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Isha announces agroforestry training programs

15 October 2019, Madurai: Isha Agroforestry will conduct a one-day tree cultivation training program at Brahmavanam Tree Crop Farm, Uthangarai, Krishnagiri 20 October 2019. On the same day, Isha Agro Movement will hold a one-day training on preparing natural input for farms. This program will be held at Yuvashakshi Natural Farm, Puliyangulam village, Madurai. Shri. Tamilmaran, Co-ordinator, Isha Agroforestry, and Swami Srimukha, Co-ordinator, Isha project GreenHands held a media at the Madurai Press Club today to announce the programs.

At the input training program, participants will be taught to prepare 12 different types of natural inputs such as Jeevamirtham, Ganajeevamirtham, Agni Asthram and other natural mixtures to increase the productivity and quality of crops. Practical sessions will demonstrate how to prepare chemical-free natural insecticides which will yield a much healthier produce.

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.

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Isha Agroforestry

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.

Isha Agro Movement

The Isha Agro Movement was established in 2007 under the guidance of Shri. Nammalvar, the pioneer of organic farming movement in Tamil Nadu. It was established as a platform to develop and promote collective farming. Since 2015, Isha Agro Movement has also focused on reviving natural farming methods that were traditionally followed in India up until four decades ago. It provides practical support to farmers in all aspects of natural farming including training in efficient organic farming methods, value addition, marketing and procurement. Till date, over 8000 farmers have been

trained in Tamil Nadu in natural farming methods and several have converted to organic farming leading to improved produce, enhanced market rates and significant health benefits.

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