



Massive Open Online Course in Plant Biosecurity (1st May – 31st July, 2025)

Information Brochure

About the Course:

Plant Biosecurity is of paramount importance to any country to safeguard food-security, sustainability of agriculture/horticulture production, protecting livelihood of people and facilitate safe trade. Realizing the importance of plant biosecurity, NIPHM launched MOOCs in Plant Biosecurity in 2019 and successfully completed 12 batches. In order to increase the reach out and cover large number of candidates, NIPHM proposed to organize **13th batch** in the month of May, 2025.

Objectives:

The objective of the course is to create awareness about plant biosecurity, plant quarantine system, to combat invasive plant pest threats, to enhance technical capabilities and human capacity building to meet such threats and to enhance Sanitary and Phytosanitary compliance.

Salient Features of the Course:

- As an online course in an user-friendly manner under MOOCs platform
- Comprehensive coverage to cater the sectorial needs
- Availability of reading material for each topic covered under the course
- Comprehensive assessment of the candidates
- A certificate (on successful completion) from NIPHM

Eligibility Criteria:

- Graduate in any stream (provisional or degree certificate) / pursuing final year in graduation (bonafide study certificate issued by Head of the Institution / College) has to be uploaded in support of claim
- The degree must be from a recognized Indian University
- The degree must be from any Indian University incorporated by an Act of Central or State Legislature in India or other educational Institution established by an Act of Parliament or declared to be deemed University under section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956.
- In case the qualification of a candidate is from a foreign university, it must be recognized by Government of India, as equivalent to a degree offered in India.

Minimum Age: 20 years

Medium of Instruction: English

Course Structure and Content:

The certificate course has 24 lectures and will be offered in 3 months. It covers plant biosecurity, plant quarantine, International and National regulations, import and export procedures for plants/plant products, phytosanitary treatments and regional harmonization of phytosanitary measures to safeguard regional biosecurity.

Course Fee: Rs. 2500/- to be paid at the time of admission to NIPHM through RTGS/NIPHM Payments QR code after approval of registration for the course.

Last Date for Registration: 13th April, 2025

Last Date for Payment of Fees: 23rd April, 2025

Patron: Dr. Sagar Hanuman Singh, IPoS, Director General, NIPHM

Course Director: Dr. C. Alice R. P. Sujeetha, Director (Plant Biosecurity)

Course Coordinator: Dr. R. Madhubala, Assistant Director (PD)

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