



# BIODYNAMIC ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

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Date : 10<sup>th</sup> January 2010

Dear Sir / Madam,

Sub : Biodynamic Agriculture Training Program

Seasons Pongal Greetings from the Biodynamic Association of India (BDAI). I am happy to inform you that the BDAI will be organizing a six day BD agriculture introductory course from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March to Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2010, and a two days Biodynamic preparation retrieval and BD501 making course on Monday March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> 2010 at Kodaikanal, Tamilnadu. Some of us who have been trained by Peter Proctor over the years like Lucas Dangel, David Hogg, Umesh Chandrasekar, Jaison Jerome and myself will be the resource persons for this program.

I am enclosing an attachment giving details of the course and the application form for the course participants. I kindly request you to use this opportunity to recommend this useful course to your colleagues or friends connected with farming. Enough to say that we now have over the years sufficient experience in running such BD training programs, and assure you it will not only be educative by enjoyable as well in the cool Palni Hills Mountains in Dindigul District of Tamilnadu.

If there are any clarifications please feel free to contact me ( 09443349320). Please send me the application form with your phone and contact details and photo to the following address.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best wishes,

C. Jayakaran  
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***Please send all postal correspondence related to this course to :***

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Many farmers in India are increasingly opting for organic farming as a viable alternative to chemical agriculture. In this context, Biodynamic agriculture will strengthen the organic farming movement and be of immense help to organic farmers.

The next basic six day Biodynamic training course is being held at Sacred Heart college, Shenbaganur, Kodaikanal from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2010, A number of experienced BD practitioners who have been trained by Peter Procter will conduct the course. The course includes a good balance of both theory and practical sessions.

## ***Background***

**What is BIODYNAMIC AGRICULTURE?** Biodynamic farming is based on Dr. Rudolf Steiner's Agriculture Course held in 1924 in Germany. It is one of the oldest forms of organic farming in a modern sense, but is much more than organic farming. In Biodynamic agriculture, the farm is treated as a 'living whole' where all farm activities are inter-related and influence each other. Careful observation and prudent farm management along with the use of Biodynamic preparations can improve soil fertility and enhance the health of plants. The use of planetary rhythms for deciding farm activities like planting is also helpful. The theory and practical sessions during the course included are as follows;

### **A. Basic Course – (6 days) 15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March 2010.**

- The crisis in modern agriculture and principles of organic / sustainable farming.
- Biodynamic Preparations BD500 and BD501. Theory and Practice:
  1. Horn Manure (BD500) – Making, stirring and application
  2. Horn Silica (BD501) – stirring and application
- Biodynamic compost preparations BD502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507 – theory
- Practical demo:
  1. Biodynamic Compost
  2. Cow Pat Pit manure (CPP)
  3. Liquid manure
- The significance & usage of Moon rhythms, constellations and planetary position through planting calendar in agriculture.
- Increasing Soil fertility, Plant pests & Diseases control measures, and weed control
- Animal husbandary in BD farming.
- Converting a farm to Organic and Biodynamic agriculture.
- Demeter standards and certification procedures.

### **B. Preparation retrieval and BD501 making course - ( 2 days) 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2010.**

Practical demonstrations of BD preparations retrieval and BD501 making

- ❖ Horn Silica ( 501),
- ❖ Herbal compost preparations BD502, BD503, BD504, BD505, BD506, & BD507



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## **Biodynamic Agriculture Training Course**

**Basic Course – (6days) Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March to Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

**Preparation retrieval and BD501 making course – (2days) Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March-2010**

Type	Basic	BD preparation Retrieval	Member's Discount
Corporate	Rs. 10,000	Rs. 4000	20%
Individual / NGO's	Rs. 7,500	Rs. 3000	20%
Overseas Participants	US\$ 250	--	--

### **Note :**

1. If from a society or NGO, please attach a letter in the letter head of the institution.
2. Members of the BDAI ( with corporate or society membership) can avail the discount for only one participant.
3. Only a limited number of seats are available and preference will be given on a first come first serve basis.
4. Please send the filled in form (as given below) for registration, and the course fee by demand draft as in favour of **Biodynamic Association of India( BDAI)** payable at **Kodaikanal**.
5. For cancellations, refund 75% of the fees paid can be refunded, if the BDAI secretariat receives information at least 10 days before the course starts. After that no refund will be given.
6. Participants are advised to come to the course venue, The Sacred Heart College, Shenbaganur, 6 kilometers before Kodaikanal on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2010 itself.
7. Only applications accompanied with the bank **Demand Draft** will be accepted.
8. Plant and animal parts are used for the practical BD preparation making ( similar to practices in Vriksha Ayurveda).
9. Spouse , Children and pets cannot be accommodated during the course.

Please send all postal correspondence related to this course to :

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## Biodynamic Agriculture Training Course

### Application Form

Applying for	Basic Course		Preparation Retrieval	
NAME				
SEX				
DATE OF BIRTH				
CONTACT PHONE / MOBILE NUMBER				
EMAIL				
ADDRESS				
EDUCATION				
PROFESSION				
ORGANISATION NAME				
EXPERIENCE IN AGRICULTURE				
DRAFT NUMBER AND PAYMENT DETAILS				

The last date for receiving the application is **8<sup>th</sup> March 2010**