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Isha Agroforestry holds media brief at Krishnagiri Press Club

17 October 2019, Krishnagiri: Isha Agroforestry held a press briefing at the Krishnagiri Press Club today to announce its one-day training program on tree crop cultivation for rainfed land. Shri. Tamilmaran, Co-ordinator, Isha Agroforestry, and Shri. Ganesan, Pioneer Agroforestry farmer addressed the media.

Shri. Tamilmaran said that Isha Agroforestry had been visiting farms and advising farmers on multi-cropping patterns. He said thousands of farmers had converted to agroforestry through Isha's training programs over more than a decade. These farmers have reported significant increase in income, in agricultural yield and in crop quality.

The one-day workshop at Brahmavanam Tree Crop Farm will begin at 9 a.m. Farmers from various districts across Tamil Nadu are expected to participate in the program. Shri. Ganesan, an agro-farmer for the past 14 years and owner of the Brahmavanam Tree Crop Farm in Krishnagiri will practically demonstrate the benefits of agroforestry.

Participants will be taught crop cultivation between trees rows, techniques of sapling plantation in rainfed lands and techniques to grow trees even during drought.

Pioneer agroforestry farmers Shri. R.P Ganesan, Shri. Karuppaiah, Shri. Dr. Duraisami and Shri. Senthil will share their expertise with the participants.

Around 42% of the land in Tamil Nadu has been declared barren by the Government of Tamil Nadu. Agroforestry with carefully selected trees compatible with soil and climatic conditions will help the soil regain its fertility besides enhancing its capacity to hold water in the ground.

Venue:

Brahmavanam Tree Crop Farm
Uthangarai
Krishnagiri

Date: 20 October 2019

Time: 9 a.m. onward

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Isha Agroforestry educates farmers about sustainable land use that maintains and increases total yield by combining food crops and tree-based crops. Farmers are encouraged to plant a combination of fruit, fodder and timber trees in the periphery of their farmland.

Designed to bring tree-based agriculture back to the heart of Indian farming, through the agroforestry model, Isha Agroforestry guides farmers in choosing the right mix of trees and crops. Factors such as climatic conditions, soil health and water availability are considered while selecting tree species thereby creating a self-sustaining movement.

Trees bring biodiversity, soil fertility, a cooler climate, cleaner air, and increased rainfall. Their yields reduce agricultural expenditure while creating the possibility of future income through small-scale forestry enterprises.

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