



Agenda

Residential Training Programme: Leveraging Agroecology for Livelihood
Anil Agarwal Environment Training Institute, Nimli, Rajasthan
Classroom 1, September 29- September 30, 2026

Day 1: September 29, 2026	
Time	Details
8:30 am-9:00 am	Registration
Session 1	Setting of agenda
9:00 am-9:30 am	The Taste of India's Biodiversity Vibha Varshney, Principal Programme Manager, Biodiversity and Food, CSE
9:30 am-10:00 am	Participant introductions
Session 2	The role of FPOs in conserving and promoting agrobiodiversity
10:00 am-10:30 am	Introduction by CSE Shimali Chauhan, Senior Research Associate, Biodiversity and Food
10:30 am-11:15 am	Women's leadership in building biodiverse farms Bibi Jan Halemani, Founder President, Bibi Fathima Swasahaya Sangha, Karnataka, (online)
11:15 am-11:30 am	Tea/Coffee break
11:30 am-12:15pm	FPOs for climate sensitive and biodiverse agriculture Sourangshu Banerjee, Team Coordinator, Professional Assistance for Development Action (PRADAN), West Bengal
12:15 pm-1:00pm	How kalajeera rice secured a GI tag and place in Shri Jagannath temple's Mahaprasad Edith Luna Panda, Advisor, Agramee, Odisha
1:00 pm-2:00pm	Special lunch celebrating biodiversity
Session 3	The role of FPOs in managing soil and seed
2:00 pm-2:15 pm	Introduction by CSE Rajeshwari Sinha, Senior Programme Manager, Sustainable Food Systems
2:15 pm-2:45 pm	Understanding soil biological health and importance for sustainable food systems Rajeshwari Sinha, Senior Programme Manager, Sustainable Food Systems
2:45 pm-3:30 pm	Role of earthworms in improving soil biological health Sultan Ahmed Ismail, Soil Biologist and Ecologist, Tamil Nadu (online)

3:30 pm-4:00 pm	Tea/Coffee break and group photo
4:00 pm-4:45 pm	Bioresources management for organic and natural farming Ramanjaneyulu GV, Executive Director, Centre for Sustainable Agriculture, Telangana (online)
4:45 pm-5:30 pm	Seed conservation and community seed banks Soumik Banerjee, Independent Researcher and Practitioner of Traditional Seed Conservation
6:00 pm-7:30 pm	Open mic Moderated by Chhavi Mahaur, Senior Research Associate, Sustainable Food Systems
7:30 pm onwards	Dinner on the lawns

Day 2: September 30, 2026	
Session 4	The role of FPOs in boosting business
9:00 am-9:15 am	Introduction by CSE Vibha Varshney, Principal Programme Manager, Biodiversity and Food
9:15am-10:00 am	How professionalism can help grow markets Ruchi Jain, Founder, Taru Naturals, Maharashtra (online)
10:00 am-10:45 am	Marketing to increase business Nitin Puri, Co-founder, KisaanSay, Haryana (online)
10:45am-11:15 am	Designing logos and packages Ajit Bajaj, Senior Creative Director, CSE (online)
11:15 am-11:30 am	Tea/Coffee break
11:30 am-12:15 pm	Value addition to optimize markets Rohit Jain, Founder, Banyan Roots, Rajasthan
12:15 pm-1:00 pm	Meeting market benchmarks through regulatory compliances Vijay Raghavan, Programme Manager, NAFPO, New Delhi (online)
1:00 pm-2:00 pm	Lunch
2:00 pm-4:00 pm	Discussion: Lessons learnt and recommendations Moderated by Vibha Varshney and Shimali Chauhan
4:00 pm onwards	Tea and departure