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To,  
The Managing Director,

**Sub: One day workshop on 'Promotion of pre-seasonal Sugarcane planting, Intercropping and Integrated nutrient management.'**

Dear Sir,

The institute has initiated the intensive programme of monthly one day workshop on important need based themes of sugarcane development for the officers and staff working in Agriculture department of sugar mills. The officers from sugar mills are actively participating in the workshop and the activity is becoming more and more beneficial in planning and implementation of the cane development activities in the area of sugar mills.

Accordingly, a one day workshop on 'Promotion of pre-seasonal Sugarcane planting, Intercropping and Integrated nutrient management.' for Agricultural Officers, Cane Development officers and Agricultural graduates is scheduled on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2018 at Institute campus from a series of workshops planned for this year.

Choosing appropriate season for growing sugarcane is an essential step to raise a successful crop. The pre-season sugarcane crop occupies the land about 30% of the total area under sugarcane. This crop is more preferable for yield, sugar recovery and net returns per month per unit area than the Adsali crop. Also found suitable for intercropping because of the slow growth rate of sugarcane crop during winter, less infestation of diseases & pests and maximizing the income of the farmers.

Sugarcane is a giant crop producing huge quantity of biomass and therefore its nutrient needs are high. The efficiencies of applied fertilizers usually range from 20 to 40 percent. Higher cane and sugar yields cannot be produced and sustained without adequate amounts of fertilizer nutrients. An approach of integrated nutrient management comprising chemical, organic and biological fertilizers in suitable combination complementing each other and produces synergistic effect for maximizing sugarcane productivity.

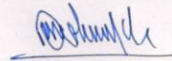
All the aspects of planting seasons, intercropping and integrated nutrient management in sugarcane will be discussed in the workshop.

Looking to the importance of topic of the workshop, it is requested to depute your Officers and field staff from Agriculture Division to participate in this most important workshop.

Please confirm the participation of your staff at the earliest with Registration fee of Rs. 500/- per participant by cash or demand draft drawn in favor of Vasantdada Sugar Institute Pune. Please contact Mr. P. V. Ghodke or Mrs. (Dr) P.S.Deshmukh, workshop coordinators (020 26902243, 26902278/ 9822013482, 9921546831) for details of workshop. An early and positive action is appreciated.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,

  
(Vikas Deshmukh)