



# Krishna Sudha Academy for Agroecology

Learning for Transformation

## For Farmers, Food, and Livelihoods



Kondaparva village, near Nuzvidu, NTR District,  
Andhra Pradesh

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# FACILITIES



**38 acres  
Farm & Campus**



**Diagnostic facilities  
Research labs**



**State of Art  
Class Rooms**



**Hostel facilities  
for 80 persons**



**Working models  
Food processing units**



**Enterprises  
Incubation**



**Appropriate  
Innovations**



**Revive and Store  
Seed Banks**



**Curated history  
Museum**



# ABOUT US

Krishna Sudha **Academy for Agroecology** is a transdisciplinary research and education centre working on agroecology as an alternative paradigm for food, farming and livelihoods in growing ecological, economic, and social crises.

The ecological and economic crisis in agriculture is caused by climate and environmental change, loss of biodiversity, market volatility and skewed public policies. New knowledge, policies and technologies are needed to develop systems that are more resilient to change and ensure safe and nutritious food, sustain natural resources and make farming an economically viable livelihood.

The focus of the academy is to develop new knowledge in social, agroecological, hydrological and environmental processes, climate resilience, public policy and community organisations. Community-generated knowledge forms an important base on which the participation of farmers, grassroots innovators, transdisciplinary research, and holistic approaches, which cross many disciplinary boundaries, all play an important role.

The Krishna Sudha **Academy for Agroecology** is a campus located on a **38-acre** organic farm, on the road from Nuzvidu to Vissannapeta. The distance from Vijayawada International Airport, Gannavaram, is 65 km, making it an hour and a half drive, and it's also 25 km away from the national highway connecting Vijayawada and Kolkata.

The academy will be offering courses from November, 2023. The campus comes with facilities for research, training, incubation and education

Krishna Sudha **Academy for Agroecology** is a unit of Sree Padmavathi Venkateshwara Foundation (Sree PVF), Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh in collaboration with the Centre for Sustainable Agriculture (CSA), Hyderabad, Telangana.





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# WHAT WE DO

Cultivating Knowledge. Nurturing Sustainability



## VISION

Promote a scientific agroecological approach to farming by establishing a centre of excellence in Agroecology and contribute to resilience in farming and farm livelihoods.

## MISSION

To establish a world-class research facility on agroecological approaches to farming, rural business enterprises and public policy.

To develop human resources by building an excellent learning ecosystem for farmers, students, consumers and policy makers.

## GOALS

### Research

To emerge as a premier research centre on agroecological approaches, and farm policy in India.

### Education

To impart high quality education on Agroecology to students, teachers and staff.

### Extension

To provide quality extension services to farmers and handhold in transition towards regenerative agriculture.

## AT A GLANCE

### Research

- Long term field trials
- Conserving and reviving ethnic varieties
- Farm tools for small holders
- Public policy
- Village level studies

### Education

- Students
- Farmers
- Staff and entrepreneurs
- Policy makers

### Incubation

- Farmer Producer Organisations
- Rural Entrepreneurs
- Innovators
- Startups



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# RESEARCH

## Innovating and Generating Knowledge

- Long term cropping systems trials
- Conservation, revival and maintenance of Indigenous and improved varieties
- Innovations in organic/natural farming practices and methods
- Sustainable nutrition empowerment for women and children
- Farm machinery and tools for small farmers
- Longitudinal studies in socio economic and ecological impacts of technology, policy and climate changes
- Incubation support for the rural innovators

**On campus and participatory research  
in the farmers' fields**





# EDUCATION

## Building Human Resources

- Courses for senior management on Agroecology, Agribusiness Management and Public Policy
- Certificate Courses on Agroecology, FPOs and Rural Business Management and Public Policy in Agriculture for students
- Trainings for knowledge and skill building of extension personal, CEOs of FPOs
- Rural entrepreneurship development
- Focus on engaging women and school children on nutrition and health, teaching them sustainable production and consumption
- Agroecology, Food systems, farm innovations and entrepreneurship for school children
- Hands on learning on organic/natural farming, food processing, seed conservation and revival



## AGROECOLOGY SCHOOL

### TITLE OF THE COURSE

Organic farming: theory and practice

Organic Seed Production

Organic Vegetable Production

Organic Certification and PGS

Understanding Agroecology-  
learning from science and  
experiences

Natural Resource  
Management in Agriculture

Tribal Agriculture

Organic Fruit Production

Composting techniques

Climate Change and  
adaptation

Rainfed Farming: risk  
mitigation and adaptation

Water Management in  
Agriculture - Rainwater  
Harvesting, Water budgeting  
and crop management

Urban gardening

Home composting

Traditional Seeds  
conservation and revival

Intensive Multiple Cropping  
Models

Agroecological approach to  
farming

## LIVELIHOOD SCHOOL

### TITLE OF THE COURSE

Backyard Poultry

Production and Marketing of  
Bio Inputs Locally

Mushroom Production

Collection Centres:  
Managing Fruits &  
Vegetables

Primary Food Processing:  
Paddy, Lentils, and Oil Milling

Food Value Addition: Bakery,  
Pickling

Solar Dryers: Usage and  
Management

Fruit Juices & Jams

## AGRICULTURE POLICY SCHOOL

### TITLE OF THE COURSE

Improving the Last Mile  
Delivery of Support Services

Understanding Agrarian Crisis  
and Policy Change

Foundation Course on  
Agricultural Laws

Krishi Manthan:  
Understanding Changing  
Scenarios in Indian Agriculture

New Policy Changes:  
Understanding It's Impacts

## RURAL BUSINESS SCHOOL

### TITLE OF THE COURSE

Introduction Course on  
Farmer Producer  
Organizations (FPOs)

Capacity Building for CEOs of  
the FPOs

Business Planning for FPOs

Accounting, Auditing and  
Legal Compliances for FPOs

Marketing of Organic Food

Value Addition and Food  
Processing Opportunities at  
an FPO Level

Marketing of Fruits and  
Vegetables

eKrishi: IT Tools for Farming

Rural Entrepreneurship

New Policy Changes:  
Opportunities and Challenges  
to FPOs

## URBAN ECOLOGY SCHOOL

### TITLE OF THE COURSE

Urban Gardening

Home Composting

Rainwater Harvesting

Understanding Basics of  
Nutrition

School Gardening



# COURSES

## ACADEMY APPROACH

Exclusive focus on research /  
innovation in agroecology,  
community institutions, food  
& agri-produce processing,  
etc.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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## EXPLORE & LEARN

# OUR LOCATION

50 km from Vijayawada

65 km from Gannavaram International Airport (Vijayawada)



Nuzividu to Vissannapeta

Machilipatnam Nuzividu Kalluru Road



**Academic  
Block**



Krishna Sudha Academy  
for Agroecology



క్రీస్తు సుధా  
అకాడమీ వర్గం

10 ac

**Research and  
Demonstration Farm**

28 ac



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