

Notification for the post of Director, International Research and Training Centre For Below Sea Level Farming (IRTCBSF) Kuttanad

The Department of Agriculture, Government of Kerala invites applications from suitable candidates to the post of the Director, International Research and Training Centre for Below Sea Level Farming, Alappuzha, Kerala.

International Research and Training Centre for Below Sea Level Farming:

The International Research and Training Centre for Below Sea Level Farming is an autonomous body started in the year 2014 under the Government of Kerala, Department of Agriculture, as a Registered Society under the Travancore Cochin Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies Registration Act, 1955. The institute has its registered office at Thottappally P.O., Alappuzha. The main objectives are to facilitate a participatory research and communication system that promotes sustainable farming in coastal wetlands, to develop new cultivation methods, conservation of biodiversity, weed and pest control, develop suitable fishing and fish based farming systems, collection of traditional knowledge, constant monitoring of climate change and its impact, frame policies to control flood, monitor salinity and provide recommendations for salinity control etc.

Name of Post: Director

The Director shall be the **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)** of the Institute and shall be appointed by the Government on recommendation of the Chairman, Executive Committee which has approval of the Chairman, Governing Body of the Institute. The Chairman, Executive Committee of the

Institute may constitute, if required, a search committee for proposing a panel of names to be considered for the post of Director.

Qualifications Required:

a. The Director shall be a senior academic/scientist in the field of Biological Sciences/ Agricultural Sciences/ Animal Sciences/ Marine Sciences/ Earth Sciences/ Biotechnology/ Soil and Water Engineering with a minimum of **twenty (20) years** teaching/ research in relevant subject areas.

b. Should have **PhD** in Science

c. Should have **guided thesis** at PhD level

d. Should have published books/ research papers in reviewed journals etc.

e. Should have proven experience in managing academic/ research institutions

Tenure: The State Government will appoint the Director of the Institute for a **three (3) year period** with eligibility for a single additional term.

Responsibilities: The Director will be in charge of the establishment, research activities, implementation of projects and all financial transactions of the institute authorized by the Executive Committee. The Director will undertake all the duties assigned by the executive committee and shall furnish reports as and when required. A detailed list of responsibilities of the Director is provided in the website irtcbsf.com.

Place of Posting: IRTCBSF Alappuzha, Kerala, India.

Age Limit: Candidates applying to the post shall not have attained the **age of 65 years** as on **31/01/2025**.

Emoluments: The Government as per the recommendation of the Executive Committee shall determine his/ her remuneration, perquisites or benefits of any nature as well as conditions of work and services.

Applications from prospective candidates in plain paper with detailed biodata relevant to the post shall be addressed to the Agriculture Production Commissioner, Government of Kerala, Secretariat Annexe, Statue P.O., Thiruvananthapuram.

Last date of receipt of application: **on or before 3.00 PM, 15/05/2025**

NOTE: Applicants currently working in government organizations should submit the application through proper channel.

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