

Agroecology Multiversity Introduces 3 Month's certificate course on

AGROECOLOGY

Food System Transformation following Agroecological Principles

Organised by Welthungerhilfe in collaboration with Farmers and CSOs in various locations of India

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Ayang Trust/Majuli, Assam | Farm 2 Food Foundation/Golaghat, Assam | Nature Farm/ Pailan, West Bengal | Paushtik Life/Raiganj, West Bengal | Pragati/Koraput, Odisha | Pravah/Deoghar, Jharkhand | Sambhaav Trust/Dungerpur, Rajasthan | Wild Village/Jamui, Bihar

What is unique about this course

Focuses on developing skills, competency and knowledge required for an agroecologist as changemaker – not only on learning Agroecology.

Experiential and cyclical learning pedagogy.

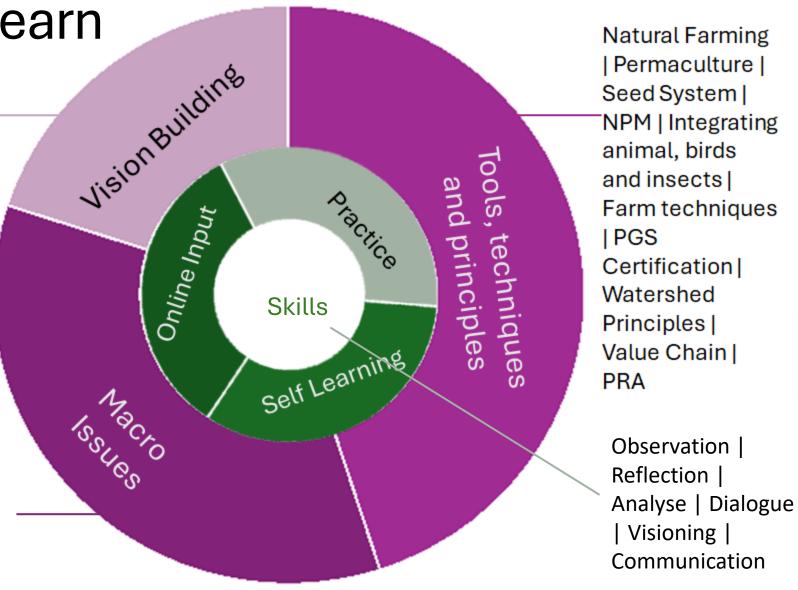
Simultaneously run from various locations creating scope of facilitating local food systems transformation.

Faculties are practitioners and academicians from across the country.

What do you learn

Indigenous Food systems | Understanding future climate | Multiperspective analysis | Stories of alternatives

Systems and System
thinking | History &
Politics of Food |
Sustainability |
Basics of ecology |
Basics of Agriculture
| Cross cutting issues
- Nutrition, Gender |
Trade and Market



How do you learn

Online Sessions (3 weeks)

- Introduction to the course
- Online lectures, activities

Field placement with farmers/
CSOs in your region for practice sessions(3 weeks)

Reflection through Self Practice in your own work (2 weeks) Joint session (1 week)

- Reflection
- Conclusion

Self learning (1 week)

Online sessions (2 weeks) on Visioning

Reflection

What is expected from you as learner

Sefl driven, self motivated to take charge of your own learning. Reflect, participate, debate, co-learn.

Pay for your basic accommodation, travel and food for the field placement (around 30 days), which is between 400 ~ 600 Rupees a day as per actual.

There is no written examination. You are expected to submit assignments on a regular basis.

Depending on your location, for field work, you will be placed in any of the states from Assam, West Bengal, Odisha, Jharkhand, Rajasthan or Bihar.

How do you apply

Anyone can apply. Instruction language will be English and/or Hindi.

Apply with your letter of intention for joining the course and CV.

Mention your choice of field placement location – Assam, West Bengal, Odisha, Jharkhand, Rajasthan or Bihar.

Apply at agroecology.multiversity@gmail.com by 20.12.2024. WhatsApp 9166888228 for details.

Further Detail of the Course

Introductory Weeks

- Systems and System thinking | Multi-perspective analysis
- History & Politics of Food | Sustainability | Basics of ecology |
 Basics of Agriculture | Cross cutting issues Nutrition, Gender |
 Trade and Market
- Natural Farming | Permaculture | Seed System | NPM | Integrating animal, birds and insects
- Watershed Principles | Landscape Ecology | Value Chain

Practice in the field

Understand challenges/scope

PRA Maps: Transect, resource map, stress calendar, crop calendar| Diet diversity scoring | Survey local markets

Practices

NPM techniques: Various concoctions, management practices | Cowshed management, poultry shed management, preparing feed | SW Management: Mulching, various methods of composting, liquid manure | Watershed structures | Food preparation: Knowing and cooking uncultivated food | Pickling | Plantation | Seed sowing for kitchen garden | Seed treatment | Seed storing

 Develop, communicate and try out a plan of transformation with the community

Concluding week

- Indigenous Food systems
- Understanding climate
- PGS Certification
- Global trends
- Indicators of sustainability
- Collecting and handling farm data and field data
- Stories of alternatives
- Visioning
- Communication