



Foundation Course on *Extension Services for Organic/Natural Farming*



Organic/Natural Farming methods



Production models / Cropping Systems



Bio input preparation

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Organic and natural farming is gaining traction as a sustainable solution to agriculture challenges like climate change, resource depletion, and economic viability.



This approach focuses on regenerative agriculture principles, local resources, and ecological balance. Farmers across India are adopting agroecological practices, such as ecological, natural, or organic farming, to sustain their livelihoods.

The movement involves reinterpreting traditional knowledge with modern science, supported by strong extension systems.



Cooperative movements are forming community-based organizations to empower farmers and scale up organic farming models effectively.

Grassroots extension workers and master trainers are crucial in transitioning food systems to agroecological approaches.

This program aims at building a cadre of grassroots extension workers among government programs, NGOs, and FPOs and a cadre of master trainers who regularly support the transition to organic/natural farming. The master trainers will get customized practices and mentoring support for implementing their programs over a season.



Objectives:

- To build the capacities of the selected team as resource persons to support and implement the programs on Organic/Natural Farming
- To provide hand-holding support through monthly reviews and learning

Foundation course on Extension Services for Organic/Natural Farming:
(6 days with 50% theory, 50% practice)

- Climate Change: challenges and adaptation
- Natural resource degradation and management
- Organic and Natural farming practices in field crops, vegetables, and fruits
- Bio inputs production
- Organic Certification and Marketing
- Pest, Disease Surveillance and Advisory Services
- Managing Farmer Service Centres
- Extension and behavioral change

Venue: Krishna Sudha Academy for Agroecology, Kondaparva, Andhra Pradesh

Dates: 17th to 22nd June, 2024

Language: Hindi/English

Course Director: G. Chandra Sekhar

Course Coordinator: Bhairava Kumar

Total Participants: 35

Fee : Rs. 15,000 per participant

Additionally, CSA offers an Advanced course on Business Development for Organic/Natural farming: (6 days after six months of practice)

1. Understanding markets for organic/natural farming
2. Organic certification for domestic and international markets
3. Marketing strategies and linkages
4. Bioresource centres as enterprises for producing Bioinputs
5. Value addition for organic produce
6. Carbon financing and ecosystem services
7. Introduction to Farmer Producer Organisations and Management
8. Farmer Service Centres as enterprises

Enroll in both courses at a discounted price of Rs. 25,000 per participant.

Monthly Review and Support (online review every month on a fixed day):

- Weekly support for advisory reviews
- Monthly feedback on experiences, practices, and suggestions.



Krishna Sudha Academy for Agroecology: is a unit of Sree Padmavathi Venkateswara Foundation, located in 38 acre campus at Kondaparva Village, NTR District of Andhra Pradesh. The campus has rich diversity of organic cropping systems, input production models on display with residential training facility for over 80 people at a time. The academy also hosts an incubation centre on Agroforestry in partnership with ICRAF
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Centre for Sustainable Agriculture: is the knowledge partner for the Krishna Sudha Academy for Agroecology. CSA has over 20 years of experience in innovating and promoting organic/natural farming models, promoting and supporting farmer producer organisations and research on public policy
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Krishna Sudha Academy for Agroecology is 50 km from Vijayawada Railway Station/Bustand and Gannavaram Airport
The Academy is on National Highway 216H, 10 km from Nuzvid and 3 km from Vissanpet and can be reached by road.