



## VAYALRAKSHA SANGAMAM

### On World Food Day at Thiruvananthapuram

Vayalraksha Sangamam, which brings together various agricultural and environmental organisations, associations, farmers, activists and students in Kerala to a single platform, will be held on 16 October 2015, the World Food Day, at Thiruvananthapuram, the capital city of Kerala. Organised by Kerala Jaiva Karshaka Samithi, the largest organisation of organic farmers in the state, the primary objective of the event is to demand to the Kerala Government, on the eve of World Food Day, to strongly implement Kerala Conservation of Paddy Land and Wetland Act, 2008 without overturning it, for saving the state by protecting the remaining farmlands. The paddy cultivation which spanned 9 lakh hectares at the time of independence has shirked to a meagre 2 lakh hectares today.

Not only the vegetables, but also Kerala's staple food, the rice, is heavily poisoned due to wide use of chemical fertilisers and pesticides. Kerala depends on other Indian states to meet its annual rice requirement. If Kerala starts farming in all barren farmlands across the state, it will be able to produce a major chunk of the food here itself. Keralites must wake up to using non-poisonous local rice varieties is the other key message that Vayalraksha Sangamam brings forward.

Vayalraksha Sangamam starts officially when the Nelvayal Raksha Rally which begins from Thiruvananthapuram Secretariat at 10 am reaches Palayam Rekthasakshi Mandapam. In the event which will continue up to 1.30 pm, key personalities from cultural, political, environment and agriculture domains will dedicate their messages to the general public, followed by traditional songs on farming, mini-dramas and poster-exhibition.

Vayalraksha Sangamam aims at the total participation of all people who love and respect agriculture and environment as the prerequisites of healthy living. The event marks the continuation of the 'Vayalraksha' campaign initiated by the Kerala Jaiva Karshaka Samithi for protecting paddy fields and to increase the coverage of paddy cultivation in Kerala.

Please be part of this vital event which has to make a difference.





Kerala Jaiva Karshaka Samithi

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