



# Model Curriculum

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## Training Parameters

<b>Sector</b>	Agriculture
<b>Sub-Sector</b>	Forestry, Environment and Renewable Energy Management
<b>Occupation</b>	Agro-Forestry Management
<b>Country</b>	India
<b>NSQF Level</b>	4
<b>Aligned to NCO/ISCO/ISIC Code</b>	NCO-2015/6210.9900
<b>Minimum Educational Qualification and Experience</b>	<p>12<sup>th</sup> grade pass</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Completed 2<sup>nd</sup> year of 3-year diploma (after 10<sup>th</sup>) and pursuing regular diploma</p> <p>OR</p> <p>10<sup>th</sup> grade pass plus 2-year NTC</p> <p>OR</p> <p>10<sup>th</sup> grade pass plus 1-year NTC plus 1 year NAC</p> <p>OR</p> <p>8<sup>th</sup> pass plus 2-year NTC plus 1-Year NAC plus CITS</p> <p>OR</p> <p>10<sup>th</sup> grade pass and pursuing continuous schooling</p> <p>OR</p> <p>10<sup>th</sup> Grade Pass with 2 years of relevant experience</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level 3.0 with minimum education as 8<sup>th</sup> Grade pass with 3 years of experience</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level 3.5 with 1.5 year of experience</p>
<b>Pre-Requisite License or Training</b>	NA
<b>Minimum Job Entry Age</b>	18 Years
<b>Last Reviewed On</b>	05/01/2023
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<b>Minimum Duration of the Course</b>	390 Hours
<b>Maximum Duration of the Course</b>	390 Hours

## Program Overview

This section summarizes the end objectives of the program along with its duration.

### Training Outcomes

At the end of the program, the learner should have acquired the listed knowledge and skills to:

- Demonstrate the process of planning and planting trees, woody plants and shrubs.
- Demonstrate the process of performing pest, disease and nutrient management of trees, woody plants and shrubs.
- Demonstrate the process of carrying out pruning, felling and other maintenance activities.
- Describe the process of performing general maintenance of trees.
- Demonstrate various practices to ensure health and safety at work.

### Compulsory Modules

The table lists the modules and their duration corresponding to the Compulsory NOS of the QP.

NOS and Module Details	Theory Duration	Practical Duration	On-the-Job Training Duration (Mandatory)	On-the-Job Training Duration (Recommended)	Total Duration
<b>AGR/N6135: Plan and plant trees, woody plants and shrubs</b> NOS Version- 1.0 NSQF Level- 4	30:00	30:00	0:00	00:00	60:00
Module 1: Introduction to the role of a Vriksh Sanrakshak	05:00	0:00	0:00	00:00	05:00
Module 2: Process of planning and planting trees, woody plants and shrubs	25:00	30:00	0:00	00:00	55:00
<b>AGR/N6136: Perform pest, disease and nutrient management of trees, woody plants and shrubs</b> NOS Version- 1.0 NSQF Level- 4	30:00	30:00	0:00	00:00	60:00
Module 3: Process of performing pest, disease and nutrient management of trees, woody plants and shrubs	30:00	30:00	0:00	00:00	60:00
<b>AGR/N6137: Carry out pruning, felling and other</b>	30:00	30:00	0:00	00:00	60:00

<b>maintenance activities</b> <b>NOS Version- 1.0</b> <b>NSQF Level- 4</b>					
Module 4: Process of carrying out pruning, felling and other maintenance activities	30:00	30:00	0:00	00:00	60:00
<b>AGR/N6138: Perform general maintenance of trees</b> <b>NOS Version- 1.0</b> <b>NSQF Level- 4</b>	<b>25:00</b>	<b>35:00</b>	<b>0:00</b>	<b>00:00</b>	<b>60:00</b>
Module 5: Process of performing general maintenance of trees	25:00	35:00	0:00	00:00	60:00
<b>AGR/N9903 Maintain health and safety at the workplace</b> <b>NOS Version- 3.0</b> <b>NSQF Level- 4</b>	<b>05:00</b>	<b>25:00</b>	<b>0:00</b>	<b>00:00</b>	<b>30:00</b>
Module 6: Hygiene and cleanliness	02:00	10:00	0:00	00:00	12:00
Module 7: Safety and emergency procedures	03:00	15:00	0:00	00:00	18:00
<b>DGT/VSQ/N0102: Employability Skills (60 Hours)</b> <b>NOS Version- 1.0</b> <b>NSQF Level- 4</b>	<b>60:00</b>	<b>00:00</b>	<b>0:00</b>	<b>00:00</b>	<b>60:00</b>
Module 8: Employability Skills	60:00	00:00	0:00	00:00	60:00
Module 9: OJT	0:00	0:00	60:00	0:00	60:00
<b>Total Duration</b>	<b>180:00</b>	<b>150:00</b>	<b>60:00</b>	<b>00:00</b>	<b>390:00</b>

# Module Details

## Module 1: Introduction to the role of a Vriksh Sanrakshak

*Mapped to AGR/N6135 v1.0*

### Terminal Outcomes:

- Discuss the job role of an Vriksh Sanrakshak.

<b>Duration: 05:00</b>	<b>Duration: 0:00</b>
<b>Theory – Key Learning Outcomes</b>	<b>Practical – Key Learning Outcomes</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe the size and scope of the agriculture industry and its sub-sectors.</li> <li>• Discuss the role and responsibilities of a Vriksh Sanrakshak.</li> <li>• Identify various employment opportunities for a Vriksh Sanrakshak.</li> </ul>	
<b>Classroom Aids</b>	
Training Kit - Trainer Guide, Presentations, Whiteboard, Marker, Projector, Laptop, Video Films	
<b>Tools, Equipment and Other Requirements</b>	
NA	

## Module 2: Process of planning and planting trees, woody plants and shrubs

*Mapped to AGR/N6135 v1.0*

### Terminal Outcomes:

- Explain the process of selecting the site and tree/woody plant/shrub species.
- Describe the process of preparing the layout and arrange the resources.
- Describe the process of preparing the site for planting.
- Demonstrate the process of planting trees, woody plants and shrubs.
- Demonstrate the process of setting up stakes, support and windbreaks.

Duration: 25:00	Duration: 30:00
Theory – Key Learning Outcomes	Practical – Key Learning Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elucidate the scope and nature of arboriculture or vriksh sanrakshan.</li> <li>• Explain the basics of horticulture.</li> <li>• Explain different types of plant and tree species, e.g. deciduous trees (maple, birch, betula, ash, oak, etc.).</li> <li>• Explain the biology of trees, i.e. photosynthesis, respiration, transpiration, vernalization, etc.</li> <li>• Discuss the identification of different types of native and exotic plant and tree species.</li> <li>• Explain different types of soils suitable for a variety of trees.</li> <li>• Discuss the structures of different types of soils.</li> <li>• Describe the process of identifying the appropriate spots at the recommended planting density for planting trees, woody plants and shrubs to ensure their optimum growth.</li> <li>• List different species of trees, woody plants and shrubs suitable for growing in different climate zones and soil conditions.</li> <li>• State the criteria to identify the appropriate tree species to be grown in different agro-climatic zones.</li> <li>• State the criteria for establishing a tree plantation at a specific site, considering the site restrictions,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare a sample layout planning the placement of varieties of trees, plants and shrubs to ensure aesthetics and no obstructions and disruptions to utilities.</li> <li>• Demonstrate the process removing any debris and digging holes of the recommended dimensions.</li> <li>• Demonstrate the process of applying the recommended organic and inorganic fertilizers in the holes before planting.</li> <li>• Show how to prepare seed balls for the relevant seed varieties to aid their handling and germination.</li> <li>• Demonstrate the process of propagating tree seedlings/ saplings following the appropriate propagation methods.</li> <li>• Demonstrate the process of planting the selected trees, woody plants and shrubs appropriately, maintaining the planned planting density.</li> <li>• Demonstrate the process of transplanting the tree seedlings/ saplings taking the appropriate precautions to ensure their survival.</li> <li>• Show how to apply the recommended organic or inorganic fertilizers to the trees, plants and shrubs immediately after planting.</li> <li>• Demonstrate the process of installing stakes to train the growth of trees,</li> </ul>



<p>costs, functions, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe the process of designing tree plantations, considering the factors such as the soil profile, climate suitability for selected tree species, the influence of trees on buildings and utilities, etc.</li> <li>• Explain the importance of checking trees, plants and shrubs while procuring them to ensure they are free from pests and diseases.</li> <li>• State the recommended temperature and humidity for storing the procured trees, woody plants and shrubs.</li> <li>• Explain different seed propagation techniques.</li> <li>• Elucidate how to propagate the appropriate tree varieties in a nursery and how to maintain the nursery stock.</li> <li>• Discuss the relevant plant establishment programs.</li> <li>• State the environments hostile to tree growth.</li> <li>• Explain the process of preparing organic fertilizers, such as manure and Farm Yard Manure (FYM), using green and animal waste.</li> <li>• Discuss the importance of prioritizing the use of organic fertilizers over inorganic fertilizers</li> <li>• Explain the importance of using inorganic fertilizers judiciously to maintain the soil health.</li> <li>• Elucidate the appropriate care to be provided after planting to help plants and trees establish.</li> <li>• Describe the process of planting advanced-sized trees and bare-rooted plants.</li> <li>• Describe the process of transplanting trees and the use of tree guards.</li> <li>• Describe the process of acclimatizing different types of plants and trees.</li> <li>• Explain the benefits of planting fire,</li> </ul>	<p>plants and shrubs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate the process of setting up appropriate support/aids to train plants into decorative shapes.</li> <li>• Demonstrate the process of planting appropriate types of trees as windbreaks to protect young and tender plants from strong winds.</li> <li>• Show how to create pergolas around plants for improved support.</li> <li>• Demonstrate the process of installing decorative tree guards.</li> <li>• Demonstrate the process of setting up lacy ironwork trellis or wooden lattice for climbers.</li> <li>• Demonstrate the process of installing appropriate support to provide support to heavy and large trees.</li> </ul>
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<p>acid, saline and frost-resistant trees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain the importance of planting hardy trees in city areas.</li> <li>• State the influence of trees on buildings and the appropriate considerations.</li> <li>• Explain the importance of ensuring efficient drainage of water to prevent waterlogging at the planting spots.</li> <li>• Explain the importance and process of installing appropriate support such as stakes to train the growth of trees, woody plants and shrubs as desired.</li> <li>• Explain how to protect the planted trees, plants and shrubs from strong winds, extreme heat/ cold and astray animals.</li> <li>• List the key consideration for choosing the right tree for the site to maximize its benefits.</li> <li>• List various essential tree nutrition required for their optimum growth.</li> <li>• Discuss general horticulture practices, such as seedbed/nursery bed preparation, sowing/planting varieties of seeds/plants, fertilizer and pesticide application, weeding, training, pruning, etc.</li> <li>• Provide a brief introduction to practices, such as garden management, park management, land rehabilitation, etc.</li> <li>• Explain different approaches to land rehabilitation.</li> <li>• Explain different types of soil appropriate for growing trees.</li> <li>• Explain how to determine the need to install support for trees and plants.</li> <li>• Explain the importance of installing windbreaks, different types of windbreak designs.</li> <li>• Explain how to support a heavy crop of flowers or fruit.</li> <li>• Explain how to support non-clinging</li> </ul>	
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climbers.	
<b>Classroom Aids</b>	
Training Kit (Trainer Guide, Presentations). Whiteboard, Marker, Projector, Laptop	
<b>Tools, Equipment and Other Requirements</b>	
Temperature monitoring device, Fertilizer, Pesticide, Blocks and pulleys, Light and heavy-duty slings, Friction brakes, Rigging plates etc.	

## Module 3: Process of performing pest, disease and nutrient management of trees, woody plants and shrubs

*Mapped to ARG/N6136 v1.0*

### Terminal Outcomes:

- Demonstrate the process of performing pest and disease management.
- Demonstrate the process of performing soil, nutrient and irrigation management.

Duration: 30:00	Duration: 30:00
Theory – Key Learning Outcomes	Practical – Key Learning Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain the basics of tree and plant anatomy and taxonomy, plant pathology, and soil science.</li> <li>• Discuss the applicable arboriculture, horticulture, and landscaping practices and methods.</li> <li>• Elucidate the importance and process of examining trees, plants and shrubs regularly to identify pest, insect and disease infestation.</li> <li>• Explain different classifications of insects and the relevant control measures.</li> <li>• State the control measures for the relevant non-insect pests.</li> <li>• Explain the importance of conducting regular tree and soil inspections, and observing trees growing in a wide variety of conditions for relevant problems.</li> <li>• Elucidate different types of health problems experienced by trees and appropriate treatments for them.</li> <li>• Explain the importance of examining trees, plants and shrubs regularly to identify pest, insect and disease infestation.</li> <li>• List the symptoms of infestation by different types of pests, insects and diseases that affect trees, woody plants and shrubs, such as blight and fungal infection.</li> <li>• Describe the process of diagnosing tree problems.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate how to conduct a pre-work inspection to identify biotic hazards, such as bees and poisonous plants and take appropriate preventive measures.</li> <li>• Show how to remove termite infestation from trees.</li> <li>• Demonstrate the process of applying the recommended pesticides and insecticides to trees, plants and shrubs as per the prescription, using the relevant tools, equipment and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).</li> <li>• Prepare a sample manual and/or electronic record concerning the use of pesticides in the physical registers and the relevant computer application.</li> <li>• Demonstrate the process of applying the recommended treatment in the soil to adjust the pH level.</li> <li>• Demonstrate the process of checking the pH levels in the soil using a pH meter and applying the recommended treatment to adjust the pH level.</li> </ul>

- State the appropriate treatment for heat stress, frost damage and bark wounds.
- Explain the ecology of soils and plant health.
- Describe the process of determining the damage caused to trees by pests and insects and whether they can be saved through treatment or need to be felled.
- Explain the benefits and potential risks of using different types of pesticides.
- Discuss the recommended practices to be followed to prevent adverse effects of pesticides in the surroundings of trees, plants and shrubs.
- Explain how to deal with chemical poisoning.
- State the recommended level of moisture to be maintained in the soil for the healthy growth of trees, woody plants and shrubs.
- Explain how to balance soil composition and maintain correct moisture levels through watering and training.
- Explain the importance of ensuring efficient drainage around trees, plants and shrubs to prevent damages caused by waterlogging.
- Explain the importance of monitoring and maintaining the appropriate soil conditions for the healthy growth of trees, plants and shrubs.
- Describe the process of getting the soil tested by an approved soil testing lab and applying the prescribed treatment to maintain the required macro and micronutrient levels.
- List the appropriate organic and inorganic fertilizers to be applied to a variety of soils for the healthy growth of trees, plants and shrubs.
- State the recommended irrigation

<p>schedule for different species of trees, woody plants, and shrubs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain the importance of applying the recommended organic and inorganic fertilizers to the soil in the recommended quantity for the healthy growth of trees, plants and shrubs.</li> <li>• Explain the main characteristics of common tree genera and the terminology needed for their identification.</li> <li>• Explain various biotic and abiotic disorders relevant to arboriculture.</li> <li>• Explain how to diagnose different types of disorders in trees and the appropriate treatment to be given for them.</li> <li>• State basic tree nutrition requirements.</li> <li>• List the appropriate fertilizers for trees and different fertilizer application methods.</li> <li>• Explain the need and process of pruning trees.</li> <li>• Explain the requirement of training different types of trees and plants and the use of different types of training materials.</li> <li>• Elucidate the symptoms of different types of pest and disease infestation in plants and trees and the appropriate organic and inorganic control measures.</li> <li>• Explain the symptoms of pest infestation in different types of plants and trees, and the appropriate organic and inorganic control measures.</li> <li>• Explain the biological control measures for tree pests and diseases.</li> <li>• Explain the use of various equipment for tree maintenance.</li> <li>• Explain tree injection technique and its applications.</li> </ul>	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe the process of analyzing different specimens of mature trees from each different genera to detect any patterns in problems occurring in those trees.</li> <li>• State the appropriate stage of tree growth for the application of fertilizers.</li> <li>• Explain the advantages and disadvantages of various fertilizer application methods.</li> <li>• Discuss the potential damage lightning may cause to trees and the techniques for installing appropriate protection.</li> <li>• List the appropriate measures to be taken to foster tree stability and health in the urban landscape.</li> <li>• Discuss the appropriate planting techniques crucial for tree survival, establishment, and longevity.</li> <li>• Discuss the arboriculture pest management techniques.</li> <li>• Discuss the arboriculture plant health and pest control practices.</li> <li>• Explain how urban soils can limit root growth and development, and how soils can be improved to foster tree growth.</li> <li>• Discuss how soil structure and the environment affect water availability for trees.</li> <li>• Discuss the strategies to be adopted to protect trees during construction.</li> <li>• Explain the basic principles of tree risk assessment.</li> </ul>	
<b>Classroom Aids</b>	
Training Kit (Trainer Guide, Presentations). Whiteboard, Marker, Projector, Laptop	
<b>Tools, Equipment and Other Requirements</b>	
Saw scabbards, Landscaping tools, Pruners, Chainsaws, Wood chippers etc.	

## Module 4: Process of carrying out pruning, felling and other maintenance activities

*Mapped to AGR/N6137 v1.0*

### Terminal Outcomes:

- Demonstrate the process of carrying out pruning and felling activities.
- Demonstrate the process of carrying out bracing, cabling, bolting and tree surgery.
- Explain the importance of ensuring safety in arboriculture operations.
- Demonstrate the process of carrying out regular maintenance activities.

Duration: 30:00	Duration: 30:00
Theory – Key Learning Outcomes	Practical – Key Learning Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe the process of determining the requirements of pruning trees, plants and shrubs.</li> <li>• Describe the process of assessing threats posed by trees and their root systems to buildings, public access routes, and utilities such as power lines and buildings, and identifying the trees to be removed basis the assessment.</li> <li>• List the relevant documentation to be carried out with respect to the assessment of possible dangers presented by trees.</li> <li>• Explain the use of the relevant accessories such as ropes, harnesses, ladders and PPE for climbing trees, and the importance of checking them for safety before use.</li> <li>• Explain the importance and process of using the relevant PPE during various arboriculture activities.</li> <li>• Explain how to ensure the protection of co-workers and passers-by while working on trees.</li> <li>• Describe the process of determining the need to remove treetops or large branches from treetops and carrying out tree topping.</li> <li>• Discuss the recommended safety practices to be followed while removing fallen, storm-damaged or unwanted trees.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate the process of carrying out appropriate documentation regarding the assessment of possible dangers presented by trees.</li> <li>• Demonstrate the process of setting up necessary safety signs around the worksite.</li> <li>• Show how to prune trees, plants and shrubs and remove the dead/ diseased/ declining ones using the relevant hand and power tools and equipment, such as pruning shears or chainsaw.</li> <li>• Demonstrate the process of carrying out tree topping using the appropriate tools and equipment.</li> <li>• Show how to remove stumps of the removed/ felled trees.</li> <li>• Demonstrate the process of carrying out backfilling after uprooting any trees, plants, and shrubs.</li> <li>• Show how to remove weeds growing in the vicinity of the grown trees, plants and shrubs.</li> <li>• Demonstrate the process of carrying out bracing by bolting metal rods to prevent two branches from splitting apart.</li> <li>• Demonstrate the process of carrying out cabling by attaching a steel cable between two branches to restrict their movement.</li> </ul>



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain the use of relevant arboriculture tools and equipment, such as a chainsaw, chipper, stump grinder, mower, brush-cutter, pruner, trimmer, mulcher, etc.</li> <li>• Describe the process of root pruning.</li> <li>• Explain the use of relevant arboriculture tools and equipment, such as a chainsaw, chipper, stump grinder, mower, brush-cutter, pruner, trimmer, mulcher, etc.</li> <li>• Explain different ways to control roots that invade underground pipes and wires.</li> <li>• Explain how to calculate the cost of removing a tree.</li> <li>• Explain the importance of planning pruning cuts appropriately and safely as per pruning standards.</li> <li>• Describe the process of sectional or clear-felling and tree removal.</li> <li>• Explain the importance and process of backfilling after uprooting a tree.</li> <li>• Describe the process of rehabilitating degraded sites.</li> <li>• Explain the effects of plants and trees on degraded sites.</li> <li>• Explain how to improve safety around large, heavy and potentially hazardous tree limbs.</li> <li>• Explain the appropriate measures to be taken to preserve old and valuable trees.</li> <li>• Describe the process of turf management.</li> <li>• List the varieties of weeds found growing around trees, woody plants and shrubs and the process of removing them.</li> <li>• Describe the process of identifying weeds and controlling them following the appropriate control measures.</li> <li>• Explain the use of the recommended organic and inorganic fertilizers to the soil in the recommended quantity for</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate the process of carrying out bolting to support split trunks or branches, and maintain tree limbs apart that may rub against each other.</li> <li>• Demonstrate the process of installing props of timber logs or metal stakes with padded supports under the fruiting tree branches.</li> <li>• Demonstrate the process of performing tree surgery, taking the appropriate precautions.</li> <li>• Demonstrate the process of applying any harmful chemicals, such as pesticides, use the relevant PPE.</li> <li>• Demonstrate the use of manual and power tools and equipment, e.g. chainsaw, safely as per the manufacturer's instructions.</li> <li>• Demonstrate the process of carrying out tree topping using the appropriate tools and equipment.</li> <li>• Demonstrate the process of carrying out groundwork using the chainsaw and chipper.</li> <li>• Demonstrate the process of carrying out minor repair and maintenance of the relevant tools and equipment as per the manufacturers' instructions.</li> </ul> |
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<p>the healthy growth of trees, plants and shrubs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain the relevant groundwork carried out around trees.</li> <li>• Discuss the appropriate turf management practices carried out around trees, woody plants and shrubs.</li> <li>• Discuss various potential threats presented by trees and their roots to surrounding structures and utilities.</li> <li>• Explain the most common safety incidents in arboriculture operations, such as falling from trees or injuries caused by power tools and how to avoid them.</li> <li>• Explain the characteristics of various rope constructions materials.</li> <li>• Explain how to make the best rope selection and perform rope maintenance.</li> <li>• Elaborate different tree support mechanisms, such as cabling, bracing, and guying.</li> <li>• Explain the use of climbing gear and the effective climbing techniques.</li> <li>• Explain the tree strengthening operations.</li> <li>• Elaborate the best practices for rigging in arboriculture.</li> <li>• Discuss the appropriate safety standards, PPE, and other essential guidelines to help one deal with occupational hazards effectively.</li> </ul>	
<b>Classroom Aids</b>	
Training Kit (Trainer Guide, Presentations). Whiteboard, Marker, Projector, Laptop	
<b>Tools, Equipment and Other Requirements</b>	
Winches, Power pullers, Ring slings, Cable hoists, Swivels, Rigging thimbles, Hand pruners, Tree loppers, Wood chippers, A variety of axes and wedges, Hedge trimmers etc.	

## Module 5: Process of performing general maintenance of trees

Mapped to ARG/N6138 v1.0

### Terminal Outcomes:

- Describe the process of performing tree cleaning.
- Describe the process of treating the physical damage on trees.
- Describe the process of treating tree poisoning and remove nails and tree guards.
- Elucidate ways to move trees and create and place nests on trees.

<b>Duration: 23:00</b>	<b>Duration: 30:00</b>
<b>Theory – Key Learning Outcomes</b>	<b>Practical – Key Learning Outcomes</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe the process of performing the cleaning of trees and the appropriate cleaning solutions to be used</li> <li>• Explain how to assess physical damage on trees and treat them.</li> <li>• Describe the process of plastering tree branches and using the recommended treatment and aids.</li> <li>• State the recommended treatment to be applied to heal the tree parts with their bark removed.</li> <li>• Explain how to treat the cracks on trees.</li> <li>• Explain the symptoms of poisoning in trees and the appropriate treatment for treating it.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate how to remove mosses from trees.</li> <li>• Demonstrate the process of performing cleaning of trees using water and the appropriate cleaning solutions.</li> <li>• Demonstrate the process of applying the recommended treatment to heal the tree parts with their bark removed.</li> <li>• Show how to remove the nails using the appropriate tools and equipment, ensuring minimum damage to trees.</li> <li>• Show how to remove the outgrowth of sacred fig (peepal) tree from residential areas and re-transplant it in the appropriate places.</li> <li>• Show how to create nests and place them appropriately on trees.</li> </ul>
<b>Classroom Aids</b>	
Training Kit (Trainer Guide, Presentations). Whiteboard, Marker, Projector, Laptop	
<b>Tools, Equipment and Other Requirements</b>	
Saw scabbards, Landscaping tools, Pruners, Chainsaws, Wood chippers, Tree loopers, Different types of axes and wedges, Hatchets, Hydraulic tools, Pole saws etc.	

## Module 6: Hygiene and cleanliness

*Mapped to NOS AGR/N9903 v3.0*

### Terminal Outcomes:

- Discuss how to adhere to personal hygiene practices.
- Demonstrate ways to ensure cleanliness around the workplace.

Duration: 02:00	Duration: 10:00
Theory – Key Learning Outcomes	Practical – Key Learning Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain the requirements of personal health, hygiene and fitness at work.</li> <li>• Describe common health-related guidelines laid down by the organizations/ Government at the workplace</li> <li>• Explain the importance of good housekeeping at the workplace.</li> <li>• Explain the importance of informing the designated authority on personal health issues related to injuries and infectious diseases.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate personal hygiene practices to be followed at the workplace.</li> <li>• Demonstrate the correct way of washing hands using soap and water, and alcohol-based hand rubs.</li> <li>• Demonstrate the steps to follow to put on and take off a mask safely.</li> <li>• Show how to sanitize and disinfect one's work area regularly.</li> <li>• Demonstrate adherence to the workplace sanitization norms.</li> <li>• Show how to ensure the cleanliness of the work area.</li> </ul>
<b>Classroom Aids:</b>	
Computer, Projection Equipment, PowerPoint Presentation and Software, Facilitator's Guide, Participant's Handbook.	
<b>Tools, Equipment and Other Requirements</b>	
Personal Protective Equipment, Cleaning Equipment and Materials, Sanitizer, Soap, Mask	

## Module 7: Safety and emergency procedures

*Mapped to NOS AGR/N9903 v3.0*

### Terminal Outcomes:

- Describe how to adhere to safety guidelines.
- Show how to administer appropriate emergency procedures.

Duration: 03:00	Duration: 15:00
Theory – Key Learning Outcomes	Practical – Key Learning Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) required at the workplace.</li> <li>• Describe the commonly reported hazards at the workplace.</li> <li>• Describe the hazards caused due to chemicals/pesticides/fumigants.</li> <li>• Describe the basic safety checks to be done before the operation of any equipment/machinery.</li> <li>• Describe the common first aid procedures to be followed in case of emergencies.</li> <li>• State measures that can be taken to prevent accidents and damage s at the workplace.</li> <li>• Explain the importance of reporting details of first aid administered, to the reporting officer/doctor, in accordance with workplace procedures</li> <li>• State common health and safety guidelines to be followed at the workplace.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check various areas of the workplace for leakages, water-logging, pests, fire, etc.</li> <li>• Demonstrate how to safely use the PPE and implement it as applicable to the workplace.</li> <li>• Display the correct way of donning, doffing and discarding PPE such as face masks, hand gloves, face shields, PPE suits, etc.</li> <li>• Sanitize the tools, equipment and machinery properly.</li> <li>• Demonstrate the safe disposal of waste.</li> <li>• Demonstrate procedures for dealing with accidents, fires and emergencies.</li> <li>• Demonstrate emergency procedures to the given workplace requirements.</li> <li>• Demonstrate the use of emergency equipment in accordance with manufacturers' specifications and workplace requirements.</li> <li>• Demonstrate the administration of first aid.</li> <li>• Prepare a list of relevant hotline/emergency numbers</li> </ul>
<b>Classroom Aids:</b>	
Computer, Projection Equipment, PowerPoint Presentation and Software, Facilitator's Guide, Participant's Handbook.	
<b>Tools, Equipment and Other Requirements</b>	
Personal Protective Equipment, First Aid Kit, Equipment used in Medical Emergencies.	

## Module 8: On-the-Job Training

### Mapped to Vriksh Sanrakshak

Mandatory Duration: 60:00	Recommended Duration: 00:00
Location: On-Site	
<b>Terminal Outcomes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain the process of designing tree plantations, considering the factors such as the soil profile, climate suitability for selected tree species, the influence of trees on buildings and utilities, etc.</li> <li>• Prepare layout planning the placement of varieties of trees, plants and shrubs to ensure aesthetics and no obstructions and disruptions to utilities.</li> <li>• Apply the recommended organic and inorganic fertilizers in the holes before planting.</li> <li>• Plant appropriate types of trees as windbreaks to protect young and tender plants from strong winds.</li> <li>• Create pergolas around plants for improved support.</li> <li>• Apply the recommended pesticides and insecticides to trees, plants and shrubs as per the prescription, using the relevant tools, equipment and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).</li> <li>• Prepare manual and/or electronic record concerning the use of pesticides in the physical registers and the relevant computer application.</li> <li>• Carry out tree topping using the appropriate tools and equipment.</li> </ul>	

## Module 9: Employability Skills

Mapped to NOS DGT/VSQ/N0102 v1.0

**Duration: 60:00**

### Key Learning Outcomes

#### Introduction to Employability Skills Duration: 1.5 Hours

After completing this programme, participants will be able to:

1. Discuss the Employability Skills required for jobs in various industries
2. List different learning and employability related GOI and private portals and their usage

#### Constitutional values - Citizenship Duration: 1.5 Hours

3. Explain the constitutional values, including civic rights and duties, citizenship, responsibility towards society and personal values and ethics such as honesty, integrity, caring and respecting others that are required to become a responsible citizen
4. Show how to practice different environmentally sustainable practices.

#### Becoming a Professional in the 21st Century Duration: 2.5 Hours

5. Discuss importance of relevant 21st century skills.
6. Exhibit 21st century skills like Self-Awareness, Behavior Skills, time management, critical and adaptive thinking, problem-solving, creative thinking, social and cultural awareness, emotional awareness, learning to learn etc. in personal or professional life.
7. Describe the benefits of continuous learning.

#### Basic English Skills Duration: 10 Hours

8. Show how to use basic English sentences for everyday conversation in different contexts, in person and over the telephone
9. Read and interpret text written in basic English
10. Write a short note/paragraph / letter/e -mail using basic English

#### Career Development & Goal Setting Duration: 2 Hours

11. Create a career development plan with well-defined short- and long-term goals

#### Communication Skills Duration: 5 Hours

12. Demonstrate how to communicate effectively using verbal and nonverbal communication etiquette.
13. Explain the importance of active listening for effective communication
14. Discuss the significance of working collaboratively with others in a team

#### Diversity & Inclusion Duration: 2.5 Hours

15. Demonstrate how to behave, communicate, and conduct oneself appropriately with all genders and PwD
16. Discuss the significance of escalating sexual harassment issues as per POSH act.

#### Financial and Legal Literacy Duration: 5 Hours

17. Outline the importance of selecting the right financial institution, product, and service
18. Demonstrate how to carry out offline and online financial transactions, safely and securely
19. List the common components of salary and compute income, expenditure, taxes, investments etc.

20. Discuss the legal rights, laws, and aids

**Essential Digital Skills Duration: 10 Hours**

- 21. Describe the role of digital technology in today's life
- 22. Demonstrate how to operate digital devices and use the associated applications and features, safely and securely
- 23. Discuss the significance of displaying responsible online behavior while browsing, using various social media platforms, e-mails, etc., safely and securely
- 24. Create sample word documents, excel sheets and presentations using basic features
- 25. utilize virtual collaboration tools to work effectively

**Entrepreneurship Duration: 7 Hours**

- 26. Explain the types of entrepreneurship and enterprises
- 27. Discuss how to identify opportunities for potential business, sources of funding and associated financial and legal risks with its mitigation plan
- 28. Describe the 4Ps of Marketing-Product, Price, Place and Promotion and apply them as per requirement
- 29. Create a sample business plan, for the selected business opportunity

**Customer Service Duration: 5 Hours**

- 30. Describe the significance of analyzing different types and needs of customers
- 31. Explain the significance of identifying customer needs and responding to them in a professional manner.
- 32. Discuss the significance of maintaining hygiene and dressing appropriately

**Getting Ready for apprenticeship & Jobs Duration: 8 Hours**

- 33. Create a professional Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- 34. Use various offline and online job search sources such as employment exchanges, recruitment agencies, and job portals respectively
- 35. Discuss the significance of maintaining hygiene and confidence during an interview
- 36. Perform a mock interview
- 37. List the steps for searching and registering for apprenticeship opportunities



## Annexure

### Trainer Requirements

Trainer Prerequisites						
Minimum Educational Qualification	Specialization	Relevant Industry Experience		Training Experience		Remarks
		Years	Specialization	Years	Specialization	
<b>Diploma</b>	Diploma (Agriculture/ Horticulture/ Forestry)	5	Experience in Arboriculture/ Care & management of trees/ Woody Plants			Experience certificate issued by Government Department of Agriculture/ Head of Gram Panchayat/ Loan disbursing bank or financial institution/ Corporates/ NGO/ Registered Associations on official letter Head.
<b>Graduate</b>	Any Graduate with Botany background except degree in Agriculture/ Forestry/ Horticulture	2	Experience in Arboriculture/Care & management of trees/ Woody plants			Experience is required in Arboriculture For the school Program minimum qualification of the Trainer should be Graduate in Botany / Agriculture & Agri-Allied Sector with Teaching experience of minimum 2 years, (will be considered industry experience
<b>Certificate</b>	CITS in relevant field	2	Experience in Arboriculture/ Care & management of trees/ Woody plants			
<b>Graduate</b>	Agriculture/ Forestry, Horticulture or related field	1	Experience in Arboriculture/ Care & management of trees/ Woody plants			
<b>Post Graduate</b>	Agriculture/ Horticulture/ Forestry/ Botany					

Trainer Certification	
Domain Certification	Platform Certification
Certified for Job Role “ <b>Vriksh Sanrakshak</b> ”, mapped to QP: “AGR/Q6107, v1.0”, Minimum accepted score is 80%	Recommended that the Trainer is certified for the Job Role: “Trainer (Vet and Skills)”, mapped to the Qualification Pack: “MEP/Q2601, v2.0”. The minimum accepted score as per MEPSC guidelines is 80%.

## Assessor Requirements

Assessor Prerequisites						
Minimum Educational Qualification	Specialization	Relevant Industry Experience		Training/Assessment Experience		Remarks
		Years	Specialization	Years	Specialization	
Graduation	BSc (Arboriculture/ Forestry/ Silviculture/ Horticulture)	5	In arboriculture/ Care & management of trees/ Woody plants			Practical skills and knowledge required in planting, maintaining, removing, managing trees, woody plants and shrubs.
Post-graduation	MSc (Arboriculture/ Forestry/ Silviculture/ Horticulture)	2	In arboriculture/ Care & management of trees/ Woody plants			Practical skills and knowledge required in planting, maintaining, removing, managing trees, woody plants and shrubs.
PhD	Ph. D (Arboriculture/ Forestry/ Silviculture/ Horticulture)	1	In arboriculture/ Care & management of trees/ Woody plants			Practical skills and knowledge required in planting, maintaining, removing, managing trees, woody plants and shrubs.

Assessor Certification	
Domain Certification	Platform Certification
Certified for Job Role “ <b>Vriksh Sanrakshak</b> ”, mapped to QP: “AGR/Q6107, v1.0”, Minimum accepted score is 80%	Certified for the Job Role: “Assessor (Vet and Skills)”, mapped to the Qualification Pack: “MEP/Q2701, v2.0”, with a minimum score of 80%.

## Assessment Strategy

### Assessment System Overview

In Agriculture Sector it is of ultimate importance that individuals dealing with crop production or livestock have the requisite knowledge and competencies to undertake the task. Based on the Assessment Criteria, SSC in association with empaneled AAs, define the test structure for the given job roles to cover the required skills and competencies. Assessment strategy consists of the following:

1. Multiple Choice Questions: To assess basic knowledge (Objective/Subjective)
2. Viva: To assess awareness on processes (Oral and/or written questioning)
3. Practical: To evaluate skills and identify competencies. (Observation)

Assessments for knowledge and awareness on processes may be conducted through 'real-time' internet-based evaluation or by conducting the same 'offline' through TABs. Skills and competencies are to be assessed by conducting 'practical' on the ground through qualified and ToA certified assessors.

An individual must have adequate knowledge and skills to perform a specific task, weightage for different aspects of the assessment is given as follows:

- Multiple Choice Questions: 20%-30%, depending on the specific QP
- Viva: 20%
- Practical: 50% - 60% (Involves demonstrations of applications and presentations of procedures/tasks and other components)
- Assessment will be carried out by certified assessors through empaneled assessment partners. Based on the results of the assessment; ASCI will certify the learners/candidates

### Testing Environment

Assessments are conducted on laptops, Mobiles and android tablets via both offline and online mode depending on the internet connectivity at the assessment location.

In remote locations/villages, assessments get delivered through tablets without the requirement of the Internet.

- Multilingual assessments (ASCI is conducting the assessments in 13 + languages pan India)
- Rubric driven assessments in Practical/Viva sections and responses recorded accordingly
- All responses, data, records and feedback stored digitally on the cloud
- Advanced auto-proctoring features – photographs, time-stamp, geographic-tagging, toggle- screen/copy-paste disabled, etc.
- Android-based monitoring system
- End to end process from allocation of a batch to final result upload, there is no manual intervention

- Assessment will normally be fixed for a day after the end date of the training / within 7 days of completion of training.
- Assessment will be conducted at the training venue
- The room where assessment is conducted will be set with proper seating arrangements with enough space to curb copying or other unethical activities
- Question bank of theory and practice will be prepared by ASCI /assessment agency and approved ASCI. Only from approved Question Bank assessment agency will prepare the question paper. Theory testing will include multiple-choice questions, pictorial questions, etc. which will test the trainee on his theoretical knowledge of the subject.
- The theory, practical and viva assessments will be carried out on the same day. In case of a greater number of candidates, the number of assessors and venue facilitation be increased and facilitated

Assessment			
Assessment Type	Formative or Summative	Strategies	Examples
Theory	Summative	MCQ/Written exam	Knowledge of facts related to the job role and functions. Understanding of principles and concepts related to the job role and functions
Practical	Summative	Structured tasks/Demonstration	Practical application /Demonstration /Application tasks
Viva	Summative	Questioning and Probing	Mock interviews on the usability of job roles/advantages /importance of adherence to procedures. Viva will be used to gauge trainee's confidence and correct knowledge in handling the job situation

The question paper pre-loaded in the computer /Tablet and it will be in the language as requested by the training partner.

## Assessment Quality Assurance framework

### Assessment Framework and Design:

Based on the Assessment Criteria, SSC in association with AAs will define the test structure for the given roles to cover the required skills and competencies. ASCI offer a bouquet of tools for multi-dimensional evaluation of candidates covering language, cognitive skills, behavioural traits and domain knowledge.

**Theoretical Knowledge** - Item constructs and types are determined by a theoretical understanding of the testing objectives and published research about the item types and constructs that have shown statistical validity towards measuring the construct. Test item types that have been reported to be coachable are not included. Based on these, items are developed by domain experts. They are provided with comprehensive guidelines of the testing objectives of each question and other quality measures.

**Type** – Questions based on Knowledge Required, Case-based practical scenario questions and automated simulation-based questions.

**Practical Skills** - The practical assessments are developed taking into consideration two aspects: what practical tasks is the candidate expected to perform on the job and what aspects of the job cannot be judged through theoretical assessments. The candidates shall be asked to perform either an entire task or a set of subtasks depending on the nature of the job role

**Type** – Standardized rubrics for evaluation against a set of tasks in a demo/practical task

**Viva Voce** - Those practical tasks which cannot be performed due to time or resource constraints are evaluated through the viva mode. Practical tasks are backed up with Viva for thorough assessment and complete evaluation

**Type** – Procedural questions, dos and don'ts, subjective questions to check the understanding of practical tasks.

The assessor has to go through an orientation program organized by the Assessment Agency. The training would give an overview to the assessors on the overall framework of QP evaluation. The assessor shall be given a NOS and PC level overview of each QP as applicable. The overall structure of assessment and objectivity of the marking scheme will be explained to them. The giving of marks will be driven by an objective framework that will maintain the standardization of the marking scheme.

### Type of Evidence and Evidence Gathering Protocol:

During the assessment the evidence collected by AAs and ASCI are:

- GeoTagging to track ongoing assessment
- AA's coordinator emails the list of documents and evidence (photos and videos) to the assessor one day before the assessment. The list is mentioned below:
  - Signed Attendance sheet
  - Assessor feedback sheet
  - Candidate feedback sheet

- Assessment checklist for assessor
  - Candidate Aadhar/ID card verification
  - Pictures of the classroom, labs to check the availability of adequate equipment's and tool to conduct the training and assessment
  - Pictures and videos of Assessment, training feedback and infrastructure.
- Apart from the Assessor, a Technical assistant is popularly known as Proctor also ensures the proper documentation and they verify each other's tasks.
- To validate their work on the day of the assessment, regular calls and video calls are done.
- On-boarding and training of assessor and proctor is done on a timely basis to ensure that the quality of the assessment should be maintained.
- Training covers the understanding of QP, NSQF level, NOS and assessment structure

### ***Methods of Validation***

- Morning Check (Pre-Assessment): Backend team of AA calls and confirms assessor/technical SPOC event status. Assessor/Technical SPOC are instructed to reach the centre on time by 9:30 AM / as decided with TC and delay should be highlighted to the Training Partner in advance.
- Video Calls: Random video calls are made to the technical SPOC/assessor so as to keep a check on assessment quality and ensure assessment is carried out in a fair and transparent manner
- Aadhar verification of candidates
- Evening Check (Post Assessment): Calls are made to the ground team to ensure the event is over by what time and the documentation is done properly or not.
- TP Calling: To keep a check on malpractices, an independent audit team calls the TP on a recorded line to take confirmation if there was any malpractice activity observed in the assessment on part of the AA/SSC team. If calls are not connected, an email is sent to TP SPOC for taking their confirmation
- Video and Picture Evidence: Backend team collects video and pictures for assessment on a real-time basis and highlights any issue such as students sitting idle/ trainer helping the candidates during the assessment.
- Surprise Visit: Time to time SSC/AA Audit team can visit the assessment location and conduct a surprise audit for the assessment carried out by the ground team.
- Geo Tagging: On the day of the assessment, each technical SPOC is required to login into our internal app which is Geotagged. Any deviation with the centre address needs to be highlighted to the assessment team on a real-time basis.

### ***Method for assessment documentation, archiving, and Access:***

- ASCI have a fully automated result generation process in association with multiple AAs
- Theory, Practical and Viva marks form the basis of the results and encrypted files generated to avoid data manipulation. All responses were captured and stored in the System with Time-Stamps at the end of AAs and SSC. NOS-wise and PC-wise scores can



be generated.

- Maker Checker concept: One person prepares the results and another audit result which is internally approved by AA at first and then gets vetted at the end of SSC
- All softcopies of documents are received from the on-ground tech team over email. The same is downloaded by our internal backend team and saved in Repository. The repository consists of scheme-wise folders. These scheme-wise folders have two job role-specific folders. These specific folders have Year wise and Month wise folders where all documents are saved in Batch specific folders. All Hard copies are filed and stored in the storeroom.

***Result Review & Recheck Mechanism –***

- Time-stamped assessment logs
- Answer/Endorsement sheets for each candidate
- Attendance Sheet
- Feedback Forms: Assessor feedback form, Candidate feedback form, TP feedback form
- The results for each of the candidate shall be stored and available for review (retained for 5 years/ till the conclusion of the project or scheme)

# References

## Glossary

Term	Description
<b>Declarative Knowledge</b>	Declarative knowledge refers to facts, concepts and principles that need to be known and/or understood in order to accomplish a task or to solve a problem.
<b>Key Learning Outcome</b>	Key learning outcome is the statement of what a learner needs to know, understand and be able to do in order to achieve the terminal outcomes. A set of key learning outcomes will make up the training outcomes. Training outcome is specified in terms of knowledge, understanding (theory) and skills (practical application).
<b>OJT (M)</b>	On-the-job training (Mandatory); trainees are mandated to complete specified hours of training on site
<b>OJT (R)</b>	On-the-job training (Recommended); trainees are recommended the specified hours of training on site
<b>Procedural Knowledge</b>	Procedural knowledge addresses how to do something, or how to perform a task. It is the ability to work, or produce a tangible work output by applying cognitive, affective or psychomotor skills.
<b>Training Outcome</b>	Training outcome is a statement of what a learner will know, understand and be able to do upon the completion of the training.
<b>Terminal Outcome</b>	Terminal outcome is a statement of what a learner will know, understand and be able to do upon the completion of a module. A set of terminal outcomes help to achieve the training outcome.

## Acronyms and Abbreviations

Term	Description
AGR	Agriculture
NOS	National Occupational Standard (s)
NSQF	National Skills Qualifications Framework
OJT	On-the-job Training
QP	Qualifications Pack
PwD	People with Disability
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment