

# Artificial Intelligence and AgriTech Innovation Center (AIAIC), Agriculture Department, Government of Maharashtra Terms Of Reference (TOR) - Engagement of Advisor on Contractual Basis

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## 1. Title and Objective

**Title:** Engagement of Advisor on Contractual Basis

**Objective:** To leverage the expertise, institutional knowledge, and domain experience of a retired professor from State Agricultural University for providing strategic advisory and coordination support in the application of digital technologies, Artificial Intelligence (AI), geospatial technologies, and remote sensing for the agriculture sector in Maharashtra.

## 2. Details of the Advisor to be Engaged on Contractual Basis

The advisor to be engaged should:

- Be retired at Professor rank from a State Agricultural University (SAU), preferably having served as Head of Department or in equivalent leadership positions in Maharashtra.
- Possess domain expertise in areas such as water resources, GIS, remote sensing, digital agriculture, precision agriculture, climate-smart agriculture, or related fields.
- Be well acquainted with the research, academic, and institutional ecosystem of State Agricultural Universities in Maharashtra.
- Have demonstrated experience in research coordination, institutional collaborations, consortium management, public-sector partnerships, and multi-stakeholder engagement.
- Possess experience in guiding technology-driven agricultural research, innovation ecosystems, or externally funded projects/programmes.

## 3. Nature, Designation, and Department of Engagement

**Nature of Engagement:** Contractual engagement as per Government Resolution (GR) issued by the General Administration Department (GAD) dated 10 June 2025 regarding engagement of retired Government/Semi-Government officers on contractual basis.

**Designation:** Advisor

**Department/Organization:** Artificial Intelligence and Agritech Innovation Center (AIAIC), Department of Agriculture, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai

## 4. Scope of the Engagement:

The engaged Advisor shall undertake the following responsibilities:

1. Coordinate and facilitate product development, pilot initiatives, and research activities undertaken by various partners under consortium-based initiatives related to geospatial technologies and remote sensing applications in agriculture.
2. Provide support and institutional coordination with State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) for the establishment, operationalization, and effective implementation of AI<sup>3</sup> (Artificial Intelligence, Innovation and Incubation Centres) under the Maharashtra Agri AI Policy 2025–29.
3. Coordinate with Maharashtra Council of Agricultural Education and Research (MCAER) and SAUs for operationalization of the Artificial Intelligence for Agriculture Research Network (AI4ARN) established under the Maharashtra Agri AI Policy 2025–29.
4. To support MCAER and the Department on:
  - conceptualization of research programmes,
  - preparation and invitation of research proposals,
  - prioritization and evaluation of proposals,
  - monitoring and implementation of approved projects, and
  - promotion of farmer-centric, outcome-oriented, translational, and emerging technology-driven agricultural research across SAUs.
5. Support policy-level consultations, technical reviews, expert committee engagements, and ecosystem-building initiatives related to AI and emerging technologies in agriculture.

## **5. Age Limit**

- Maximum age at the time of engagement: 65 years
- Extension up to 70 years may be considered subject to approval of the competent authority and satisfactory performance.

## **6. Remuneration, Allowances, and Leave**

Remuneration, allowances, leave, and other service conditions shall be governed as per the GAD GR dated 10 June 2025 regarding contractual engagement of retired Government/Semi-Government officers.

## **7. Nature of Working and Location**

Work Location: Pune/Mumbai.

Mode of Engagement: Hybrid (Physical + Online)

## **9. Reporting/Competent Authority**

The Advisor shall report to:

### **Managing Director**

Artificial Intelligence and Agritech Innovation Center (AIAIC)  
Department of Agriculture  
Government of Maharashtra

## **10. Tenure**

The engagement shall initially be for a period of one (1) year, extendable annually up to a maximum period of three (3) years, subject to satisfactory performance evaluation and approval of the competent authority.

## **11 Termination Clause**

The engagement may be terminated:

- Upon expiry of the contractual tenure; or
- By either party through issuance of one month's prior notice in writing.

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**To apply for the above position of Advisor, complete the application form - <https://forms.gle/CtiFJBBSR6XQGJpU8>**

**Application Deadline - 15 June 2026**

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