

## **Organic Farmers and Farms of J&K**

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LEDeG is a non-governmental organisation working to promote ecological and sustainable development that is in harmony with and builds on the traditional culture of the hill people of the region. Its activities include development and dissemination of various appropriate technologies like Trombe wall solar space heating units, solar water heating systems, solar ovens, hydraulic rams, improved watermills, micro-hydro installations, etc. It imparts training in development of traditional handicrafts. It is an active promoter of traditional organic farming and provides education and information on environmental problems.

A recent foray has been into training people in value addition to their indigenous and abundantly available apricot and sea-buck-thorn. Many processed food and self care products from these are made and sold.

In recognition of its work, LEDeG was awarded the Right Livelihood Award, also known as the Alternative Nobel Prize in 1986 and the Inaugural Prize for sustainable and participatory development by the Danish Development organisation, Mellempfolkligheds Samvirke in 1989.

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