mr. Vipin.V.P" message and "Course : Organic Agricultural Management". A secondary navigation bar contains icons and labels for "My Profile", "Course Materials", "Course Consultant", "Self Assessment Test", "Mail", and "Forum". The central message reads "Welcome to the Online Course" in red, followed by a bullet point: "• Self Assessment Test[SAT]-II of Module-2 is uploaded. Take down the test seriously".



# COURSE MATERIALS

**KAU Agri - Infotech Portal**  
Centre for E-Learning  
Kerala Agricultural University

[Inform Home](#) [Logout](#)

Welcome **Mr. Vipin.V.P**

Course : **Organic Agricultural Management**

[My Profile](#) [Course Materials](#) [Course Consultant](#) [Self Assessment Test](#) [Mail](#) [Forum](#)

**Course Materials**

Lessons  
 Videos



MODULE 1 - UNIT 1	<a href="#">View</a>	<a href="#">Download</a>
MODULE 1 - UNIT 1 (MALAYALAM)	<a href="#">View</a>	<a href="#">Download</a>
MODULE 1 - UNIT 2	<a href="#">View</a>	<a href="#">Download</a>
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MODULE 1 - UNIT 9	<a href="#">View</a>	<a href="#">Download</a>
MODULE 1 - UNIT 10	<a href="#">View</a>	<a href="#">Download</a>



# ONLINE COURSE VIDEOS

 **KAU Agri - Infotech Portal**  
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Information Gateway on Agriculture to Convert "Know It Home" [Logout](#)

Welcome Mr. Vipin.V.P 

Course : Organic Agricultural Management

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**Course Materials**

Lessons  
 Videos



Zero Budget Farming	<a href="#">View</a>	<a href="#">Watch</a>
Organic Farming in Kerala	<a href="#">View</a>	<a href="#">Watch</a>
Mohammed Karshakothama Award Winner	<a href="#">View</a>	<a href="#">Watch</a>

# EXAMS



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### SELF-ASSESSMENT TEST

**Module 1**

1. Crop rotation is not a necessary practice in an organic farming unit.

True  
 False

[Next](#)

# EXAMS

- Exams are purely online
- We conducted two self Assessment tests and one Mid-Term Exam
- Mid-Term Exam is fully time bounded
- The participants get their Score card immediately after the exam



# CONTACT CLASSES



# ONLINE COURSE FORUM

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Course : Organic Agricultural Management

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+ ADD POST

Q.No.	Post	Posted by	Comments
1	I attended the mid term exam and scored 14/20.5 I understand that this is not a good score but due to some technical difficulties I was not able to attend 5 questions -matter of time ok but the problem is that till now I have not received the cd Sari Kumar	saskunarkp	0
2	I attend my Mid-Term Exam. I am not satisfactory in my performance.I will make better result in next chance,	mohammedshahE	0
3	WISH SUCCESS FOR ALL OAM CANDIDATES FOR THE MID-TERN EXAM	harshik	0
4	Dear Sri. Ansari..... As we had given you an opportunity by way of the Self Assessment Test (SAT), we are not in a position to give you another model question paper. More over we have already briefed you over phone and mail, about the mode of the examination and question paper. Wish you all the best..... CEL	coursecoordinator	0
5	Sir, can you please give us a model question paper before the first examination	ansarigh	0
6	Dear participants... There is no CD exclusively on 'Contact classes'. We have sent by courier one DVD containing the lessons covered so far with a few video clippings.Please note that your First exam has already been notified . Please click on the scrolling news in the Home page of the website celkau.in Regards...CEL	coursecoordinator	0
7	KINDLY UPLOAD THE 'SELF ASSESSMENT TEST' FOR REMAINING MODULE.	mohammedshahE	1
8	Please let me know when the exam starts.Is it possible to get contact class details through CD?	jayashrees	0
9	Please do send us the contact class CDs and do let me know when the exams will be.	mangushajaysprakashmenon	0
10	MISSED THE CONTACT CLASS.	binu somara	0
11	Eagerly waiting for Assignment & Project topic and guidelines and also for Video DVD.	sudheeshrj	0

- A forum is implemented for discussing doubts and sharing their views

# MAIL SYSTEM

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- An internal Mail system is provided for the participants to contact with the course coordinator

# CONCLUSION

- The Learners have appreciated the user-friendliness of the e-Krishi patashala
- The experience of the first three Online courses has motivated us to start an array of new online courses like Precision farming, Hi-tech agriculture and Agri business management





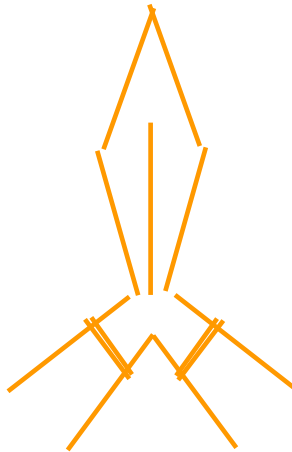
**THROUGH THE ONLINE COURSES,**

*We have reached the Un reached!*

*Connected to the Disconnected ....!!*

*Information is for sharing !!!*

*And education at their door step...!!!!*



**Thank You**