



Programme Brochure

On-location Training Programme on FinTech Immersion for Rural Bankers

(24 to 26 September 2026)

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State Bank Institute of Technology, Hyderabad

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Introduction: Financial inclusion is not merely a developmental goal—it is a cornerstone of economic resilience and social equity. By ensuring that individuals and businesses have access to useful and affordable financial products and services—such as savings, credit, insurance, and payments—delivered in a responsible and sustainable way, financial inclusion empowers communities, enhances livelihoods, and fosters inclusive growth. Despite significant progress, challenges remain in reaching remote and marginalized populations. FinTech offers scalable, cost-effective solutions to bridge these gaps. Digital platforms can overcome geographical barriers, reduce transaction costs, and enable real-time service delivery.

The financial sector in India is undergoing a digital revolution, with **Financial Technology (FinTech)** emerging as a powerful driver of innovation and financial inclusion. Financial Technology, or 'FinTech', is no longer a niche segment but the central driving force revolutionizing the very architecture of financial services—from product design and risk assessment to service delivery and customer engagement. The Government of India, along with NABARD and other regulators, is promoting digital transformation in the banking and financial ecosystem to extend financial services to the last mile, especially in rural and underserved areas. These innovations are not only enhancing operational efficiency but also playing a pivotal role in bridging the financial inclusion gap—especially in rural and semi-urban areas. In alignment with national priorities such as **Digital India, Jan Dhan Yojana**, and **Atmanirbhar Bharat**, FinTech is emerging as a key enabler of inclusive growth.

FinTech applications such as **digital lending, e-KYC, AI/ML-based credit scoring, blockchain for transaction security, and digital platforms like e-KCC portals** are increasingly being leveraged to enhance the reach, efficiency, and affordability of financial services. These developments call for structured capacity building among financial institutions to adopt and adapt to these innovations in a meaningful way. The rise of digital payments, AI-driven credit scoring models, and blockchain-based solutions are fundamentally altering customer expectations and creating new competitive dynamics. For legacy institutions committed to deepening their reach and impact, a proactive and strategic engagement with these technologies is not merely advantageous, but critical for survival and growth.

To build institutional capacity and promote the adoption of digital financial solutions, the Bankers Institute of Rural Development (BIRD), Mangaluru, is organizing the captioned training programme from **24 to 26 September 2026** at **State Bank Institute of Technology, Hyderabad**.

The decision to host this vital programme in SBIT, Hyderabad is both deliberate and strategic, placing our participants at the very epicenter of India's burgeoning FinTech revolution.

As part of the programme, participants will be interacting with some of the Fintech vendors, who have been working with banks, which will offer exposure to digital credit delivery models and innovative financial solutions being implemented in the banking sector.

This programme is designed for officials from Regional Rural Banks and Rural Cooperative Banks. It will provide participants with practical insights into digital lending platforms, mobile banking, AI-driven credit scoring, blockchain applications, and inclusive financial models tailored for rural India.

The other details of the programme are as follows:

Name of Training Programme	On-location Training Programme on FinTech immersion for rural bankers
Programme Directors	Shri Satheesan Kartha DGM/FM Shri Yogesh S L DGM/FM
Duration	3 days
Dates	24 to 26 September 2026
Location of Programme	State Bank Institute of Technology (SBIT) 'Bank Sanchar Bhavan', 8-2-695, Road No.12, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad – 500 034 Contact No.: +91 40 23388203
Target group	IT officers from Regional Rural Banks and Rural Cooperative Banks (StCBs/DCCBs)
Programme Objectives:	❖ To enhance understanding of FinTech innovations and their applications in banking, credit delivery, payments, insurance, and financial advisory services, especially in rural and semi-urban contexts. ❖ To explore the role of FinTech in advancing financial inclusion, including how digital platforms can overcome barriers related to access, affordability, and awareness among underserved populations. ❖ To familiarize participants with key digital initiatives, Aadhaar-enabled services, mobile banking, and digital onboarding processes that streamline rural credit and financial services. ❖ To examine regulatory and institutional frameworks supporting FinTech development,

	NABARD's digital initiatives, and government policies promoting inclusive finance. ❖ To provide hands-on exposure through interactions with innovative FinTech vendors, enabling participants to learn real-world applications and interact with stakeholders. ❖ To equip participants with actionable strategies for integrating FinTech tools into their institutional operations to improve outreach, efficiency, and impact in rural financial ecosystems.
Methodology	Interactive lecture sessions, audio video aids, Computer aided presentations, Group discussions

Venue and Accommodation:

Participants are eligible to avail accommodation (**Twin Sharing basis**) in the SBIT campus from the evening of 23rd September 2026 till the evening of 26th September 2026. Participants will have to make their own travel arrangements. No cost in this regard will be borne by NABARD. Participants may make their travel plans in such a manner as to reach the venue well in advance and report before the commencement of the programme on the first day and also leave after completion of the programme on the concluding day.

It may please be noted that family members/ or guests/ of the participants will not be allowed to stay at the venue. Prior permission may be obtained by the participants for overstay, in case of any unforeseen circumstances or emergencies only. In such cases, over stay is permitted, subject to availability of accommodation and additional cost charged by SBIT, if any, will have to be borne by the respective participant.

Fee & Mode of Payment: The programme is sponsored by NABARD, hence **no participation fee** is collected towards boarding, lodging and to impart training. Banks / Institutions forwarding the nominations have to bear “to and fro” travelling cost of their participants attending the programme.

Nomination and Inquiries: **The nominations may please be forwarded so as to reach us at the earliest.** The registration is on “***first come first served***” basis and will be accepted for the first 30 candidates. **The nominated persons are requested to report for the training programme only on receipt of confirmation of their nominations by us.**

CONFIRMATIONS WILL BE SENT BY E-MAIL ONLY. Nominating institution is requested to furnish **primary as well as alternate email addresses** to avoid loss of communication during transmission.

Participants may kindly follow appropriate COVID-19 protocol as advised by Government of India and respective State Governments.

Medical Facilities: In the unlikely event of hospitalization of any participant during the programme, BIRD would extend all necessary medical aid to the participants. However, the expenditure so incurred on medical treatment/hospitalization of the participant will have to

be borne by the sponsoring Bank/Institution. The Banks are requested to take note and avoid deputing officials with critical ailments for attending the training programme.

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Nominations: You are requested to enter the details of the officers whom you wish to nominate through the Microsoft Form link given below or scan the QR code. If you are going to nominate multiple officers, please submit individual responses.

Notice: It is advised to send the nominations at the earliest. Nominations will not be accepted after the close of business on **18th September 2026.**

About BIRD: Bankers Institute of Rural Development (BIRD), Mangaluru, an ISO 9001:2015 certified Institution (formerly known as Regional Training College, NABARD, Mangalore) is established by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and is engaged in training and capacity building of the officials of the Rural Financial Institutions viz., Commercial Banks (CBs), Regional Rural Banks (RRBs), Cooperative Banks, Government and Non-Government organizations particularly in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu. The Institute organises in-house and on-location training programmes, besides customised programmes for banks, workshops/seminars and studies of current interest, etc. During the last 41 years, nearly 68,000 officers of various client institutions have benefitted through programmes conducted by the Institute. The Institute is also involved in conducting International Programmes.

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