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Short Term

TRAINING COURSE ON

ORGANIC FARMING

Date : 10th -13th February, 2014

Venue : DEHRADUN



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ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

GREEN FOUNDATION (*For Health Care, Social Equity & Biodiversity Conservation*) performs impressively, giving brand-building a whole new impetus, meaning & direction. The GREEN FOUNDATION is a non govt., not profit, voluntary organization with like-minded agencies and a collective of committed organization/individuals, is trying to identify priorities in the medicinal and aromatic plants and herbal products sector– a sector that generates livelihoods and has the potential to improve living conditions for a significant section of India's population. The Organization was organized a number of seminars, workshops, exhibitions, entrepreneurship awareness camps etc. and takes up research work in different areas. The Green Foundation provides a wide spectrum of services to trade and herbal industry and acts as catalyst for growth of herbal sector trade.

Organic agriculture is not new. It has been practised since the beginning of agriculture. However, since the beginning of this century, due to the rise in population and the consequent increased demand for food, alternative farming practices, which utilized heavy agricultural inputs, became the norm. The preoccupation with high yields inevitably coupled with high inputs of chemicals fertilizers and pesticides has led to adverse impacts of agriculture on our environment and resource base. Some of the adverse effects are pollution of both underground and surface water, degradation of soil through the decrease in population of soil flora and fauna, disappearance of edible fishes in ecosystems, decrease in the population of biological agents for pest control, presence of toxic pesticides residues in food chains and health hazards to farmers and community through inappropriate use of pesticides.

In view of the negative effects, an alternative solutions was considered, one of which is the practice of organic farming that must be done along scientific and economic principles.

Globally the demand for organically grown food is fast increasing. Besides providing safe and wholesome food, organic farming practices are environmentally friendly, as they are based on sustainable principles such as recycling of farm residues, enhancing biodiversity and conservation of soil, water and other limited resources. Organic farming is a sustainable form of agriculture that needs to be promoted the world over.

The course focuses on basic concepts and principles of organic farming practices, theoretical and practical approaches to demonstrate organic production technique such as soil management. Water management, and also crop and pest management beside harvest and post harvest technology.

This course will provide knowledge to extension workers and organic crop growers in equipping themselves with sufficient information to improve the management of the existing organic farms or to initiate new organic farms in their respective countries.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- ❖ To understand the basic concept of organic farming.
- ❖ Develop skill to undertake research on organic farming systems for sustainable production of crops.
- ❖ To get an overview and familiarize participants with principles of organic farming practices.
- ❖ To impart the theory and practical knowledge on techniques of organic production.

Organic farming system emphasizes long term commitment to soil fertility, reduction of external energy consumption, coupling traditional knowledge with modern methods besides maintaining environmental health.





EXPECTED OUTCOMES

At the end of the training course, the participants should have accomplished the following:

- ❖ To be able to understand the basic principles and practices of organic farming.
- ❖ To be able to understand the importance of soil, water and crop management in organic farming.
- ❖ To be able explain the benefits and advantages of organic farming to the locals.
- ❖ To be able to share their learning/knowledge with the locals on requirements and practices of organic farming.

COURSE OUTLINES

- ❖ Basic concept and requirements of organic farming.
- ❖ Site Selection and Agronomic Practices
- ❖ Harvest and post-harvest handling and marketing
- ❖ Pest and disease management in organic farming
- ❖ Composting technology
- ❖ Certification requirements



RESOURCE PERSONS

Technical experts, Scientists from Universities/institutions, consultants, R&D institutions, State and central Govt. Nodal officers, Scientists.

OTHER DETAILS

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| Course Director | : Dr RAVINDRA SHARMA |
| Training Duration | : Four Days (From 10-02-2014 to 13-02-2014) |
| Venue | : Conference Hall, Green Foundation, Dehradun. |
| Medium of Instruction | : English & Hindi |
| Course Fee | : Rs. 6,000/- (rupee Six thousand) per participant only. The fee will cover tuition fee, course material and boarding & lodging, local exposure visit expenses. |
| No. of Seats | : Twenty five (25) registrations on first comes first serve basis. |

HOW TO APPLY/CONTACT

The programme is open to all interested progressive entrepreneurs, academia, students, horticulturist, NGOs, State Govt. personnel of horticulture, agriculture, forestry, industry departments and well educated progressive farmers.

The course fee in the form of account payee demand draft in favour of “Green Foundation, Dehradun” and payable at nationalized bank at Dehradun along with the registration form is to be mailed so as to reach the Course Director on or before February 5, 2014 at the following address:

Dr. RAVINDRA SHARMA

Course Director

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REGISTRATION FORM

Short term Training on **Organic Farming**

Course Director: Dr. Ravindra Sharma

Duration: 10th -13th February, 2014

Venue: Conference Hall, Green Foundation, Dehradun.

Name Dr/Mr/Mrs/Ms:

Designation

Institute/Department

Address:

Tel: **Mobile:** **E mail:**

REGISTRATION COURSE FEE - Rs. 6,000/- (rupee Six thousand)

A signed copy of the Registration Form along with the Registration Fee should be sent by e-mail or by post to the Course Director on or before 5th February, 2014. The payment can be made to the GREEN FOUNDATION, Dehradun (Uttarakhand) either by DD/multi city cheque/e-transfer. Participants are welcomed to register and make payment online to a GREEN FOUNDATION A/C No.0110012100002963, Punjab National Bank, Dehradun (IFSC code: PUNB0469300) and send transaction details at e-mail address: gfindia.org@gmail.com for confirmation of receipt of the amount received.

Signature of Trainee/Sponsor (with date)

Participants are requested to reach one day earlier on 9th February, 2014, evening as the training programme will be opened at 10:00 hrs. sharp on 10th February, 2014.

LOCATION AND CLIMATE

Dehradun, the State capital of Uttarakhand is situated at an altitude of 670 m, at the centre of about 125 Km long Doon Valley, bounded by Himalayan hills in the north, the Siwalik hills in the south, the river Holy Ganga in the east and Yamuna in the west. It is famous for aromatic long grain rice Basmati and delicious litchis. The weather is pleasant in February and temperature ranges from 9 to 12°C. You must need warm garments during your stay.

HOW TO REACH

Air: The nearest Domestic Airport is at Jolly Grant Airport at Jolly Grant (distance 25 km from Dehradun)

Rail: Dehradun is well connected to other cities of the country by rail

Road: Dehradun is also well connected to other cities of the country by road.