

SARG Training Center nestles in 'Manohar Orchards' a Biodynamic Apple orchard since 1998. The center is surrounded by thick oak forest and is one kilometer walking distance from the closest road head called 'Chipa', Ramgarh, Nainital

# A PIECE OF HEAVEN

'Live & Learn' Biodynamic Agriculture School

SARG Training Center (STC) was established in 2003 for the sole purpose of creating a work and learn space for Organic and Biodynamic agriculture. STC is nestled in the Manohar Organic Orchard which is spread over 5.6 ha. Manohar Orchard is surrounded by primary oak forest, is home to exotic birds and has a Himalayan view. The campus has classrooms, accommodation and demonstration places. The entire orchard comprising of apples, peaches and apricots other horticulture practices are being done entirely with biodynamic farming systems.

Trainees enjoy class room tutorials as well as hands on training. Most programs have in built exposure visits to the neighboring farms which are also practicing organic agriculture for the past 21 years.

# **Course Modules**

SARG undertakes standard 3 day and 6 day basic courses for Organic and Biodynamic agriculture. SARG also undertakes customized courses in Organic agriculture and its value chain. SARG is a member of Biodynamic Association of India (BDAI)



All the houses are named after luminaries of biodynamic and organic agriculture like the dormitory is called 'Howard House', the class room is called 'Pfeiffer hall'.

While in the training center and as a trainee you are likely to be accommodated in the 'Howard House' in bunks sharing the toilets or other shared accommodation in Oak Hut & Valley View . There is a separate housing for the girls/ ladies and resource persons

## **Attire**

The center is at a height of 2400 msl. All participants must remember to bring good walking shoes, light woolen clothes for summer and heavy woolens for the autumn. Scarves and caps are useful due to strong summer sun and winds. A torch will always be helpful while being in the outdoors at night. BD course and trainings always have practical's, so remember to bring working clothes which get wet and muddy.

Water is the biggest asset in summers in the mountains and we humbly request that waterbring plastic bags, bottles you must remember to take them back. A personal water bottle will be most useful.



## **Tutorials**

SARG has in house experts in Biodynamic/Organic Agriculture but also outsources resource persons in customised trainings. Trainings are a mix of classroom as well as practical, there is also a library for reference material'

STC is surrounded by the SANSAKT project where 200 farmers are practicing BD/ organic horticulture for the last several years. The participants will be taken for a visit to the villages and interface with the practicing farmers. STC in itself a BD orchard and all practical classes will be held in-house itself.

### Messing Facilities

The center has a mess and dining hall , a small team of cooks and servers will look after your needs . As the cooking is done for the entire group . Most meals offered will be as per the general social profile of the group. Please inform the 'Mess In– charge' of your special needs and if there are possibilities it shall be catered to.

### Pony Freight

The center team will meet you in the road head at 'chipa' from where you will disembark from your motor vehicles and start to walk uphill. The center will provide free freight service for one bag each not weighing more than 10 kgs. One small haversack should be carried by you strapped to your back which should contain personal items like laptops/ jacket/ water etc.

#### Medical Assistance

Remember you will be one kilometer 'walk across the mountain' away from the road and about 15 km to the closest doctor so carry all basic medicine you think you might need with change of weather allergies, dehydration etc . Some first aid may be made available in the center.

We look for forward for your visit and hope you have a lovely stay.









## How to reach SARG center

**By Rail:** closest raid head is Kathgodam near Haldwani, drive from there to road head STC, Chipa is 65 kms, about 1.5 – 2 hrs drive via Bhimtal, Bhowali and Ramgarh.

**By Road:** one can drive straight from Delhi to the STC via NH9, total kms will be 320 kms.

**By Air:** There are flights from Delhi to Pantnager, Pantnager Airport is 27 kms away from Kathgodam and 92 kms from STC

How to reach at SARG training centre Address: - SARI, SUPI, RAMGARH, NAINITAL (U.K.) A MODEL BIODYNAMIC FARM









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