



# BIODYNAMIC ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

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## Invitation

Farmers in India are increasingly opting for organic farming as a viable alternative to chemical agriculture. In this context, biodynamic (BD) agriculture will strengthen the organic farming movement and be of immense help to organic farmers.

The next basic six-days BD training course is being held at Sacred Heart College in Shenbaganur near Kodaikanal, Tamil Nadu, from *September 29<sup>th</sup> to October 04<sup>th</sup> 2014*, followed by a three-days course in BD prep making and retrieval from *October 06<sup>th</sup> to 08<sup>th</sup> 2014*. A number of experienced BD practitioners trained by Peter Procter will conduct the course. The course has a good balance of theory and practical sessions.

## Background

### What is BIODYNAMIC AGRICULTURE?

Biodynamic farming is based on Dr. Rudolf Steiner's Agriculture Course held in 1924 in Germany. It is one of the oldest forms of organic farming in a modern sense, but is much more than organic farming. In BD agriculture, the farm is treated as a 'living whole' where all farm activities are interrelated and influence each other. Careful observation and prudent farm management along with the use of the BD preparations can improve soil fertility and enhance the health of plants. The use of lunar and planetary rhythms for deciding farm activities is also helpful. The theory and practical sessions during the course include the following:

#### A. Basic Course (6 days) from September 29<sup>th</sup> to October 04<sup>th</sup> 2014

- The crisis in modern agriculture and principles of organic / sustainable farming.
- Biodynamic preparations BD500 and BD501 – theory and practice.
- Practical demo: 1.) Horn Manure (BD500) – Demo making, retrieval, stirring and application.
  - 2.) Horn Silica (BD501) – making, stirring and application.
- Biodynamic compost preparations (BD 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507) – theory.
- Practical demos: 1) BD 500, 2) BD compost, 3) cow pat pit manure (CPP), 4) liquid manures.
- The significance of moon rhythms and planetary and stellar constellations, and the use of a planting calendar in agriculture.
- Increasing soil fertility, control measures of plant pests & diseases, and weed control.
- Animal husbandry in BD farming.
- Converting a farm to organic and BD agriculture.
- Demeter standards and certification procedures.

#### B. Preparation making and retrieval course (3 days) from October 06<sup>th</sup> to 08<sup>th</sup> 2014

- 1) Demo of making of BD501.
- 2) Practical demonstration of making BD500 preparation.
- 3) Practical demonstration of making of compost preparations BD502-507,
- 4) Retrieval of BD 504.
- 5) Making CPP.

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## Biodynamic Agriculture Training Course

Basic Course – September 29<sup>th</sup> to October 04<sup>th</sup> 2014 (6 days)

BD Preparations - demo of making course – October 06<sup>th</sup> to 08<sup>th</sup> 2014 (3 days)

Course fees (inclusive of simple boarding and lodging for one person)

Type	Basic (6 days)	BD preparation (3 days)	Members discount
Corporate	Rs. 10,000	Rs.6,000	20%
Individual / NGOs	Rs. 8,500	Rs. 4,000	20%
Overseas participants	US\$ 300	US\$ 200	--

**Note:** If from a society or NGO, please attach a letter with the letterhead of the institution.

- ✓ Members of the BDAI (with corporate or society membership) can avail the discount for only one participant.
- ✓ Only a limited number of seats are available and preference will be given on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- ✓ Please send the filled-in form (as given below) for registration and the course fee by demand draft in favour of **Biodynamic Association of India (BDAI)** payable at **Kodaikanal**, or by direct transfer.
- ✓ **For transferring the course fee**, send it to State Bank of India, branch: Kodaikanal, a/c no. 11079320020, IFSC: SBIN0000799. *Please inform the Course Co-ordinator and Secretary / BDAI*, about the transfer of the money or about couriering the cheque or DD.
- ✓ For cancellations, 75% of the fees paid can be refunded, if the BDAI secretariat receives information at least 10 days before the course starts. After that no refund will be given.
- ✓ Participants are advised to come to the course venue, Sacred Heart College, Shenbaganur, 6 kilometers before Kodaikanal, on Sunday, **September 28<sup>th</sup> 2014**.
- ✓ Only applications accompanied with the bank **Demand Draft** will be accepted.
- ✓ Plant and animal parts are used for the making of BD preparations (similar to practices in Vriksha Ayurveda)
- ✓ Non-participating spouse or husband and children and pets cannot be accommodated.
- ✓ Course fees include basic accommodation and boarding in SHC, a Jesuit monastery.

**Please send all postal correspondence related to the course to the Course Co-ordinator:**

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– 10 am to 05 pm

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<b>Applying for</b>	<b>Basic Course</b>		<b>Preparation Retrieval</b>	
<b>NAME</b>				
<b>SEX</b>				
<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>				
<b>CONTACT PHONE /MOBILE NUMBER</b>				
<b>E-MAIL</b>				
<b>POSTAL ADDRESS</b>				
<b>EDUCATION</b>				
<b>PROFESSION</b>				
<b>ORGANISATION NAME</b>				
<b>EXPERIENCE IN AGRICULTURE</b>				
<b>DRAFT NUMBER AND PAYMENT DETAILS</b>				

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Additional information for course participants:

Please note that accommodation is simple and frugal.

The weather at Kodaikanal (at 2,000 m above sea level) and Shenbaganur (1,850 m ASL) is cool. Please equip yourselves and dress accordingly. Bring along clothes and shoes that permit hands-on compost making and related gardening activities. In September it is likely to rain so bring umbrella or rain coats.

### **For participants coming from far away:**

- ⇒ The next airport to Shenbaganur / Kodaikanal is at Madurai (120 km).
- ⇒ Nearest railway stations are at Madurai, Dindigul (80 km) and Kodaikanal Road (60 km).
- ⇒ Regular long-distance buses are available from Chennai and from Bangalore. Get down at Shenbaganur, the last village prior to Kodaikanal. The Sacred Heart College is on the right side of the main road – sign boards to a “Museum of Natural Science” will show the way.
- ⇒ The last part of your journey (up the hill to Shenbaganur) will have to be by road (from the plains in Dindigul District about 2 hours by bus or car). Taxi pick-up can be organized.
- ⇒ Help with logistics can be organized if requests come in well in advance.

The basic course will end on Saturday **October 4<sup>th</sup> 2014**, evening at about 5 pm. The prep making course will end on Wednesday **October 8<sup>th</sup> 2014**, evening at about 5 pm. Please book your return journeys accordingly.

In case of trouble in communication with course co-ordinator, please refer to:

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Wishing you a rewarding learning experience and a happy stay,

**Jaison J Jerome**  
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