

Scheme Name	Capacity Building Training for Farmer Members and Chief Executive Officers of Farmer Producer Companies in the State
Scheme Start	2023-24
Target Beneficiaries	150
Scheme Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide ideal management practices for Farmer Producer Companies (FPC) or farmer groups. • To help FPCs with financial supply, planning, and management development. • To provide opportunities, scope, and operational systems for FPCs in agricultural product export. • To provide a sustainable supply of inputs to members through FPCs. • To help understand market dynamics. • To provide a system for online sales of agricultural products through FPCs. • To help with the marketing, storage, processing, value addition, and creation of a value chain for agricultural products. • To facilitate communication and provide guidance to FPC members. • To provide training on professional risk and financial management. • To provide information on various central and state-sponsored schemes for FPCs. <p>Sarathi has implemented this scheme for the financial year 2023-24 with the objective that FPCs become self-sufficient, sustainable, and have active participation from farmers.</p>
Scheme Details	Sarathi will provide a free five-day residential training facility in various districts of the state for directors, members, and chief executive officers of Farmer Producer Companies from the target group (Maratha, Kunbi, Maratha-Kunbi, and Kunbi-Maratha). This includes guidance from various subject experts, training materials, tea, snacks, meals, accommodation, field visits, and a certificate.
Training Location	Maharashtra Co-operative Development Corporation Pune, Nashik, Aurangabad, Amravati, Wardha, Nagpur, Dapoli, Dist. Ratnagiri.
Training Duration/Phases	5-day residential training.
Beneficiary Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Farmer Producer Company member must be a resident of Maharashtra.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The person eligible for training must belong to the target group of Maratha, Kunbi, Maratha-Kunbi, and Kunbi-Maratha and be a member of a Farmer Producer Company. • The person eligible for training must belong to the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) / Non-Creamy Layer group, or their family's annual income for the last 3 years must not exceed ₹8 lakh, as certified by the concerned Tahsildar. • The producer company must be registered with the Registrar of Companies (RoC) under the Companies Act 2013. • The number of shareholders in the company should not be less than 50. • The farmer should not be a member of a Farmer Producer Company that has received a training grant from NABARD or another government scheme. • A maximum of five people from one company can participate in the training. • The applicant should not have previously benefited from this program under Sarthi, Pune. An applicant will be disqualified if the scheme's terms and conditions are not met.
Required Documents	<p>The applicant must upload clear and legible PDF copies of the following documents when applying online:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EWS / Non-Creamy Layer certificate or Tahsildar's income certificate. • A list submitted to the RoC showing the number of shareholders is not less than 50. • A self-declaration that the farmer is not a member of a Farmer Producer Company that has received a training grant from NABARD or another government scheme. • A letter on the company's letterhead with the names of the five participating individuals, as a maximum of five people from one company can participate. • Each trainee's individual caste certificate and Tahsildar's income certificate must be attached. • A complete application form with a photograph in the prescribed format. Caste certificate. Certificate of registration with the Registrar of Companies (RoC) under the Companies Act 2013. • Domicile certificate, Aadhaar card, School leaving certificate. • Proof of being a member of the Farmer Producer Company (FPC), including a list submitted to the RoC showing their name.

Beneficiary Selection Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An advertisement for online applications will be published on Sarthi's website and in state newspapers. • From the applications received from Farmer Producer Companies, directors, members, and chief executive officers from the target group of 150 FPCs will be selected for training in 2025-26 based on evaluation and higher scores. • A maximum of one member from a family will be selected for the training. The training will be free.
Benefits	<p>A free five-day residential training facility will be provided in various districts of the state for directors, members, and chief executive officers of Farmer Producer Companies from the Sarthi target group (Maratha, Kunbi, Maratha-Kunbi, and Kunbi-Maratha). This includes guidance from various subject experts, training materials, tea, snacks, meals, accommodation, field visits, and a certificate. The amount of ₹10,030 per trainee will be paid to the training institute by Sarthi.</p>
About the Training Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This training will be organized by Maharashtra Co-operative Development Corporation in Pune, Nashik, Aurangabad, Amravati, Wardha, Nagpur, and Dapoli, Dist. Ratnagiri. • After completing the training, the Maharashtra Co-operative Development Corporation will provide free guidance to the Farmer Producer Companies for the next two years. This will include providing business opportunities, preparing project reports, supplying inputs, market linkages, equity grants, proposals, information on FPC-related schemes, access to funds from banks and financial institutions, and coordinating with government officials and other stakeholders. If necessary, additional training on various innovative subjects will be provided in the next financial year based on the progress of the Farmer Producer Company.
Disqualification Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incomplete documents or failure to submit them within the specified period. • Filling out false or incorrect information in the online application. • Having previously benefited from this training under this program within Sarthi. • Not meeting the age criteria. Violation of rules.
Beneficiary Numbers 2023-24 to 2024-25	131