



Save our Rice Campaign

Organic Seed Production Workshop

Date: 20 - 22 November 2014

Venue: Agricultural Training Centre- Phulia (Nadia, West Bengal-741402)

Seed the basic input, is the lifeline of agriculture. Local farming communities have preserved and reused their diverse indigenous seed varieties over generations. It is with this art of preserving and reusing that all the agricultural biodiversity that is our heritage has been maintained and developed. The situation started changing with introduction of Green Revolution that ushered in modern crop varieties that would increase yield has not only caused damage on our environment but also eroded most of our seed heritage.

The corporate grip over all inputs, especially seeds is the most alarming because it threatens to hold farming and food security hostage to big business interests. Losing our traditional varieties will make our farmers dependent on seed companies and end of traditional agriculture.

Save Rice Campaign in association with Paschim Sridhar Kanti Jonokalyan Sangho along with Agricultural Training Centre-Phulia is organizing a 3 day Organic Seed Production Workshop for practitioners, facilitators and Producer groups from 20 th to 22 nd November 2014 at Agriculture Training Centre at Phulia (Nadia, West Bengal).

Major Topics covered:

- Need of conservation & production of seeds at farmer level
- Seed Mapping and On farm Conservation
- Establishing Rice Diversity Blocks
- On farm Conservation and characterization of Traditional Rice Varieties
- Traditional Rice Varieties & SRI
- Promotion of Rice based multi cropping Systems
- Traditional seed storage methods
- Conservation of Vegetable Diversity and vegetable seed production
- Establishing Community Seed banks
- Building Small scale Seed Business
- Safeguarding Seed Saver's Rights

Subjects will be presented both in the indoors and in the field through hands-on activities. Participants can expect to learn fundamentals of organic seed production through on-farm practices.

We request your participation in the workshop and share your experiences.

We also request you to contribute Rs 3000/participant towards Boarding & Lodging and training materials.

No of seats: 25

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