



World Wide Opportunities in Organic Farms)
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IND 001 Rural Organisation on Social Elevation (ROSE), Bageshwar, Uttarakhand Rose is a small grassroots non-governmental voluntary organisation dedicated to the sustainable uplifting of the rural poor. It promotes self reliance and self sufficiency, as well as social, environmental and health awareness. WWOOF volunteers practice traditional organic farming and are integrated into rural family farm life. WWOOFers can also become involved in various and numerous activities such as the construction, maintenance and repair of the house, path, compost toilet and bio-gas unit. Other projects are continually being devised and implemented when funds allow. We need WWOOFers who are interested in learning and respectful cultural exchange. They need to be caring, sharing, flexible, positive, adaptable, constructive, honest, responsible and have a sense of humour.
IND 002 Farm name: BUDDHA GARDEN COMMUNITY FARM Contact name: PRIYA Location (address and description of land): BUDDHA GARDEN COMMUNITY FARM TAMIL NADU. Is close to Puducherry A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.): Mainly vegetable growing although we also have some fruit and a few chickens. How long you have been doing Organic Farming: 17 YEARS Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency: Yes; Auroville certification in process Suggested length of stay for volunteers: At least two weeks Accommodations (number and type): We have three cabins which each provide shared accommodation for two people. We have a cottage/dormitory that can accommodate 4 people and is used mainly by long term volunteers and a dormitory. Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.): There is a variety of other work available in Auroville and Auroville based activities in the surrounding villages. Expectations of work for volunteers: 6.15 – 9.00am every day Monday to Friday Is transportation available? Bicycles can be hired from Buddha Garden Languages spoken: English, French, Hindi and Tamil plus other languages depending on our volunteers Can you host children or pets? Pets no children possibly Special diets: VEGETARIAN
IND 030 BANASKANTHA AGRO PROCESSING AND PRODUCTION PRODUCER We are farming the Pomegranate fruit crop around the 221 hectare of land in a district of Gujarat in India. We are trying to get the EUROPGAP Certificate and transfer into Organic Farming all the pomegranate area. We are selling all the product through exporter networking. We are selling locally as per farmers' need and local market supply. We need the help for professional farming practice experience from your WWOOF members and can also teach them our experience of farming practice. We also want to share our marketing network experience to others and learn from them also
IND 031 Farm Name Himalaya Shanti Ashram Contact Name Sharat Arora . One can buy a SIM at any place in India by providing a copy of passport and a photo. It takes around 3-4 days to activate the number, hence please buy at a place where you stay for a week or so. You can then give the number to your family and friends since there are no charges on incoming calls in India. Location: Our farm is located 30 minutes from Lower Dharamsala by taxi,. We are located in the vicinity of Dharamsala Airport (20 minutes by taxi) and

McLeodganj (about 40 minutes by taxi or 1.5 hours walk and bus ride). This is the site of the exiled Tibetan community and the residence of HH the Dalai Lama so the Indian culture in the area is here also mixed with the Tibetan culture.. **A brief description of organic activities** We are fully organic and are in the process of transitioning to a Permaculture set up, with a self-sustaining perennial food growing system. We currently produce a lot of seasonal vegetables and have planted lots of fruit trees and nitrogen fixers with the view to improve our soil quality for years to come. Our next goal is to design and implement a food forest as part of our first PDC (Permaculture Design Course). We hope to run more of these in the future. Our longer-term aim is to become self sufficient in food for our community and the students who are coming to learn. We are the Himalaya Shanti Ashram for Yoga, Meditation, and Healing located by a beautiful river in the foothills of the Himalayas near Dharamshala in Himachal Pradesh. We run Organic Farming to grow all kinds of fruit and vegetables and keep cows for milk. The project is in its infancy right now, we have been working hard for two years and are making excellent progress but we are ambitious and would like to be able to provide all the food needed for the guests on the Yoga Retreats from our own cultivation. Therefore, we need help from motivated, hands-on people with a passion for working outdoors who can help us to create and implement new gardening projects. We ask that you respect the rules of the Ashram and not smoke, drink alcohol or eat meat in the grounds. We also ask that you respect local custom by dressing appropriately around the Ashram and not swimming naked in the river. We work hard and start early so it is good for you to cultivate a personal rhythm that is suited to this way of life. Volunteers work alongside local workers so you will get a taste of the local Himachali culture. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 3 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** Not yet **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Ideally we would like to welcome people who can stay upwards of three months but we do realise that it may not always be possible so we are proposing a 2 week trial period with the possibility of longer term collaboration. However, if we have a mutual interest in each other's projects and can share specialist skills (permaculture, natural building, and alternative energy) on a shorter term basis please do not hesitate to be in touch. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** Up to 10 people at a time. We offer shared accommodation in a beautiful community space with shared bathroom. We offer shared accommodation in a beautiful community space with shared bathroom. We offer two vegetarian meals per day, lunch and dinner. You may bring your own breakfast things; fruits, oats, bread etc from town on your days off. Leftovers will also be made available and fruit can be ordered from the Ashram shop. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** We are always open for coming up with different solutions to meet our energy needs. We are currently exploring solar and hydro-electric production as we are in the proximity of a mighty river. We are open to ideas and welcome skilled people to help make it happen. We are also interested in alternative building with the materials found on the land to create comfortable constructions for contemplation and sit spots to enjoy the sublime beauty of our land. We are also introducing Permaculture Design Certificate Courses (PDC'S), Food Forest Workshops, we are creating a tree nursery and setting up a seed bank to help protect local species and get us closer to food resilience in the area. Any botanists and plant enthusiasts are most welcome. **Expectations of work for volunteers** We would like 5 hours per day, 5-6 days per week/depending on the projects we have going at the time. We are looking for enthusiastic, hardworking people with a love of nature. We would especially like to host people with experience in gardening, farming, animal handling, Permaculture and eco-building, but if you are prepared to work hard, have an open heart and mind, are flexible and accommodating then you would be welcome. We would like volunteers who will appreciate our beautiful natural retreat space and treat it like home, taking responsibility and initiative accordingly to ensure the smooth running of the place. We are looking for enthusiastic, hardworking people with a love of nature. We would especially like to host people with experience in gardening, farming, animal handling, Permaculture and eco-building, but if you are prepared to work hard, be flexible and accommodating then you would be welcome. We

would like volunteers who will appreciate our beautiful natural retreat space and treat it like home, taking responsibility and initiative accordingly to ensure the smooth running of the place. Duties may include: Gardening, composting, Building, General Maintenance, Farming, Light Housekeeping, Animal care We are ideally looking for long-term volunteers who can stay upwards of three months, but will consider shorter term applicants if you seem like a good fit. **Is transportation available?** There are buses available to Dharamsala and onwards to Mcleodganj from Charri village which is a 30 minute walk away. Taxis are also available. **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, Romanian, French, German, Ghadi **Can you host children or pets?** Not at present **Special diets** No meat of any kind is consumed on site. We serve two big vegetarian/vegan meals per day for lunch and dinner, served at 12.30 and 6.30pm. Breakfast is usually herbal tea with herbs grown on site. Volunteers are responsible for bringing in other desired food items to supplement their breakfast. **And any other specifics for your farm** We are in a spot of outstanding natural beauty and biodiversity. Our Ashram is sanctuary for a myriad of species of birds, reptiles, and monkeys. We live in harmony with these creatures and we regard them as our friends, and treat them with the healthy respect they deserve. We are in a very secluded location and there are plenty of trekking opportunities nearby. The Ashram grounds offer plenty to do on days off including walking, enjoying the beautiful nature around and swimming in the crystal clear river. The project is on the grounds of the Yoga Ashram, which runs spiritual retreats throughout the year. We ask that you respect the rules of the Ashram and not smoke, drink alcohol or eat meat in the grounds. During the time retreats are running we ask volunteers to be mindful of the students' personal and spiritual growth, respecting their silence and space. We also ask that you respect local custom by dressing **To bring / not to bring:** Photocopy of your passport and VISA. Indian volunteers should bring a photocopy of any proof of identity . Work clothes, hiking shoes, and rain gear .Toiletries .We have some blankets and pillows, but if possible bring your own sleeping bag . Torch/headlamp .We are trying to reduce our landfill rubbish disposal so: For women: instead of bringing disposable tampons and pads, please consider using a menstrual cup which can be washed and reused and is more environmentally friendly. For information, see <http://divacup.com/> Please be considerate when bringing any plastics or disposable items, ask yourself if it is really needed before packing it. As a general rule of thumb if you are not prepared to take it out with you, please do not bring it in.

IND 032 PARADISA PLANTATION RETREAT , Kottayam, Kerela and housing a resort 40 acre organic coffee and spice plantation together with a retreat adjacent to the Periyar Tiger Reserve and bordered by the forest accommodation in dormitories and tents. Vegetarian food, self catering possible. Require genuine members interested in harvesting coffee and spices months of October to April. Remote area and need to be self reliant. Neighboring village has a European Community aided Bio Dynamic project functioning. Also has an Organic Spice and Tea factory and has a community of 1200 organic small farmers

IND 033 Farm name: Our Native Village **Contact name:** C B Ramkumar **Location (address and description of land):** 40 kms from Bangalore city Karnataka . Our Native Village is on a 4.5 acre organic farm. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.):** We grow a lot of the vegetables and fruits for our guests. The objective is to be completely independent of any vegetables and fruits from outside. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming:** 15 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** Minimum 4 weeks **Accommodations (number and type):** Dormitory type accommodation. Separate for 2 men and 2 women. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.):** We run an eco-resort, all aspects of running an eco-resort on sustainable technologies along with hospitality and experiential delivery of guests. **Expectations of work for volunteers:** Farm work – to assist in our vegetable and fruit farm which is now part of the resort. **Is transportation available?:**No **Languages spoken:** English, Kannada, Hindi **Can you host children or pets?:** While the resort can, WWOOF guests cannot. **Special diets:** Mostly vegetarian **And any other specifics for your farm:** Food is served to volunteers in the staff canteen.

IND 034 **SUBODH, Paonta Sahib , Himachal Pradesh.** 10 hectare certified organic farm on the banks of Yamuna river Farm growing wheat. pulses, soya beans, paddy, mangoes. Biodynamic farming practices and Vedic Agnihotra practiced. Environment friendly building material manufactured in vicinity WWOOFERS welcome in sowing, harvesting and weeding times

IND 035 **Farm name :PAGVS** is promoting organic farming in **Solan and Sirmour** districts of **Himachal Pradesh**. PAGVS is in contact with more than 1000 farmers and is disseminating techniques in organic farming for the last 6-7 years. For the purpose of demonstration and imparting training in preparation of different types of compost and bio-pesticides a demonstration cum production centre has been set up at Dahar (Solan distt.) on one ha. Of land. Dahar. **Contact name :Mr. Prem Chand** **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)**The NGO is actively involved in promotion of organic farming and handling two such projects based on promotion of organic farming in Solan and Sirmour districts of HP. At present the organization has linked more than 1000 farmers of the area under organic farming. The certification of these farmers is in progress. We are growing crops like tomato, pea, beans, ginger etc organically on the farm. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : The farm is outside the city where volunteer can stay for few days and depends a lot on the adapting behavior of individual. **Accommodations (number and type)** : We have limited accommodation at centre as we have only 2-3 room where 4-5 person can stay. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** The organization is also working in water resource management, income generation, post harvest technologies. **Expectations of work for volunteers**No specific schedule. There may be field visits or agricultural operations. **Is transportation available?** The link road is hardly at 300 metre distance from the farm. To reach each and every village one has to cover a distance of 3-5 Km on foot. **Languages spoken** :Hindi, English **Can you host children or pets?** Sometimes if required **Special diets** Vegetables, pulses, rice and wheat flour **And any other specifics your farm** The area is hilly, the width of road is narrow, road remained closed in rainy seasons. Farm is 24 Km away from Solan districts head quarter.

IND 036 **GREWAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE FARM, Sirsa , Haryana** We are strictly a vegetarian family, our family shifted to this farm about 90 yrs ago. The farm is internationally certified by SGS of Holland. We grow Basmati, sugarcane, cotton, pulses, wheat, vegetables etc. We welcome good company and love to share our experiences with the people interested in organic way of farming. We strongly believe that Mother of all agricultural sciences is Ayurveda. WWOofers having spiritual and philosophical leanings are most welcome. Accom in spare rooms. **Children OK.** NO smoking or alcohol.

IND 037 **BHAKTI Vedanta Eco Village, Karnataka.**Travel by Bus from Udupi, Mangalore, Bangalore. Developing Self Sufficient Alternative Community, School & Orphanage, Cow Protection, Protection of Natural Forest Reserves, medicinal herbs, trekking. Strict vegetarians. No Intoxications. Serious people only. No costs for rooms and boarding when in exchange for help. Those interested in Yoga and spiritual life will be more comfortable but there is no such requisit

IND 038, **Nirvana Organic Farm** 25 Kms from **Jaipur , Rajasthan** We would like to promote Organic Farming by offering an opportunity to work hands-on, in real village like atmosphere. The farm is located between 60 acres of woods on one side and river bed (now extinct) on the other side. Our farm size is about 5 acres. Accom indoors. **Children** No. Vegetarian diet.

IND 039 **Ladakh Ecological Footprint** At a walking distance of 2 km from main city, **Ladakh** We have our own cows for milking, bull/ Dzo for ploughing and donkeys for loading. We are an agency that aims to protect the unique habitat of Ladakh. We respect the few natural resources available in Ladakh and undertake reformative activities along with other agencies to benefit this cause. We also undertake interactive projects with national and international researchers and students of ecology and help to arrange their research and fieldwork on the conservation of Ladakh's ecology. Specifically: setting up of ecological villages; conserving resources by promoting use of renewable sources of energy;

researching and environmental landscaping by specialized volunteers from across the globe; implementing systems of sustainable development for the promotion of energy conservation; promoting techniques of organic farming. "Promoting Ladakh's sustainable development through volunteering on its organic farms."

IND 040 **Contact name:** Man Mohan Malik , **H.P and Rajasthan Suggested length of stay for volunteers :** Since we shall set up a trial green house, someone can guide us & once we arrange materials the Volunteer can spend few days to train people to set up such houses and educate our agri staff on organic farming. **Accommodations (number and type) :** Guest House with all amenities **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.) :** We are growing Mushrooms in controlled climate and have a food processing unit **Expectations of work for volunteers :** training on setting up Green Houses and then organic cultivation. **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken :** English / Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets :** Yes

IND 041 Farm name: **Ganga natural farmKumily , kerala , India** We are growing coffee, pepper, Stevia ,other spices and ayurvedic plants in the cardamoms hills (1000m above sea level), farm is on a 4.75 acres plot. all here is grown naturally, without chemicals, A brief description of organic activities : harvest of crop, maintenance of the nursery, managing of cattle if necessary Suggested length of stay for volunteers :usually period from mid-january to last of may Accommodations (number and type) : two rooms available in the farm, running water, bathroom and bio-toilet outside the room. Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.) : building of land retention wall in stone, Bio gas construction Expectations of work for volunteers :5 hours per day Is transportation available? Local bus, rickshaw Languages spoken : French, English, Malayalam, hindi Can you host children or pets? no Special diet : vegetarian And any other specifics for your farm : coffee and pepper harvesting along with tree branches cutting need basic knowledge of tree climbing.

IND 042 **Farm name:** Sangatya (Friendship in Kannada) **Contact names:** Shreekumar and Vinay Kumar **Location** Farm is located about 30 km south-east of Udupi in Coastal **Karnataka**. The farm measures a little more than 6.5 acres. about an acre covered with areca (betel nut) trees. The rest of the land (about 1.5 acres) can be used for growing grains and vegetables. We have a small house with three rooms and a well with good potable water. The house is connected to the electricity grid. We also have an electric irrigation pump that draws water from the river.**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We started farming in October 2007. Our long term goal is to build a self-sustaining community using resources in an ecologically sustainable manner and not using more than our share of the world's resources. As the latter condition is hard to ascertain we would like to make the land support as many livelihoods as possible. The aim is to evolve a model of symbiosis of humans and nature and the sustainability of human communities. Organic farming naturally is the most important activity. As our farm is still very small we are now in the process of bringing under cultivation all the cultivable land (as it has been fallow for several years) and planting saplings of trees in the sloping areas. We intend to gradually replace the areca trees with other useful trees and plants. Regular work involves household work, taking care of a cow and a calf, collecting dung and leaf litter, making compost piles, sowing, planting, watering, weeding, harvesting, etc. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** At least a month. There are no upper limits as it takes time for acclimatization. **Accommodations** (number and type) We have a bathroom outside with no running water, and a composting toilet. Currently we can comfortably accommodate two volunteers. Having more is subject to the consent of all the volunteers. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Our long term aim is to meet all our energy needs from renewable sources. Working on renewable energy systems is therefore high in our order of priorities. There is potential for using biomass, hydropower and sunlight as sources of energy. Developing small-scale rural technologies that are ecologically benign, value addition to local produce and generating rural employment are also on the agenda of the community..**# Expectations of work for**

volunteers ; Volunteers are expected to share such work. Anyone with special skills such as construction, carpentry, pottery and renewable energy may focus more on such work. **Is transportation available** We can receive volunteers at Udupi or Karkala and accompany them to the farm. **#Languages spoken** : English, Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam and Tulu (the local dialect). We are also familiar with Marathi and Gujarati. **Can you host children or pets?** no. We would not mind. **Special diets** We generally have South Indian vegetarian food, but we are open to any kind of food as long as it can be made with ingredients locally available. We are not averse to eating meat or fish either.

IND 043 **Farm name** Vasudha Ni Vadi **Contact name** -Purvi Vyas, Gujarat, India about 40kms from Ahmedabad. Most of the agricultural land in this area is used for Rice and Wheat plantation. The land is irrigated by canals and therefore many areas are now waterlogged and have degree of salinity. **A brief description of organic activities** (crops, projects, goals, etc.) We have about 7acres of land. 1 acre of land is used for growing fruits and vegetables and it also has a vermicomposting unit. The rest of the land is used for rice, wheat and fodder (for cattle) plantation. We have a small dairy unit where we house a few buffaloes and cows. We moved to the farm because we believe that the quality of life is better here, to retain an oasis of rural tranquility in an ever-changing world. We are seeking to build social, economic and ecological connections and interdependencies - the way life used to be. We are determined to create a working organic farm based on the principles of self reliance and self sufficiency. Everything done on the farm seeks to enhance, restore and conserve nature. At the moment the farm is completely self sufficient as far its food requirements are concerned. The next step is energy. We intend to set up a Biogas Unit soon. And then in future, solar panels and wind mill to meet our energy requirements. We are continually coming up with ideas and implementing them when funds allow. We welcome good company and would love to share our experiences with people interested in sustainable living. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** We suggest the volunteers visit us any time between October and July. Volunteers can decide for themselves how long they wish to stay but, we believe that a week or less would be sufficient time for to spend on the farm. **Accommodations (number and type)** At the moment we do not have any special separate accommodation for the volunteers. We welcome them to live with us, in our home. We want the volunteers to experience a real local village, whilst maintaining their comfort. We wish that at a given time 2-4 people come. More at the same time will be difficult to accommodate, but if they are willing to live together in a hall or rough it out in the open then, they are more than welcome. We however, are planning to build 2 rooms for volunteers. But this is not going to be possible till end of next year. **on-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Projects in different areas of sustainable living are continually being devised and implemented when funds allow therefore we welcome people with any kind of knowledge that would help us in this endeavor. For example we want to create an herb garden and if someone who has knowledge in this area and is interested to take up the project they are more than welcome. Alongside, we are planning buildings made of bamboo and mud so those with natural building experience are welcome. We also want to dig a pond and start a fisheries project. Besides Farming we have a vermicomposting unit and we have cattle so volunteers if interested, can help in these two areas as well. We are open to new ideas and willing to learn from all. We too, have a lot of new ideas but, again do not always have knowledge or the in depth understanding required to implement them. So any new approaches or ideas that volunteers have will be welcomed by us. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Guests are welcome to interact as much as or as little as they wish. **Is transportation available?** Local transportation to Matar is easily available. However, if prior notice is given than volunteers can be provided with transportation **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, Gujarati **Can you host children or pets?** We can host children and pets as long as the volunteers are willing to take responsibility for their care. There are no special facilities available to house pets. **Special diets** if requested for in advance, all efforts will be made to provide for special diets. Other wise, the routine home cooked Indian vegetarian food will be provided. **And any other specifics for your farm** Gujarat is a dry state so Alcohol is not permitted here.

IND 044 Farm name : M O F A **Contact name:** INDRESH KUMAR SINGH , Location (address and description of land) :Our sustainable farming area is situated in Central Plateau region of INDIA, well known as Bundelkhand region. Farms are in vicinity of famous tourist attraction point ie. KHAJURAHO TEMPLE (MP), ORCHHA PALACE (UP).**Nearest Airport:** Khajuraho, Rail Head: Jhansi **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** To ensure strategic development and economic strength a sustainable agriculture in organized way is required to establish which ensure promotion of geographically suitable and marketable produce matching today's quality market scenario. The major crops are cereal, oilseed and pulses, efforts being taken to reinstate native herbs and crop diversification towards medicinal and aromatic herbs. Certified organic milk and pasture poultry development etc. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** As suits to visitors. Accommodations (number and type) Village accommodation: Non-AC Guest House accommodation: with and without AC. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)**As per on going project phase. **Expectations of work for volunteers:** As comfortable they deemed fit and as per their area of expertise. **Is transportation available?** Yes. **Languages spoken:** HINDI, **Can you host children or pets?** No restriction. **Special diets :**Can be arranged **And any other specifics for your farm:** We are grower groups , having variety of farm houses, some old palaces, thatched houses, and riverside villages temples of ancient time.

IND 045 Farm name: Magic Park **Contact name:** Arun and Ana **Location:** Arambol, Goa, India. 1 acre of land developed seasonally as a Healing Resort. **A brief description of organic activities:** Site preparation, building of huts, composting toilets, developing composting and rubbish disposal systems, Organisation of workshop spaces from October. Help is also needed from the end of November throughout the winter with cooking and organisation of the whole food restaurant, where cooking with love and good quality ingredients comes first. Also help is needed to keep the various workshops and healings running smoothly. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** two weeks and over is appreciated. **Accommodations:** Various, from private rooms with share bathroom to rooftops, it's part of the adventure ,but you will be comfortable !**Expectations of work for volunteers** 5 hours, five days a week **Is transportation available?**we are ten minutes walk from Arambol bus station **Languages spoken:** English, German **Can you host children or pets?** No **Special diets:** vegetarian/ Vegan **And any other specifics for your farm:** 200 meters from the ocean, Opportunities are available for wwoofers to participate in some workshops free of charge

IND 046 Farm name :Basudha**Contact Name :**Debal Deb**Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train) :**P.O. Bissam Cuttack, Dist. Rayagada, Odisha. Nearest Rail Station – Muniguda**Occupation :**Conservation of rare and endangered crop varieties and plants **Previous experience of organic farming / activities if any :**Cultivating and Demonstrating organic cultivation of 1400 folk rice varieties over the past 25 years.**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :**Growing Rice (1420 varieties), Millets (20 varieties), Brinjal (15 varieties), Okra (6 varieties), Yams (34 varieties), Bottle gourd (6 varieties), etc. Distributing seeds for free to organic farmers.**How long you have been doing Organic Farming :**25 years**Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency :**Registered as Trust.**Suggested length of stay for volunteers :**7 to 30 days.**Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time) :**3**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.) :**Agroforestry, ecological architecture, music, nature study.**Expectations of work for volunteers :**Helping in farm activities/ house repair/ ecological survey.**Is transportation available? :**Yes**Languages spoken :**English, Bengali, Oriya.**Can you host children or pets? :**Yes.**Special diets :**Organic rice and vegetables. Meat and cheese at cost.**And any other specifics for your farm :**EcoSan Dry toilets, solar powered lights and fans, agroecology and agroforestry in 2 acre land.

IND 047 Farm name : Mithra **Contact name :** S.Jeevan kumar **Warangal ..A.P India** A brief description of organic activities organic farming , IPM , srivarisagu, cotton , Demonstration of

pulses plots , male and female crop , all related agricultural events according to season will be taken place **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : one week **Accommodations (number and type)** : two numbers , mingled Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.) : according to the time the project will be initiated **Expectations of work for volunteers** : new technology and capacity building of opportunity **Is transportation available?** yes **Languages spoken** : English, Hindi , Telugu **Can you host children or pets?** no **Special diets** ;no **And any other specifics for your farm** : we would like to collaborate with like minded farms

IND 048 Farm name HELP Organization, **Contact name** Gadipe prashanth **Warangal 506013 Andhra Pradesh** India A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)Paddy, pulses ,organic farming **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** one week **Accommodations (number and type)** : two persons Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.) **Expectations of work for volunteers** : Seven years **Is transportation available?** : yes **Languages spoken** : Telugu ,English ,Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets:** And any other specifics for your farm : We require training and support

IND 049 Farm name: PUNARVASU **Contact name:** Vasudeva **Location (address and description of land):** Melmane, At & Post: Admar – 574 119, Taluk & District: Udupi, Karnataka,. You have buses from Adamaru to Udupi about 6 times a day. You will get the details in the farm. Taxi and autos are available on call in advance. The region receives about 3500 mm rain per annum mostly between June and October. The temperature varies between 20 & 38 ° C. Year has 3 seasons viz. rainy (Jun-Sept), winter (Oct-Jan) & summer (Feb-May). **Accommodations** The family of the owner (my father and mother) lives in the farm in a traditional home and they are happy to take care of guests. We have facilities to accommodate 2 people at a time. We can provide dorm type separate room. There is a common Indian toilet **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** is about 7 to 10 days. **Food** Only simple vegetarian food is available in traditional Udupi style. Food is cooked 2 times a day. The food is mainly rice & vegetable based and little spicy. Clean drinking water is from an open well. Smoking and consumption of meat & alcohol is strictly prohibited. Dress code is informal but should cover the body sufficiently. **A brief description of organic activities** The farm has 5 acre in single piece comprising mid and up land. The existing main crops are coconut, areca (betel) nut, banana and pepper (in 1.75 ac all intercropped). About 0.5 ac is under natural reserve, 1 ac under paddy fallow and rest uncultivated fallow. Fruits like mango, guava, papaya, vegetables like brinjal, cucumber, pumpkin, amaranthus, chilli, sweet potato are grown for home consumption. The farm is partially irrigated. It is a subsistence farm. **Farming opportunities/activities** Kind of farm activities depends on the season. Rainy season (Jun to Sept): Planting forest species and horticulture crops, soil & water conservation structures, fencing, applying manure to horticulture crops, composting, collection of fodder etc. Winter season (Oct to Jan): Vegetable cultivation, fencing, soil & water conservation structures, irrigation, pepper harvest, collection of mulch, fodder etc. Summer season (Feb to May): Collection of mulch, watering plants/irrigation, processing activities like coconut drying, areca nut, tamarind de husking, papad making, raising nursery, collection of fire wood etc. Depending on the season, volunteers may take up activities as described above. If you desire, you may also apply your own ideas which are appropriate to farm with the consent of the family. Volunteers may work during cooler hours of morning and evening, 4 to 5 hrs a day. You may come back here to see your work again. **Non-farming opportunities/activities** We at Punarvasu, aim to promote traditional food, local artisans, rituals and knowledge systems. In addition to the farm experience, you will have traditional Udupi food, eat in plantain leaf with the family, bathing in ponds (Jul to Sept), etc. Apart from walking to beach (3 km from the farm), you will be exposed to local car festivals, rituals like spirit worship, art forms like yakshagana, traditional sports like buffalo race, (December to March), visit to temples of historic and architectural importance, visit to local mutt (can see beautiful wooden sculptures). It is also a paradise for bird watchers and snake lovers. **Languages spoken** Tulu & Kannada are the local dialects. Family members can understand English but

cannot speak fluently. Two members (myself and my wife) who communicate in English do not live in the farm regularly. We can guide you or help communication through phone. **Restrictions** My parents will treat you like guests. But service of a hotel may not be with you there. They will not be with you always. They will be attending some farm /family work. You need to ask whatever you want and take initiatives. General habit of the people here is to speak louder / big noise. Don't worry about that ! Ours is an ancestral property and follow some orthodox rules. This means you will not have access to kitchen and pooja (worship) room. **Safety** You are responsible for your safety. People around are friendly and generally helpful. Always inform the family where you are going and get back home before 7 pm. Take care of yourself while using the tools, walking on the undulating land, thorny areas, from snakes etc. Safety gadgets like gloves, helmet, gum boots, goggles, mask, are not available. Please do not take up any work that you cannot handle. Please carry some basic medicine and first aid kit. Also have a good torch / battery. The doctor is 5 km away from the farm. Own transport is not available in the farm. Always take care of your valuable things like gold, electronic gadgets, cash, documents etc. Preferably keep valuable things locked **Interesting places around** Udupi group of temples, Beaches – Ullala, Kaup, Malpe, St. Mary's island, Cherkady's farm, Hasta Shilpa in Manipal, Jain temples in Karkala etc If you don't like the place, you may leave at any time without fulfilling your commitments.

IND 050 Farm name SRINIDHI Nysargika Thota, **Contact name** A. Krishnamurthy, , **Location (address and description of land)** Tumkur Dist , Karnataka, India 572128. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Organic certified former group certified By IMO INDIA **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 2-3 days **Accommodations (number and type)** Farm house **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** They can get Trained in learning making of Virgfin coconut oil& other dehydration etc. **Expectations of work for volunteers** They can well involve in the process **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** English, kannada, telugu, hindi **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Normal vegetarian **And any other specifics for your farm** Value added product. No more member please do not contact for placement

IND 051 Farm Name: Gowri – Navadarshanam. **Contact Name:** Navzer and Shahnaz. **Location (address and description of land):** Located approx 50km out of Bangalore inside the Navadarshanam campus, Tamil Nadu. Situated atop small ridge bordering the Thally Reserve forest. **Brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.):** Vegetables and fruits for personal consumption of residents. Open well for water source, solar home lighting, bio-gas for cooking, cows for milk and dung, pigeons, ducks, guinea fowl and country chicken for manure and the occasional eggs. Trenching, dams, pits for preventing rainwater runoff, percolation to the subsoil and topsoil retention. Rooftop rainwater harvesting and drip irrigation. Bee keeping. Ultimate goal to reforest, regenerate soil, conserve water, raise the water table, work along "Natural Farming" methods towards a model of self-sufficiency on all fronts. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** Minimum of a week to ten days. Longer periods considered subject to mutual compatibility **Accommodation (number and type):** Upto six or eight in an independent cottage. Larger groups welcome if cheerfully willing to share existing space. Additional residential space nearing completion. **Non-farming opportunities or activities:** Assistance with alternative construction, alternative energy and water conservation would be a help. **Expectations of work for volunteers:** At least five hours a day. Can also help in the kitchen with cooking. **Is transportation available:** Not always feasible but can be worked out as per circumstances and prevailing situation. Public transport available upto 2km from our location. **Languages spoken:** English, Hindi, Gujarati and Kannada. **Can you host children or pets:** Can be considered. **Special diets:** Will be happy to accommodate with volunteer involvement. **Any other specifics for the farm:** No smoking/alcohol. Utmost respect for water usage in view of short supply. Due consideration towards local traditions and culture

IND 052. Farm name: *Natural Farm* **Contact name** Ramesh **Location (address and description):** DHARAMSHALA **District:** Kangra, **Himachal Pradesh** The farm is located 45

minutes from Dharamshala. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** *Niramayam* (a Sanskrit term found in a stanza of *The Bhagavad Gita*, meaning “healthy” or “disease-free”) is a fourteen-acre, noncommercial, 100% organic farm nestled in the Himalayan foothills with an emphasis on research and experimentation. We’re employing various methods of organic cultivation and fertilization with the aim to educate and inspire local farmers. We believe that only with serious research, convincing results and thoughtful outreach will local farmers return to natural methods and stop the destruction dealt by chemical-heavy trends in modern commercial farming. Methods currently in use at *Niramayam* include SRI (System of Rice Intensification) the ideas prescribed by Japanese trailblazer Masanobu Fukuoka as well as those by the champion of French Intensive biodynamic gardening Alan Chadwick. Crops grown on the farm include rice, wheat, oat, millet, cabbage, radishes, peas, beans, onions, garlic, beets, tomatoes, chili, lettuce, amaranth, and many other vegetables. We have a fruit orchard and several beds of ayurvedic plants. Three cows provide milk for the farm (the excess is sold to local families). We’re looking for WWOOFers with a genuine interest in organic farming and a healthy work ethic. While volunteers are welcome to do as much hands-on work (weeding, planting, etc) as desired, innovation and documentation are most helpful since the farm is well-staffed with local workers who maintain it. Fall volunteers (we are currently booked through the monsoon season) would be asked to spearhead any number of projects including: harvesting ayurvedic herbs and helping to create at least one product (i.e. triphala, shampoo, soap) to use and eventually sell on the farm; helping to initiate and organize casual, public events on the farm designed for local families (movie night in the form of an outdoor screening near the cottage, for instance); helping to document crop rotation, sowing/harvesting times, and the results of the different organic farming techniques; regular website and Facebook upkeep; etc. The invested WWOOFer will learn a great deal about organic farming, ayurveda, and the traditions of Indian village life while here. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Looking for volunteers to stay at least one month, but longer stays are much preferred as this benefits everyone involved. **Accommodations (number and type):** Two beds are available in a mud and wood cottage, with private bathroom. One other accommodation is available for one person in a cottage up the hill from the farm, also with private bathroom. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Volunteers with construction experience may enjoy working on some bamboo, stone, clay/mud masonry, and wood structures on the property. We could also collaborate on a micro-hydro project, using “pump as turbine” (PAT) technology, if a WWOOFer had the necessary background and interest. **Expectations of work for volunteers:** Working time is from 9 AM to 1 PM and from 2PM to 5PM, so roughly 7 hours a day. **Is transportation available?** The farm is accessible by the Dharamshala-Ghera bus which leaves a few times each day from the main Dharamshala bus station. It is also possible to take a taxi from there. All of them know the road. **Languages spoken** English and Hindi are spoken here. Best to have some basics in Hindi since only one or two of the workers speak and understand very minimal English. **Can you host children or pets?** Not encouraged. **Special diets** Complete vegetarian meals provided twice a day. Chai and herbal infusions are also available.

IND 053 Farm Name Rana Bala Organic Family Farm, **Contact:** Devinder Rana , Gharoh, **Himachal Pradesh.** Located 7km from Dharamshala. We are a family of four working to preserve our traditional agricultural farming roots, on a small three acre plot of land. We grow rice, wheat, vegetables, fruit, as well as alternative medicines and herbs and spices. We care for two Ox, to plow the fields and for harvesting. Our two cows provide us with milk which we prepare yogurt, cheese, and other milk products for family use Almost fully sustainable with our own products we work hard to create a healthy a relationship with the land and environment in order to secure the future of this important lifestyle for future generations. Built up from a raw plot of land the farm includes, a house, cow shed, and two guest houses which can house up to ten people with the addition of tent camping. This quiet and peaceful farm is close to many tourist attractions including: **hot springs, a thousand year old rock temple, river swimming, mountain trekking and much more. 16km away sits the home**

of H.H Dalai Lama and a large Tibetan community, Meclod Gunj. Volunteers are welcome as long as they would like, Yoga and Organic Indian cooking, preservation, herbal remedies are a large part of daily life here and knowledge is openly shared. **Food** is mostly vegetarian, and most dietary restrictions can be accommodated. A small but diverse library is open to the use of volunteers and guests. **English, Hindi, Tibetan and Local dialect are spoken**, transportation by **motorbike and bus are always available** and taxi service is easily arranged. Specific work expectations can be arranged to suite the individual. Anyone interested in retreating or learning the ways of traditional Indian farm living is welcome to come and share, learn, and enjoy

IND 054 Farm name PETER **location address and description of land** .KULLU (Himachal Pradesh)**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)**VEGETABLES GARDEN, SWISS LIKE ORGANIC CHEESE MADE FROM OUR FARM'S COWS (ZEBOU CATTLE, LOCAL COWS, BOSS HINDICUS)**Suggested length of stay for volunteers** AS LONG AS STAY LIKE **Accommodations** (number and type)**BETTER ONE**, SMALL FARM **Expectations of work for volunteers** ALLROUND FARM WORK **Is transportation available?** YES **Languages spoken** ENGLISH, ITALIAN , FRENCH, DEUTSCH, HINDI ,**Can you host children or pets?** BETTER NOT

IND 055 Farm name Manesh **Agro Engineering and Technology Contact name** Manesh **Location** (address and description of land) **Village** Keeratpura, **Jaipur Rajastahn303108 A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Growing Crops and horti culture and herbs and processing and contact farming **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Room with breakfast , lunch and dinner free**Accommodations** (number and type) :- 5 Rooms and good condition and health feasibility available. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Organic food processing industry and doing all activities in education center. For farming and food processing and marketing **Expectations of work for volunteers** Our organization would provide all type of work related to organic agriculture **Is transportation available** Yes**Languages spoken** Hindi and English **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** :Organic foods and daal bati etc..**And any other specifics for your farm** : We are engaged in processing training of Organic products having our residence and farm plant and we also doing marketing from office

IND 056 Farm name : Santosh Farms , **Gurgaon Haryana**; Sandy soil , **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : one -two weeks , **Accommodations** AC room available for two; more may be arranged on request. Separate kitchen and bathroom. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Would like to pursue creation of " Bio Gas" Plant (in cattle shed area) , Vermicomposting , Rain Water Harvesting , Effective use of Solar Energy for heating and lighting , Construction of habitable and comfortable mud huts , Milking of cows **Is transportation available?** : Can be made available **Languages spoken** : English/ Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** : Yes; we have cattle (3 cows on the farm) so animal should not harm them in any way **Special diets:** We are vegetarians; so only wide variety of vegetarian dishes available

IND 057 Farm name MANN FARMS **Contact name** Renuka **Distt:** Karnal. **Haryana**. Land is clay, paddy friendly. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : Basmati, wheat, grams etc. Been in the organic cultivation for the past two plus years. With four acres, increasing the acreage this year. Aiming for the certifications this year. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : open to individuals. **Accommodations (number and type)** : Two bed rooms with attach baths. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.):** Help in restoration with the house **Expectations of work for volunteers** Farm work, help with cows. **etc Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** English **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Could be arranged **And any other specifics for your farm** Land n the house is about ½ km away. Walking is the best mode of transport, non-the-less, a bike or jeep is available. Have poplar trees in an acre. Gives the land a personal touch and

feel good factor. Have an out house, which can be looked into for renovation, or live in, in case required.

IND 058 **Farm name** : Viswadarsanam Centre for Humanity and Nature **Contact name** : Umesh Babu **Kerala** South India. Viswadarsanam, the Centre for Humanity and Nature, was founded by Umesh Babu in Pathanamthitta District in Kerala, South India on 5th June, 1987, World Environment Day. Feny Land, where the centre is situated, was originally a rubber plantation. A small thatched shed was constructed and Viswadarsanam inaugurated. Gradually the rubber trees were replaced with medicinal plants, herbs and vegetables, thus creating the beginnings of the biodiversity centre. Despite great hardship and without external funding, Umesh and his wife, Janee, conducted several nature camps and awareness programmes. People came from all over the world to participate in these events, and the centre has established an international reputation for its contribution to environmental awareness. Viswadarsanam is set amidst just over one acre of lush green vegetation. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** The aim of the centre is to promote a holistic and natural way of life and to encourage the promotion of health, happiness and peace to society, promoting sustainable development in order to prevent further deterioration of natural wealth. Activities at Viswadarsanam include the following: running an educational centre for humanity and nature; preparing newsletters, books, information sheets and audio visuals; and conducting guided educative wilderness trips, nature walks and trekking for interested groups. Our interests also extend into rural development, cottage industry, organic farming, art and cultural heritage, flora and fauna, travel and tourism. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** Minimum two weeks. One month preferable **Accommodations (number and type)** : Basic cottage accommodation (4 cottages), fresh running water, electricity, internet access **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Opportunity to experience rich culture, including fairs and festivals and the cuisine of Kerala. Bicycle rides and sightseeing trips to the famous backwaters and wilderness of Kerala. **Expectations of work for volunteers** : 5 hours a day, 6 days a week **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** : English , Hindee, Tamil and Malayalam **Can you host children or pets?** No **Special diets:** Preferably vegetarian but fish and eggs are included **And any other specifics for your farm** There is no charge to volunteer at the Centre but small donations are always appreciated.

IND 059 **FARMS NAME-** NATURA ORGANIC FARM ,JAIPUR **CONTACT NAME** SANWAR MAL SOLET **LOCATION** THIS NATURAL UNSPOILT DREAM HEAVEN IS CLAD WITH GREEN FARMS, SILVERY STREAMS, IS ONLY 30 MIN DRIVE FROM **JAIPUR** BUS STAND & 5 HOURS FROM NATIONAL CAPITAL DELHI. **A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIC ACTIVITIES:** ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF JAIPUR WE HAVE BUILT A BEAUTIFUL LITTLE HEAVEN WHERE WE ARE GROWING A LOT VEGETABLES USING ONLY ORGANIC PRODUCTS **PULSES LIKE** ,---- GRAM, WHEAT, MILLET, SEASAM, MUSTARD SEEDS **ORGANIC VEGETABLES LIKE**----MATO, POTATO, CHILLI, PUMPKIN, OKARA, CABBAGE , CAULIFLOWER, ONION, GARLIC, RADDISH, SWEET POTATO ,BITTER GOURD, PEA **SPICES LIKE** CORIANDER, CUMIN SEED, ANISEED**HOW LONG YOU HAVE BEEN DOING ORGANIC FARMING?** BEING FROM AN AGRICULTURE HOME WE ARE DOING FARMING FOR A LONG TIME BUT IN 2003 WE GOT TO KNOW ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF ORGANIC FARMING AND THUS JUMPED INTO THE FRAY. **WHETHER THE FARM IS CERTIFIED (NAME OF CERTIFICATION AGENCY).** OUR APPLICATION IS UNDER PROCESS WITH RAJASTHAN ORGANIC CERTIFICATION AGENCY. NO-91/20/14/02/1-16 **SUGGESTED LENGTH OF STAY FOR VOLUNTEERS** GUEST ARE CONSIDER GOD IN INDIA SO THEY CAN STAY FOR 15 DAYS WITH US AND IF THEY WANT TO STAY FOR A LONGER TIME THEY ARE WELCOME. **ACCOMODATION (NUMBER AND TYPE):** THERE ARE IN TOTAL SIX HUTS .THEY ARE MADE FROM THE ECO- FRIENDLY LOCALLY AVAILABLE RAW MATERIAL ARE USED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HUTS SUCH AS COIR MATS , COW DUNG ETC.THESE HOUSES HAD BEEN ONE OF THE SHELTERS OF THE PRIMITIVES. INDIGENOUS TECHNIQUES, SKILLS AND EXPERTISE OF LOCAL TRIBAL CRAFTSMEN ARE USED

FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF THESE HOUSES. ALL THE BASIC FACILITIES LIKE BEDROOM ATTACHED BATHROOM WITH FLUSHING TOILETS, SHOWER, WASH BASIN WITH RUNNING WATER AND SIT-OUT ARE PROVIDED IN THE COTTAGE **SPECIAL DIET** : RAJASTHANI CUSINE HAS LEFT A MARK ON THE PALATES OF PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD. SO AT OUR FARM WE SERVE AUTHENTIC RAJASTHANI FOOD. **LANGUAGE SPOKEN** ENGLISH, HINDI, MARWARI, AND ACCORDING TO THE NEED WE HAVE TRANSLATORS OF FRENCH, GERMAN. **NON FARMING ACTIVITIES:** THERE ARE A LOT OF ACTIVITIES THAT WE HAVE FOR PEOPLE LIKE FARMING, REARING OF ANIMALS, YOGA CLASSES AND ALSO INTERACTION WITH THE VILLAGERS AND LEARNING THEIR WAY OF LIVING. **EXPECTATION OF WORK FOR VOLUNTEERS:** HELP IN MAKING ORGANIC FERTLIZERS AND IN FARMING TOO .EACH HUT IS ASSIGNED A PIECE OF LAND AND THEY HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF IT. **IS TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE?**YES WE PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION.**CAN YOU HOST CHILDREN OR PETS?** YES WE DO.

IND 060 **Farm name**Gaia Organic **Farm Contact name** John Fennessy **Location (address and description of land)** Our farm is outside of Bangalore, , in **Karnataka** state. The land is mostly flat, the plot is long and narrow, just under five acres, with an already established mango and chickoo orchard, as well as several full grown coconuts, mangoes and pomegranate trees. We have begun making intensive vegetable gardens, and there are some completely open fields, which we hope to use for growing more veggies and field crops. That said, it is definitely a young farm and where most of the work is happening there is little shade... It is a life of simplicity and hard work amid a peaceful atmosphere. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)**At present we are doing a lot of earthworks, preparing the land for the monsoon season in June. This includes building bunds to curb water runoff, digging trenches to prevent the neighboring Eucalyptus trees from stealing our surface water, and digging hundreds of holes for planting trees when the rains come. Simultaneously, we are maintaining a modest vegetable garden, from seed to harvest, including building the soil with an integrated approach of mulching, as well as making our own compost. In the interest of accommodating guests and visitors, we are also planning to begin constructing some buildings with local, natural materials soon. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** First heard the word Permaculture in 2002, and was captivated immediately, as if finding life's calling. Since then, have worked on and lived on several organic farms from Washington, USA, to Auroville , South India **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** The farm is currently in the process of being certified organic, and will be certified "organic transitional" for produce, as of September 2009. The certifying agency is IMO. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** As long as both parties feel comfortable and excited to be there, from one day, to one decade, nothing is set in stone. **Accommodation (number and type)** Come now and help build our first guest huts with local, natural materials. We also have a small house, with an outdoor courtyard, as well as two tents and plenty of room for sleeping outdoors. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** We have big ambitions for this farm/ community, including some of our interests, such as woodworking, pottery, music sessions, yoga, arts, film festivals, and of course, your interests too. We currently are hoping to build a compost toilet, a wood fired oven, and an outdoor shower for irrigating the gardens. Many more ideas and projects are welcome and forthcoming. **Expectations of work for volunteers** We hope you want to be on the farm, and not rushing off to the city. Being there is the start, after that, we welcome your ideas for projects, and otherwise we hope you will join us for a work day of your choosing, with a minimum contribution of 4 hours a day. **Is transportation available?** There are buses to and from the city which come to the main road about 1km from our farm. We have a car and a bicycle and could meet you at the bus stop, or drop you off there. We also hope to buy a few more cycles to be able to provide for our guests. **Languages spoken** English, Telegu, Kannada, Hindi, Spanish (beginner) **Can you host children or pets?** Both children and pets are most welcome! **Special diets**We are vegetarian, and hope you will be too, at least while staying on the farm. **And any other specifics for your farm** We are a

very young farm, but we are very optimistic that we can make this a very beautiful place and a destination in itself. We need your help, and are opening our gate to all who are curious, interested and passionate about organic farming and community living.

IND 061 Farm name Gandhi Bhawan **Location** Chhaterpur, MP, 30 acres land, black soil, we grow wheat, rice, vegetables, mustard, pulses and vegetables. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We're working on organic farming, Khadi (hand-made fabric), make herbal medicine, naturopathy, music, healthy food (also how to cook it right way), yoga. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** –3 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** one week, can be extended to any length, depending on how our relationship grows. **Accommodations (number and type)** – Our Ashram is located in the centre of the city, we have big old bricks building with library, common spaces, inner courtyard in the green and calm vicinity of the farm. At this moment we want to limit the number of volunteers to two. Bed and food will be provided. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** –music, naturopathy, traditional medicine, alternative energy, gardening ,weaving. **Expectations of work for volunteers** min 4 hours/day **Is transportation available?** We're in the centre of Chhaterpur city **Languages spoken** Hindi ,English

IND 062 Farm name: Saha Astitva **Contact name** Kalyani Uppendhal**Location/description** A 4-acre bare piece of land, 100 km north of Mumbai, district Thane, Maharashtra **Brief description:**. Please visit our website for detailed information about our NGO and volunteering under the Volunteering/Interning section We run an organic farm using permaculture and vedic agricultural techniques, growing year-round crops, with the efficient use of largely available groundwater in the dry season. We aim to use the wisdom of ecological spirituality to grow clean food, regenerate and protect the Tansa valley, educate the population as well as provide employment and livelihoods for local Adivasi (tribal) people. We offer workshops and events that are focused on different aspects of ecological spirituality that honors the sustainable heritage of the Adivasi. **How long we have been doing Organic Farming:** The tribal population has practiced organic agriculture since ages, however the Saha Astitva farm and Eco-Center have been established since 2009. **Whether the farm is certified:** Not yet. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** The minimum stay is 1 month. However, if there is someone willing to volunteer with a much needed skill for a shorter period we will consider their request depending on what needs there are. **Accommodations:** Volunteers can stay in guest rooms in Ganeshpuri or camp on the farm **Non-farming opportunities:** Social work, vocational skills training, administration, construction, renewable energy, retail, rural education **Expectations of work for volunteers** : 4 hours of work min/day, 6 days a week **Transportation available:** Yes. **Languages spoken:** English, Hindi, Maharati. **Hosting children or pets:** No **Special diets:** vegetarian meals only

IND 063 Farm name : Sahni Farm **Contact name:** Mr. Pradeep Sahni **Location (address and description of land):** Sohna Road, Gurgaon Haryana. 5 acres land with built up house. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.):** We are growing vegetables without any use of fertilizers using cow manure **How long you have been doing Organic Farming:** 2 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : Not yet certified **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** Depends on the volunteers wish **Accommodations (number and type):** A bungalow with 5 bedrooms **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** All farm related work **Expectations of work for volunteers:** Help and Guidance on organic farming **Is transportation available?:** Yes, farm is situated close to habitation **Languages spoken:** Hindi / English **Can you host children or pets?** : Yes

IND 064 Farm name ARUN FARM **Contact name** ARUN KHANNA **Location (address and description of land)** KOTABAGH IN UTTARANCHAL **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** GINGER,WHEAT,FLOWERS,KINNOW TREES,MANGOE TREES ETC. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** FIVE

YEARS **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** THE FARM IS NOT CERTIFIED. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** MINIMUM ONE WEEK **Accommodations (number and type)** ROOM WITH ATTACHED TOILET WITH HOT AND COLD WATER **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** LAYING THE PATHS ON THE FARM **Expectations of work for volunteers** 2 HOURS A DAY **Is transportation available?** AT THE FARM YES **Languages spoken** ENGLISH **you host children or pets?** NO **Special diets** YES **And any other specifics for your farm** EMAIL ME TO RECEIVE ALL RELEVANT DETAILS OF THE FARM

IND 065 **Farm name** Kakkuzhi **Contact name** Stephen **Location (address and description of land)** Chottupara Periyar. P.O, Vandiperiyar, Kerala, india 685533....NH220,near Thekkady..**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.). The farm size is** 4 Acres and many spice crops like Cardamom, Pepper, etc are grown organically**How long you have been doing Organic Farming** .Recently **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** ...NO.**Suggested length of stay for volunteers** .As he or she wants..**Accommodations (number and type)** Home stay where 4 people can be accommodated **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Supervise in farm activities **Expectations of work for volunteers.** Helping in all the farm related activities **Is transportation available?** Yes.**Languages spoken** English**Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Indian food **Any other specifics for your farm** All types of Spices are grown in the farm.

IND 066**Farm name** Darbar Farm **Contact name** Bhawani Panwar **Location Address:** Darbar Farm, Chamba, District Tehri, Uttarakhand, India **Description of land:** Darbar Farm is a fourteen acre terraced farm surrounded by agricultural rural Himalayan culture. The altitude is about 7000 feet, and the snow capped peaks of the highest mountain range in the world are visible from our land. The property is located between two universities. The nearest village is about a kilometer away, and Chamba, a slightly larger village, is about 4 kilometres with a beautiful mountain path leaving directly from the farm leading to it. Buses and public jeeps connect Chamba to larger towns such as Mussoorie and Rishikesh,. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** There are hundreds of fruit trees on the property, mostly apple. Vegetables, beans and cover crops are also growing. Our primary focus now is soil rehabilitation, composting and building irrigation systems. The property was not cultivated for eight years, so now we are at the exciting beginning stage of becoming an established farm again. This is an wonderful opportunity to really learn what it takes to make a farm organic and also for volunteers to take initiative implementing their skills or taking ownership of projects they are enthusiastic about. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** We are just in the process of becoming certified now **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** We are working with the Organic Farming Board in Dehradun **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Volunteers are welcome to stay for any length of time from several days to several years. Short term volunteers can help with existing projects, and programs can be designed to suits the interests of volunteers wishing to remain longer. We also are seeking a volunteer coordinator who would like to become familiar with most things going on at the farm who could also welcome and guide volunteers who are just passing through. Three months is the minimum length of time required to take on this responsibility. **Accommodations (number and type)** We offer dormitory accommodation in a large hall and with enough beds for eight people The windows of the dorm are vintage windows which were salvaged from the royal family palace in Old Tehri before it was submerged under Asia's largest damn. There is also the possibility of long term volunteers having a private room and a separate kitchen, but only in the event that they take on a lot of responsibility for the Farm **.Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** There are many other things going on besides growing food, and volunteers are welcome to participate in all of it. They can learn Indian cuisine, carpentry and masonry. Also we are designing systems to recycle gray water and organizing the farm with the idea from permaculture that all part of

the farm are working together to support each other. Volunteers can help in the planning and building of a cow shed, chicken coops, edible fisheries in our large water storage tanks, the installation of solar panels and other eco-friendly technologies in and around our facilities. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Volunteers are expected to do at least four hours of solid work per day. They are welcome to contribute more if they feel so inspired. Three nutritious meals a day are provided. Modest dress is also recommended, as we live in a very traditional indigenous community. Drugs and alcohol are not permitted on the property. **Is transportation available?** Public transportation is available, and we can provide more information about how to use the buses and local jeeps when the volunteer makes contacts us. **Languages spoken** Hindi and English. Our staff members who speak English are not always on site, so volunteers should be prepared to be alone on the farm from time to time with other employees who speak Hindi only. **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Meals at Darbar Farm are simple traditional Indian meals, usually rice and dal for lunch and vegetables and Chapatis for dinner. Volunteers are welcome to purchase specialty items for themselves and store them in the fridge to cook other things if they prefer. **And any other specifics for your farm** Darbar Farm is a new initiative where every individual's contributions really makes a difference in establishing the character of the place. Along with this honour to participate in the formative stages of our farm comes the condition that volunteers are understanding of our current conditions which are rapidly changing and often unorganized. Since we are under construction, and many large projects are happening at once, volunteers may be asked to work independently at times and be able to adapt to fluctuations in the schedule and the electricity and water supplies. Despite the fact that we too are still learning about organic farming, coming to Darbar Farm is really an ideal place to gain practical experience in some of the most basic elements of organic farming and also to understand the philosophy behind it. Organic Farming is relatively new in India, so volunteers will also be playing the important role of spreading the organic movement in the country which is home to the most farmers in the world. Nearby tourist destinations are Rishikesh, Haridwar, Mussoorie and Gangotri.

IND 067 **Farm name** - RAGHU NANDAN VAN FARM **Contact name** - ABHIMANYU KALE. **Location (address and description of land)**, DISTRICT-PUNE, MAHARASHTRA. PIN-412408, AREA APPROXIMATELY 2.5 HECTARES. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** WE ARE HAVING ALPHONSO MANGOES & CUSTARD APPLES PLANTATION. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** SINCE 2003. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** YES. IT IS CERTIFIED BY NOCA. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** -1 TO 4 WEEKS. **Accommodations (number and type)** 1 ROOM FOR 2 PERSONS. **Expectations of work for volunteers** -LIGHT MANUAL WORK FOR 4-6 HOURS AND TAKING OBSERVATIONS, ALL FARM RELATED WORK **Is transportation available?** YES **Languages spoken** ENGLISH, HINDI & MARATHI. **Can you host children or pets?** YES. **Special diets** - NO.

IND 068 **Farm name** SOS Organics Foundation **Contact name** Santosh Thomas Hoehne **Location (address and description of land)** The farm is about 5 Acres and situated in Uttarakhand ; The Himalayan State of India: District Almora 263601, Additionally we are working with a large group of small farmers in Kumaon and a senior agro scientist in Almora. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)**. Implementation of Natural Farming according to M.Fukuoka, Permaculture. Seed ball technology. Indigenous Food and Culinary Herbs. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 15 years. Co-founded Organic India project in Lucknow, Azamghar in Uttar Pradesh for Tulsi cultivation and organic farming. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency**. We are not working with third party certification. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers**. Minimum 1 month. **Accommodations (number and type)**. Will be organized at local cottages or guest houses. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** . Water harvesting, holistic appropriate technologies, post harvesting, value addition of agro produce. **Expectations of work for volunteers**. Participation in all areas of project related work. Strong self motivation and initiative. **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** English, German, Hindi

Can you host children or pets? No Special diets. Vegetarian Organic Food. **And any other specifics for your farm** We are building a model to support environment, biodiversity, prevent migration, including value addition and livelihood model along holistic and Gandhian lines. We have worked 15 years in India and have background in natural farming, alternative energies, food and herb processing.

IND 069 **Farm Name** - Regent Hill Side View Resort Contact Names - Com.Dr. Vishu Kaliappa **Location of farm** - Yercaud (Hill station), , Tamil Nadu. **Farming Activities** - 3 acres of Coffee Plantation. **How Long** - We have started a coffee plantation in a land which was put barren for the last 10 years and now we have started again after renovating the Resort **Certification** - Yet to get **Volunteer's Length of Stay** - Minimum 2 weeks. **Accommodation** - Wwoofer's quarters in the Resort. (Maximum 2 Volunteers at a time) **Farming & Non Farming activities** - Right now we are concentrating on developing the organic Coffee plants. **Work of the volunteers** - Coffee plantation work along with help in running the Resort like Reception, House Keeping & Dining. **Transportation** - Plenty of Buses plying between Salem & Yercaud and the resort is 5 minutes walk from the Shevaroy's bus stop in Yercaud. **Languages Spoken** - English, Tamil and Hindi. Learning French **Kids & Pets** - Should be informed in advance to make the necessary arrangements. **Special Diet** - Could be arranged

IND 070 **Farm Name:** Mayabagh **Contact:** Vinay Chandna **Location & Description** Uttarkashi in the state of Uttarakhand. The best approach is from from NH 123 going to Yamunotri.. The orchard is about 10 acres of terraced fields situated in a pristine forest of oak, rhododendron, deodar etc. **Description of Organic Activities** Mayabagh is primarily an apple orchard(500 trees) with other fruit such as kiwi(50 vines), walnut(100 trees), almond(50 trees), pear(100 trees), peaches ,apricot, cherry, hazelnut, chestnut, citrus(a few trees each). About a couple of acres of land is farmed. We grow wheat, red kidney beans, green peas, corn etc. Our farmyard animals provide manure which is mixed with oak leaf mould etc and vermi-composted in earthen pits. We spray cow urine leached in stinging nettle as insecticide along with other neem based and HMO sprays. Experience in organic farming Mayabagh has been organic for over 6 years. **Certification** Certified by USOCA **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** A couple of weeks or so. **Accommodation** A two bed sitter with a basic toilet. One more with two beds could also be made available. **Non farming opportunities /Activities** A road is under construction which will come quite close to the orchard. We have plans to develop an eco-resort as and when this happens. Alternative energy projects are feasible and welcome. We are also planning to construct a 200,000 litres rainwater tank collecting watershed runoff. **Work for Volunteers** Volunteers can pitch in with farm work depending on the season. June Aug: Harvest time is the busiest. Guarding the fruit from birds, monkeys etc., plucking, grading, packing, transporting. Sept Oct: Dressing tree towels and mixing compost etc .Nov Dec: Kiwi harvest. Marking and digging of pits for fresh planting. Jan Feb: Pruning, planting, grafting. Mar May: Blossom time. Towel dressing, harvesting wheat and planting of dal /peas Transport Utility vehicles drive up to Mapa (1.5 kms from Mayabagh). **Bus service is available twice a day** from the main road below Mapa.(2 kms downhill). **Languages** spoken Hindi, Pahari. At Mayabagh we have a manager who understands Basic English and can speak a little bit. **Children and Pets** Children and pets are all right as long as their guardians look after them responsibly. **Special Diets** Special diets might be difficult. Mayabagh is still rather remote. Food is basic- daal rice for lunch and roti subzi for dinner. However there are two cooking areas where one could cook what one wants.

IND 071 **Farm name** : Nartap Organic Project (eco-tour) **Contact name** M. Krishna Saikia , **Location (address and description of land)** 40 KM s from Guwahati east (upper Assam). by road. Plain land surrounded by hills and famous river DIGARU blesses the entire valley with water resource and fertility. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** The project covers 4 villages tribal villages, District - Kamrup , Assam . Company owns 4 Hac Demo plot where paddy , fruits , vegetables , fishery and dairy farming **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Last 5 years trading and 3 years back started organic cultivation too **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of**

certification agency Demo farm and entire 4 village covering 560 Ha is under conversion period and certification due April 2010, certified by SGS (I) Pvt Ltd **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** No restriction **Accommodations (number and type)** Accommodation for two persons available in, Natural Bamboo huts with tinned roof, toilet , bath room , bio gas cooking facilities in well protected farm house .**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Help in Preparation of rural development Projects proposals on organic agriculture technology, forestry based projects for upliftment of tribal belt. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Help in capacity building of farmers and company persons, organize trainings on organic pest and disease control through field demonstrations, Maintain farm records , Correspondence with govt offices and other clients , preparation of presentation and if necessary participate in seminars on behalf of company. **Is transportation available?** One Cycle , two motor cycles in our farm and once a week our company vehicle goes to the farm it can be used upon priority and importance of work . If volunteer should have proper license to drive **Languages spoken** Assamese , Bengali , Hindi and English **Can you host children or pets?** Children only **Special diets** Rice, pulses , vegetables sometimes fish and meat no breads anything additional could be purchased on their own cost and efforts

IND 072 **Name of organization:** Himalayan Eco-Horticulture Society **Contact Name:** Lakshman Thakur, Chairman - Co-ordination **Location (address and description of land):** Foothills of Hlmalyas in North India , state of Himachal Pradesh. Climate – Temperate. Nearest domestic airport – Shimla. International Airport – New Delhi and Chandigarh start late 2009. **A brief description :** Ngo promoting sustainable farming with an environmental conscience working with large number of farmers. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** Negotiable , depends upon sponsoring farmer/location, time of the year and expectations of the volunteers. **Accommodation (number and type):** On case to case basis.. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.):** Wildlife watching in higher hills, getting involved in small local construction of public paths, sharing experiences with farmers **Expectations of work for volunteers:** Working in Apple and Pear orchards and performing/learning seasonal chores, organic manures and sprays etc. **Transportation available?** Yes, at cost **Languages spoken:** English, Hindi, local dialects of Hills (close to Hindi). **Can you host children or pets?** Children. Yes. Pets: case to case basis. **Special diets:** Negotiable. In the higher hills processed food is hard to come by. **Other comments:** Very good fitness levels will be required to be able to maneuver in this region. Roads can't reach all orchards of the valleys and hence lots of hiking might be required in most locations.

IND 073 **Farm name :** M H FARMS **Contact name :** PREETENDRA ABOHAR, DIST. FEROZEPUR, PUNJAB. ON THE ABOHAR –MALOUT ROAD, N.H.10. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** WE ARE GROWING WHEAT AND BASMATI AND HAVE A KINNOW ORCHARD. WE HAVE AN IN-HOUSE VERMI COMPOST PROJECT. ALL THE CONCOCTIONS FOR PEST CONTROL, ETC. ARE DEVELOPED ON THE FARM. WE ALSO PLAN TO START A SMALL ORGANIC DAIRY ON THE FARM. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming :** SINCE 1999 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** YES. SGS. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers :** FLEXIBLE. **Accommodations (number and type):** WE HAVE TWO BEDROOMS WITH TOILETS, LIVING ROOM, RUNNING KITCHEN, PHONE, HOT AND COLD SHOWERS. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.) :** CAN BE DEVELOPED. **Expectations of work for volunteers:** TO TRY AND IMPROVE THE EXISTING SYSTEMS AND TO CREATE NEW AND IMPROVED METHODS FOR ORGANIC FARMING. **Is transportation available?:** CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE WHEN REQUIRED. **Languages spoken:** AT THE FARM, MOSTLY HINDI AND PUNJABI. BUT ENGLISH IS MANAGEABLE AS WELL. **Can you host children or pets? :** OPEN TO IT. **Special diets :** MOSTLY VEGETARIAN, HOME COOKED MEALS **And any other specifics for your farm:** WE ONLY HAVE ELECTRICITY FOR ABOUT 15-16 HOURS OUT OF 24.

IND 074 **Farm Name** B Panmei. **Dist** Manipur. Pin No.795134. **Organic. Activities** . Wet land.(paddy field)etc. and Jhoom cultivation like horticulture etc. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** For the 10Yrs experience **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : Recognized. By district authority**Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : not specific **Accommodations (number and type)** 7 **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Area of operation is whole Senapati district **Expectations of work for volunteers** : Work with rural communities **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** Manipuri is command languages**Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** rice, vegetable and meats **And any other specifics for your farm** Is running school and training on agriculture and allied subjects.

IND 075 **Farm name** Mansukh Organic Farms **Contact name** Raju Saini **Location (address and description of land)** Village Barodia, Tehsil Chaksu, Jaipur, Rajasthan. 40 km from Jaipur International Airport **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc)** With a motive to provide food in a more environmentally friendly and sustainable manner, and to promote yoga as a holistic practice, A beautiful 40-hectare farm located at village Badodiya, Tehsil Chaksu, Jaipur, Rajasthan has a river flowing nearby the farm along with the attractions like a famous temple in the village, lush green environment all around, Vipassana center (Meditation Centre)for those want to join can enquire there to be the part of that as well. You can stay close to nature and get connected to your spiritual side through yoga and meditation, learn more about seasonal crops like wheat, and millet also vegetable farming under the supervision of the farm owner who has experience in organic farming and working as a yoga practitioner from the last 21 years, has successfully hosted multiple woof groups till date. He stays at the farm along with 16 family members including his mother, wife, children, two brothers, and their wives and children to ensure the best experience can be provided to all the volunteers. As a contribution towards society, Mr. Saini is not only focusing on farming but also running a school for the economically weaker section of the society where they provide free education, free food, dress, and other facilities for the village children. We are also running a dairy farm with cows of good breed where we provide knowledge to the volunteers about the process of Milk Restoration, Ghee Preparation, Animal Feeding, and other information. The goal is to transfer the knowledge to future generations about yoga, and its impact on mental, physical, and spiritual health to feed society with natural products. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since the year 2003 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** Not yet **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum 10 days maximum 5 Months **Accommodations (number and type)** 15 persons **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Teaching in school and promoting yoga and meditation on a global level, to help preserve India's ancient tradition & and knowledge system **Expectations of work for volunteers** The volunteers can help in all kinds of activities like farming, cooking, feeding the animals, teaching the students, daily routine work and can also share their ideas for the improvisation in the ongoing process **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** Hindi, English, and regional language **Can you host children or pets?** Child Yes / Pets No **Special diets** Pure Vegetarian -We are doing organic farming, the same applies to our offerings as well. We provide pure vegetarian good quality food with proper hygiene to all the volunteers which includes Dal, Chapati, Pure Milk, Curd, Buttermilk Organic seasonal vegetables, green vegetable salad, etc. **And any other specifics for your farm:** There are many tourist places in Jaipur

IND 076 **Farm name** GOSSAINBARIE TEA **P.O.** NITAIPUKHURI, VIA: DEMOW, **DISTRICT:** SIBSAGAR, **Assam.** (27 deg 14'00.23" N, 94 deg 34'18.55 E). Nearest airport and railway station Dibrugarh. The plantation is set at the confluence of Dihing and Bhamaputra rivers. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** ORGANIC TEA AND RICE AND VEGETABLES **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : 5 YEARS **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** Certifying Agency: INDOCERT **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : 10-15

DAYS Accommodations (number and type) : BASIC ACCOMODATION FOR 4-6 VOLUNTEERS **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES ARE BEING LOOKED AT LIKE SOLAR AND HYDEL POWER. **Expectations of work for volunteers:** HELPING IN DAY TO DAY TEA GARDEN ACTIVITIES LIKE PREPARATION OF ORGANIC MANURE, PLUCKING OF TEA LEAVES. AND IN THE TEA MANUFACTURING PROCESS. **Is transportation available?** YES. **Languages spoken :** Assamese, Hindi, English **Can you host children or pets?** YES **Special diets :** YES on request in advance **And any other specifics for your farm :** The tea bushes were planted in early 1900s over 100 hectare area. The workers are descendents of Santhal tribals from central India, brought here by the British to work on the plantations. It is an opportunity for WWOOF volunteers to experience working on organic tea plantation and make some of finest teas in the world. The Tea garden is set in colonial British atmosphere. Accommodation and food is simple and tasty. Opportunity to do fishing on the river and bird watching in free time. Volunteers can also interest with the workers children and teach in the school.

IND 077 Farm name DLG Farms Pvt Ltd .**Contact name** O. K. Sanjit . 100 Acre. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc)** Maize, Tomatoes, Chilli, Legumes, Water Melon, cotton ginger etc. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** – About a little more than 2 years. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** - Not Yet Certified. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** - 10-15 Days. **Accommodations (number and type)** Cottages and dormitories. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Road Work, Construction, etc. **Expectations of work for volunteers** - Farm work, Handle Farm Animals, Planting Vegetables .**Is transportation available?** YES, Car, Bike, Jeep, Trucks, Tractors, Suv's, Bicycle, **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, Kannada, Tamil, Telegu, Malayalam, Assamese and Naga **Can you host children or pets?** YES **Special diets** Nothing Special **And any other specifics for your farm** - We have Chicken, Turkeys, Ducks, Dogs, Cats, Birds, Pigs, horse, cows & we will be bringing Rabbit, Goats very soon. Other - Since our Farm is in border with FOREST, Once a while, We have uninvited guests like Elephants, Leopard, Tiger, Peacock, Cobras, wild birds like Peacock etc..... They do not harm us. But elephants come to eat the vegetables by breaking the solar electric fence.**INTEGRATED FARMING-** We have planned and constructed in such a way that, The maize is fed to Pig Farm and excreta of Pigs go to Ducks and excreta of ducks go to Fish Farm (not fully functional yet) and that water goes back to Maize farm. So its a ideal example of Integrated Farming. We are working towards achieving total ORGANIC. As of now, we are very far away from that dream.

IND 078 Farm name: Vrinda Kunj Yoga Ashram **Contact name:** Lila **Location (address and description of land)** Vrindavan, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh, India. Surface: 1/2 hectare **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We are working with local farmers to introduce organic agriculture intensively and organizing seed banks **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** In Vrindavan around 5 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum one week and no maximum time **Accommodations (number and type)** It depends a lot on the time of the year. We have 2 guesthouse, and other programs for receiving people (tourists, yoga tours,..). Mainly the woofing volunteers stay in our bamboo guesthouse, that has around 10 rooms (with fan, clean blankets, mosquito nets,..). **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Old temples restoration, English teaching, gardening, sacred places cleaning, cultural events organization, vegetarian food distribution, daily vedic philosophy classes and ceremonies, kirtans, etc. **Expectations of work for volunteers** 5 hoour volunteer work . Special skills are not needed **Is transportation available?** We are located inside the town area, we use the local transportation. **Languages spoken** English, Spanish and Hindi **Can you host children or pets** Children yes. **Special diets** Pure excellent vegetarian food. **And any other specifics for your** Vrinda Kunj is a yoga ashram located in Vrindavan, one of India's most sacred places. We are working to improve

Vrindavan community: restoring temples, helping in organic agriculture, teaching local people and students, cultural centers maintenance, gardening, sacred rivers cleaning project, etc.

IND 079 **Name of the organisation:** Yatharth Yog Ashram Foundation **Contact person:** Radhebabab (Yogesh Tiwari) **Location** Rajpur – Bahjoi **Distt.** Moradabad , Uttar Pradesh/India **Activities on Organic Farming:** We are growing a variety of crops: wheat, lentils, rice, sugarcane, vegetables (aubergine, tomatoes, chillies, pumpkins, courgette, carrots...) and fruits (papaya, guava, banana...). We also have seven cows at the moment. **Our aim is:** A simple and happy life, for health is wealth! We practice the sciences of Yoga and Ayurveda. We also want to set an example for the farmers of the area. We hope to be able to support micro-financing for organic farms in the future. Currently, we are not certified. We hope to be in a year or two. **Proposed duration of stay for volunteers:** Volunteers can stay as long as they like, but a good minimum would be two weeks. **Accommodation:** We have two huts with three beds each, a hut for people that like to sleep on the floor near the fire, a larger hall, and a room with two beds. **Other projects:** Besides organic farming, we are in to alternative construction (earth and straw, bamboo and grasses), processing of milk (milk-products), schooling (you can teach English). We also practice Yoga and live a balanced life based on Ayurvedic principles. **Expectations:** Actually, we don't expect any work from our volunteers. In the past, some people have worked a lot, and some have not. Some people come to the Farm just to relax. Generally, these people leave a 'free donation' to support the project. The important thing is that you support the project in your own way. We have no fixed rules, and there is no pressure whatsoever on anyone. But as work is a way to health and happiness, we encourage it, of course. **How to get there:** Public transport will take you up to Bahjoi. The last 5km you can walk, or just give us a call and we'll come to pick you up. **Languages:** Hindi and English. We can host children, but no pets. On the farm, all meals are lacto-vegetarian.

IND 080 **Farm name:** Shastry's Estate, **Contact name:** C.M.N. Shastry **Location (address and description of land):** Farm is situated in the Shimoga District of Karnataka, **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** A wide range of organic certified Ayurvedic Herbs, which are exported by the owner and manufactured into Ayurvedic medicines. The main herb that is being grown on the farm is brahmi (*Bacopa monnieri*). Other herbs being grown include gotu kola (*Centella asiatica*), pippali (*Piper longum*) and kappi kachu (*Mucuna pruriens*). A number of species are also being collected from the wild, including kutaja (*Holarrhena antidysenterica*) and bala (*Sida cordifolia*). One of the objectives at Hosagunda farm is to create a model farm that demonstrates organic farming practices as well as GACP (Good Agricultural and Collection Practices for medicinal plants) that can be replicated elsewhere in the area. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming:** We have been practicing organic farming at Hosagunda for several decades. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** Yes, since 2002 the farm has been certified organic by Control Union **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** The suggested minimum stay for a volunteer is 3 weeks. **Accommodations (number and type):** There are two double rooms available for volunteers to stay in. The rooms have attached bathrooms with hot water. The farm has a relatively reliable electricity connection and a computer with access to the Internet. Food is cooked on natural 'bio-gas' and is mainly local and organic (and delicious!). **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.).** CMN Shastry manages various non-farming projects at the farm, including tree planting, water harvesting and the restoration of an ancient temple. He is looking for volunteers to help with all of these projects, especially the tree planting project, for which help is needed to raise seedlings in the nursery, plant trees (during the monsoon), as well as research and document the species that are being planted. **Expectations of work for volunteers:** Volunteers are expected to work for at least 5 hours per day from Monday to Saturday each week. **Is transportation available?** There is a local bus service operating on the main road approx. 10-15 minutes walk from the farm. It takes another 15 minutes to reach the local town. **Languages spoken:** CMN Shastry, who owns the farm, speaks English, Hindi and

Kannada, but is only at the farm once every one or two weeks. The farm manager and his family, who live there full-time speak basic English. Most of the other people living and working on and around the farm speak Kannada. **Can you host children or pets?:** Yes, children and pets are welcome **Special diets:** Most of the food is vegetarian **And any other specifics for your farm:** farm is located on the eastern side of the Western Ghats, an area of sub-tropical forest identified by the IUCN as one of the world's ten 'biodiversity hotspots'.

IND 081 **Farm Name:** a food forest in the making **Contact Name:** Martanda :Approximately 18 acres of forest, orchards, and gardens located in the north section of Auroville's Greenbelt Tamil Nadu **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc):**We have a small garden of organic vegetables grown with Anastasia's concept, and almost 12 acres of organic cashew trees that are harvested every spring/summer. We intend to live off the land within the next six years. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming:** The land has been organic for more than 10 years. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** April – July:work always available... 2 weeks to start Sept – Feb:1 week **Accommodations (number and type):**One cool capsule/hut that comfortably sleeps three individuals (with mosquito nets). Unlimited space for camping and sleeping in hammocks. **Non-farming opportunities/activities (alternative construction/restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** In addition to harvesting cashews, working in the garden, and planting/pruning trees, volunteers can help around the house with painting and repair jobs, fence construction, etc. **Expectations of work for volunteers:** April – July: Cashew season... Intense work harvesting cashews from the trees (6:30am–10:30am) and/or separating nuts from fruits (3:30-5:30pm). September: Pruning season... Assist in trimming trees throughout the property (2hrs)Oct – Nov: Planting season... Dig holes, mix compost, plant trees Dec – Feb: Garden season... Plant seeds following Anastasia's concept; de-weed as necessary **Is transportation available?** Transportation (cycle, moped, scooter, etc) can be arranged for Rs.60 – Rs.100 daily **Languages spoken:** English, French, Tamil **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets:** Flexible **And any other specifics for your farm:** As a forest of Auroville, a Rs.50 daily donation will be required to the International Township. We provide one meal per 4-5 hour shift. No more member pls do not contact

IND 082 **Farm name** NATURE **Contact name** Mr Rajagopal A total 7 acres and our neighbours own 3- 5 acres each. We have several tribal colonies within a radius of 2 kilometers. I hope this would be a new experience for foreign visitors . Village life and active local participation in operation is more feasible at Mully where we have another property. It is around 40 kms from here, close to the Tamilnadu Border, separated by a small beautiful, unpolluted river. Mully is on the foot hills of enchanting Nilgiris, just few kms from Ootty, the Queen of Hills. That area is highly suitable for Adventure& Eco-Tourism(of course in tune with nature) and for interaction with Tribal People(outwardly modern) How to reach 1-Coimbatoreà Anaikkatti (30Kms)à Sholayoor (12Kms) 2-PalakkadàMannarkkad (30Kms)àAnaikkatti (53Kms)àSholayoor (12) **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Goals:*Food Sovereignty *Farming in tune with nature *Small, *Down to Earth Living *Minimum Carbon & Water Footprint *Attracting youth/new generation to farming *Popularizing Organic Farming , and so on **Activities:** Ongoing- Agri-Horticulture, Agro forestry, Silviculture , Garden (Flowers) Animal Husbandry(Cows, Goats, Sheep), Poultry, Ducks Starting soon - Fish farming, Bee keeping, Value addition, Farm tourism **Crops:** Plantains (many varieties), Tubers, Vegetables, Coffee, Pepper, Coconut Fruit Trees- Jack (around ten types) Mangoes (15 varieties),Guava Lime/lemon, Sapota, Butter Fruit, Egg Fruit.(Note)-Pls don't visualize an Eden on reading the above description. Manpower shortage in up keeping, invasion of summer, wild animal menace, financial constraints etc have an adverse effect. But there is tremendous potential for building up a 'Heaven on Earth') **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Fifteen Years on this land (25 years Exposure) **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No. Didn't try **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Has to be worked out based on the Season (planting, weeding, harvesting), Climate as well as the schedule of volunteers. Short and long term WWOOFers are welcome" **Accommodations** We are

staying in a Farm House which can accommodate around 5 persons or more, now. Additional facilities for accommodation can be made with the support of volunteers . Tree huts also can be made (One is under construction) **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)**This also depends on the skills and willingness of WWFOOers . There is scope for alternative construction {mud, sundried bricks, bamboo, traditional Tribal (plastering mud over woven bamboo, twigs etc), underground/dugout house, ferro-cement Tree huts, and so on}.This area is utmost suitable for alternative power generation such as Wind, Solar and Biomass. It has the highest wind potential in Kerala. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Helping in Agri-Horti & Animal Husbandry operations (Seasonal) Land development, bunding, removing stones, tilling, ploughing, pitting, planting, composting, manuring , irrigating, weeding, pruning, harvesting, post harvest operations, value addition ,gardening, medicinal plant farming, Feeding cows, goats, pets(dogs and cats); cleaning, milking, marketing, value addition ,cooking ,construction of huts, cow-goat sheds, pits, ponds (In short, SKY is the limit). Here also much depends on the nature, attitude, interests, skills, willingness, tolerance, health concept, openness, etc of WWOOFers+ our success in raising/attracting more Capital) **Is transportation available?** We depend on public transport facilities which is adequate. Our "fleet" is limited to a pair of cycles and an off duty Rajdoot bike! Vehicles are easily available for hiring. But we limit its use mainly because of our ecofriendly approach **Languages spoken** Malayalam (mother tongue), Hindi, English, Tamil (locally predominant), Tribal dialect **Can you host children or pets?** No hard and fast rules. But due to limitations in facilities we prefer to postpone the above to a later stage **Special diets** We are basically vegetarians (or eggarians to be precise as once in a while we use eggs from our farm)We avoid non-veg cooking in our kitchen. Non-veg food is available in local country hotels. We don't have objection in any one using that. "Chronic non-vegetarians" (but otherwise very good WWOOFers) may prepare and use such items in their huts(to be made), without inviting us to share it. **And any other specifics for your farm** This Farm was started with the objective of increasing food production (or to produce at least a part of what we consume); propagating Organic Farming as well as living; Escaping from consumerism as far as possible; Practicing alternative life style/Small Living; Anti-doting wide spread . Big House (palatial) Construction-Mania; Minimizing energy consumption-lowering Carbon Foot Print; and above all Living quietly, far from the "Maddening Crowd" So we don't want to upset the peace and tranquility of our "heaven" by overcrowding the Farm with visitors. But at the same time we want students, visitors to:- come, participate, learn and propagate

IND 083 **Farm name** – Solitude Farm **Contact name** – Krishna McKenzie & Khaled Mohamed **Location (address and description of land)** – \, International Zone, Auroville, Tamil Nadu 605101 A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) - Solitude Farm is a five acre sustainable farming community located in the international township of Auroville. Founded in 1996 we work with the ideas of Masanobu Fukuoka, the father of Natural Farming and those of Permaculture. We have been experimenting extensively with non-tillage, intercropping, relay cropping, mulching, and cultivating indigenous millets, rice, and a wide variety of vegetables and fruits, oil seeds, grams, and pulses. We welcome volunteers from around the world to participate in our dynamic community life. We host people from all walks of life including artists, musicians, I.T. professionals, spiritual seekers, teachers, healers, students etc who come to explore community, farming, simple living and a life close to nature. We use alternative energy and appropriate technologies such as solar lighting, windmill (for pumping water) solar pump, composting toilets, pedal powered washing machine and solar heater. We also run an organic restaurant on the farm serving mainly food grown in our fields. How long you have been doing Organic Farming – 14 years Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency- **No Suggested length of stay for volunteers** – 1 to 6 months minimum. We are also accepting Farming Interns who are asked to stay from 3-6 months. Those interested in the Farm Intern position should be highly dedicated and passionate to learn more about natural farming and community living. Farm Interns will have the

opportunity to learn in depth how the farm operates and will be asked to take on additional responsibilities. **Accommodations (number and type)** – 4 coconut thatch huts for singles or couples and a dormitory that accommodates up to 8 volunteers **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** – Natural Building, food processing, music, art, many cultural events in Auroville, etc. **Expectations of work for volunteers** – 6 hours a day Mon- Sat. Volunteers are also asked to make a daily contribution of 150 Rs. (about \$3) which covers accommodation and lunch **Is transportation available?** At this point no transportation is available; however, it is very easy to arrive at the farm from Pondicherry or Chennai by bus or taxi. While staying at Solitude volunteers can rent bicycles or mopeds at a low cost. **Languages spoken** – English, Tamil, Arabic, Spanish, French, Italian, and all languages are welcome **Can you host children or pets?**- We are able to accommodate families with children, but at this point we cannot accommodate pets. Special diets – Vegetarian **And any other specifics for your farm** - Vision - Solitude is model of an integrated sustainable farming community. We aim to structure and develop our work so that it is accessible to a wider group of people. The goal is to become a recognized research center in sustainability practices by providing workshops in alternative agricultural practices, food processing and preparation, alternative energy, eco-building, community exploration, and personal development, as well as documenting our work in natural farming and permaculture. We offer workshops in Natural Farming and Permaculture from December to March. Volunteers should be aware that they will be living in a community and as such should be respectful. We ask that volunteers not bring drugs or alcohol to the farm. Solitude is a beautiful and vital farming community and we look forward to sharing this way of life with you!

IND 084 **Farm name** : Saptada **Contact name** : Virji Viradiya & Sushila Viradiya, District-Narmada Gujarat **Land:** Medium black soil **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** **Goal:** Living a sustainable life-style without destructing nature and exploiting people **Crops:** Mangoes, Guava, Jwaar, Wheat, Mung beans, Gram , Lentil, Turmeric (Main crops) Peanut, Sesame, Urad & Vegetables for own consumption **Animal Husbandry:** Milking cows on the farm **How long you have been doing Organic Farming:** 27 years experience in farming, in Saptada farm have been doing organic farming for the last 11 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** It is not a Certified Organic farm. We do not believe in certification. Our produce itself is a certificate to our customers. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** If the volunteer is genuinely interested and is willing to work then the stay can be extended as long as it is convenient to both the volunteer and us. We do not want to fix the period. **Accommodations (number and type):** Our small house is on the farm in which our family along with farm tools lives so there is no possibility of being accommodated in the same house. Ours is a mud house with roof made with local material. The similar material would be provided to build your hut/small house anywhere on the farm. You will have to build your house by your own, some help would be provided .Cement-concrete toilet and bathroom are located on the farm. It is expected that the volunteers cook themselves for which kerosene stoves will be provided. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : Construction of a new house, fencing for the farm, land leveling, water harvesting **Expectations of work for volunteers:** They should work satisfactorily. **Is transportation available?** : Yes, both public and private transportation is available. **Languages spoken** : Hindi, Gujarati **Can you host children or pets?** : No problem with children **Special diets:** It is expected that volunteers eat vegetarian food only on the farm. **And any other specifics for your farm:** Promotion of Gandhian Philosophy

IND 085 **Farm name** Universal Versatile **Contact name** Narayan Dist: Washim , Maharashtra **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Mostly we are planting Soyabean , Urad, Moog, etc but unfortunately we are little apart of organic farming. Through our NGO we have conducted few camps and now we are getting little response from farmers. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Last 3 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Anytime from 8-30 days **Accommodations (number and**

type)We will provide for up to 10 volunteers **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** None **Expectations of work for volunteers** Anything about Organic Farming **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** Marathi, Hindi and English **Can you host children or pets?** No **Special diets** Vegetarian only **And any other specifics for your farm** Non-irrigated land

IND 086 **Farm Name:** Soans Agriculture **Contact Name:** Eugen Soans **Location:** Soans Agriculture Mangalore Taluk, 574213, Karnataka. The farm is around 40 kms from Mangalore. There are direct buses from Bangalore to Moodabidri every night between 8.00 – 10.00 pm. The journey of around 400 kms from Bangalore to Moodabidri is covered overnight. **Brief Description of organic activities:** The farm is around 15 Acres where the main crops that are being cultivated are Arecanuts, Coconuts, Banana's, Mangoes, Cashewnuts, Rambutan and vegetables. At present, the normal day to day activities are cleaning the weeds and composting them at the base of the plantation crop. Also growing green manure crop around the plantation so that the soil is nitrogen fixed and the land gets mulched with the green manure crop. Other activities are preparing natural organic liquid fertilizers like the Vedic jeevaamrutha for application in plantations. planting and setting up new vegetable patches is also done through out the year except during heavy monsoons. **How Long I have been doing organic farming:** The attempt has been since the last 12 years to convert the entire land into complete organic and make the land into a model farm. My farm is now completely organic using Vedic Jeevaamrutha and Ganajeevaamrutha application practices. **Organic certification:** The farm is not certified as organic yet but is aiming to have that very shortly. **Suggested Stay:** The suggested stay for volunteers is minimum 1 Week and we will certainly be happy if volunteers are happy to stay longer. **Accommodation:** Accommodation is going to be a shared room which has a bathroom with shower facility and western Toilet. **Non Farming Activities:** Volunteers can also participate in creative education activities in the neighboring schools of the farming community where the level of education is very low. Also there is an opportunity for participating in a rainwater harvesting project at the farm. Volunteers can also visit the Western Ghats (which is not very far from Moodabidri) to learn about the local Flora and Fauna. There are also trekking options in the Western Ghats where the local Forest Authority have Trekking and Camping Options. **Expectation from Volunteers:** Volunteers are expected to participate in the day to day activities at the farm including the activities of the farm house. Volunteers can choose to work a minimum of 5 hours or longer if they wish. Work usually starts at around 8.30-8.45am in the morning until 1.00 pm. between 1.00 – 2.00pm is the lunch hours and after which work is resumed depending on the requirement until 5.30pm. Volunteers are expected to be back home/farm before 8.00 pm when they leave to travel on their own in and around the town. Since most of the volunteers are from overseas, it will be good to have information about their country and their farming activities as an intercultural exchange. At the Farm, we will certainly have an orientation day/ week for the volunteer so that the volunteer will get familiar with the local customs and communication. Also a tiny tour will be arranged for the volunteers around the town and the neighboring villages to understand the region and locals. **Transportation:** Government transportation is available throughout the day from 6.00 am until 8.30 pm. **Languages:** English and Hindi. (Parents speak German too). **Hosting child:** At the moment hosting a child at the farm is not an option but once we have additional rooms at the farm, we can look into options of hosting volunteers with a child. A pet are not an option and is not allowed. **Diets:** Food and fruits from the farm will be served Morning, Afternoon and Night. Volunteers are expected to enjoy the local home food at the farm. Volunteers can certainly have their preferences or special food of their choice but at their own cost.

ND 087 **Farm name:** PRAKRITIK ESTATE **Contact name:** NISCHAL OR RAJESH **Location (address and description of land):** DONIGAL POST, DIST. HASSAN, KARNATAKA A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :COMPOSTING INC **VERMICOMPOSTING** ,PREPARATION OF EM, **JEVAAMRITA**, ETC.; COFFEE, PEPPER, FRUITS, VEGETABLES **How long you have been doing Organic**

Farming: 12 YEARS **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** NO **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** TWO WEEKS **Accommodations (number and type):** COTTAGE WITH ATTACHED BATH (CAN ACCOMADATE 4) **Non-farming oppourtunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.):** TEACHING WORKERS & THEIR CHILDREN **Expectations of work for volunteers:** AT LEAST 6 HOURS WORK IN FARM **Is transportation available?** NO **Languages spoken:** ENGLISH, HINDI, KANNADA, BENGALI **Can you host children or pets?** YES **Special diets:** VEGETARIAN **And any other specifics for your farm:** NOT TOTALLY ORGANIC

IND 088 **Farm name** Melvin K J **Location** and **brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** **1) Spring Valley, Bannerghatta** , Bangalore-560083, INDIA (0.5 acres) Developing an Edible Ornamental organic landscape to demonstrate eco friendly materials and promote urban edible gardens. Also mushroom cultivation. The land close to the bannerghatta national park **2) Byalamara Doddi, Kagalipura Rd, Bangalore** – 560083, INDIA (4 acres) Current crops mostly banana and pomegranate. Planning for expanding aromatic and commercial ornamental crops in this land. The land adjacent to the bannerghatta national park **3) Shantinagar.P.O, Kozhikode** Dist, Kerala – 673573, INDIA (16 acres) Land has cocoa, rubber, arecanut, coconut, ginger, tumeric, kacholam, pepper etc. Planning for expanding organic ginger, tumeric, kacholam, black pepper etc. The land close to thusharagiri water falls and western ghats, wayanad. **4) Karimpani.P.O., Kottayam Dist, Kerala** – 686565, INDIA (4.5 acres) Land has cocoa, rubber. Planning for mushroom cultivation. The land is 30km away from kumarakom backwaters **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** More than a decade **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Not tried for certification **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Flexible and based on further discussions **Accommodations (number and type)** We can accommodate 4 members. If more need to discuss. **Non-farming oppourtunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Solar lighting, nature house or log house construction, bio gas etc **Expectations of work for volunteers?** To help in the planned activities as well as any harvesting during the time frame **Is transportation available?** Public transport is available to all the above locations. Private transport can be arranged at a cost. **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Alcohol drinking not permitted **And any other specifics for your farm** All the above farm locations are accessible by public transport. Cell Phone access as well as internet accessible with excellent drinking water. Airports, Railway stations are in 30-100 km radius. The prominent tourist destinations are close by. Can also plan for Cycling, Trekking.

IND 089 **Farm name** **Farm name** Ammasari **Contact name** Minnie Khadim Ali . Kuhn **Location** P.O. Rajpur / Dehra Dun **Uttrakhand** 11.5 bighas of terraced land, adjoining forest, encircled by the rispana river **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** At the moment we have daal and vegetables growing besides fruit like mango, leechi, pear, plum etc. I plan to sow dhaan next year and many more daals **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** The land is organic by default. I own it since 10 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Negotiable **Accommodations (number and type)** 2 simple rooms available which could accommodate 4 to 5 **Non-farming oppourtunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** construction / alternative energy Ideas would be welcome **Expectations of work for volunteers** 4 to 5 hours **Is transportation available?** Yes public transport is available close by **Languages spoken** English, Hindi and German **Can you host children or pets?** Pets would have to be discussed **Special diets** only vegetarian diet would be served but food of every kind is available close by **And any other specifics for your farm** It is situated in a village which is actually only 12 kms away from the centre of town but it feels like another world when you reach there. It is terraced land and has a feel of the mountains. The owner of the farm is a qualified Yoga teacher. Volunteers interested in learning Yoga can join yoga classes in the farm . Yoga classes charges are approx 100-150 USD monthly

for conducting 2-4 hours Yoga class per day.

IND 090 Farm name Good Earth, **Contact name** George **Location (address and description of land)** located in Trissur, Kerala, ,in the midst of rich tropical bio-diversity. **How one can reach the farm ?** By Air- Nedumbassery(Cochin) Airport is about 50 Kms to Trissur-Mannuthy- Madakathara by bus(private &Govt). **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Coconut, Pepper, Mango, Mangosteen and Jackfruit. Production of Vermicompost. This year I have planted about 3 acres of turmeric in the coconut garden. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2004 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Yes by INDOCERT **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Min 2 months **Accommodations (number and type)** I propose to house volunteers in homestays with food, close to the farm, until better and proper arrangements are made. This is also because a family of 6(working in the conventional-rubber part)are already staying in the farmhouse at present. **How many volunteers you can accommodate** Max 2 at a time **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Wind – mill/Solar **Expectations of work for volunteers** : Interested people may send a brief resume with a write-up-“ How I propose to contribute in the Organic Farm”. **Is transportation available** Yes **Languages spoken ?** Malayalam and some Hindi and English **Can you host children or pets** They have to be looked after by parents/guardians **Special diets** Nil **And any other specifics for your farm ?**Nil

IND 091 Farm name Panchvati Foundation Goshala **Contact name** Atul Jain **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 6 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** :No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers**: Preferably a month **Is transportation available?** : Yes, from the nearest railway station (22 kms).**Languages spoken** Hindi, working knowledge of English **Can you host children or pets?** : No **Special diets** Strictly vegetarian **Sustainable Agriculture in the Heart of India** The Panchvati Goshala at Gotitoria, Narsimhapur, Madhya Pradesh, is a resource centre for sustainable development and village self-reliance, servicing 20 villages in the vicinity. The “goshala”, literally “cow shelter”, is not a hospice for abandoned or ailing cows. All the cattle housed here are pure-bred Gir, native to Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh and regarded as good milkers and draught animals. The basic objectives are promotion of sustainable agriculture, cottage industry and in situ agri-processing as a means of achieving village self-reliance. The farmers of Narsimhapur, like those in other parts of India, are dealing with the impact of water stress, spiraling cost of agricultural inputs, declining yields due to overuse of agro-chemicals and climate change. They are increasingly turning towards sustainable agriculture, which is synonymous with a cattle-based economy. The cow is one of the five Js on which sustainable development is founded: jan (people), janwar (animals, ie, cattle), jungle (forest), jameen (earth) and jal (water). The five are intimately linked. Traditionally, the cow is at the centre of all socio-economic activities in a village and touches every aspect of rural life, including the spiritual and environmental. Thus, the importance of the Goshala, which has become the hub of activity for all the targeted villages. **Location** Narsimhapur district lies in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh, at a distance of 240 kms from the capital city of Bhopal. It is 125 kms from Jabalpur, an educational centre and the closest airport. The district is well-connected by rail, lying as it does at the very centre of India. Itarsi, the junction of the East-West and North-South rail corridors, is barely 130 kms from here. Narsimhapur forms part of the Narmada drainage system. The sacred river flows through the southern portion of the district. According to Hindu tradition, a dip in the Holy Ganges cleanses the devotee of sin, but a mere glimpse of the Narmada grants redemption. Gotitoria lies in the foothills of the Satpura ranges, which are covered in deciduous forests. Apart from teak, bamboo and saal, a variety of medicinal plants and useful trees are found here. A trek through the woodlands, with a local guide, offers an insight into the Indian village community’s organic relationship with the forest. **Visitors** Visitors to the Panchvati Goshala are accommodated in an on-site hut built in the traditional style, with thatched roofs and floors plastered with mud, hay and cow dung. The mixture has extraordinary thermal properties, lowering temperatures by as much as 3 degrees. It also keeps insects away. A

circular verandah with screens of woven vetiver in peak summer ensures the interiors always remain cool. Four persons can be accommodated at any one time currently, but the capacity is likely to be doubled shortly. The attached bathrooms are tiled and the facilities are in the western style. Anyone who wishes exposure to the quintessentially “organic lifestyle” of a typical central Indian village is welcome to visit. Those who wish to gain an understanding of the “cow-based economy” and village self-reliance, concepts that are central to sustainable rural development, may want to make a longer stay. Tours of neighbouring farms and villages are encouraged, to fully appreciate the difference between industrial and holistic models of agriculture and their socio-economic outcomes. Meals are strictly vegetarian, but as any accomplished Indian cook will tell you, the sheer variety of vegetables, pulses, cereals, spices and fruits boggles the mind. Visitors are requested to eat with the Panchvati people and other guests. Sharing meals, it is believed, builds a sense of community and family. **Alcohol and smoking are not permitted on the premises.** Visitors are requested to maintain discretion in personal conduct, keeping in view the social norms prevalent in the villages. **Activities** Participation in the everyday activities of the goshala is appreciated. Visitors can participate in any of the following – milking, grazing and care of cows, processing of milk ,manufacture or design of terracotta, bamboo and cow-dung/urine based items, compost-making, preparing botanical extracts for plant protection, organic farming, cooking, teaching village children, spiritual discourses, ideas or designs for the proposed bio-village at a location in the vicinity, managing the bio-gas plants and draught animal energy units , helping in creating awareness about health, sanitation, documentation of traditional wisdom marketing of goshala’s produce **Other places to visit in the vicinity** MUST SEEs for those visiting Gadarwara are the Bhimbetka caves, a neolithic site known for its rock paintings (175 kms towards Bhopal), Panchmarhi, a hill station famous for its cave temples (120 kms), The Madhai wildlife preserve located on an island (70 kms), The marble rocks of Bheraghaat on the Narmada river (110 kms), The deep valley of Patalkot, home to a hidden tribe (120 kms)

IND 092 **Farm name:** Green Valley Organic Spices **State** Karnataka 581322 **Description :** Climate is western Ghat Region , this location is natural organic area. the reason behind is full availability of green manure(leaves) due to presence of large forest area. Water is available naturally. **Total area of farm :** 3.6 HA **A brief description of organic activities (Crops, Projects, Goals etc.):** Crops:Areca nut , Vanilla, Black pepper, White pepper, Clove, Cardamom, Red rice, Nutmeg, Jaggery , Coconut , Banana , Cashew, Garcinea Indica & Combodgia ,Honey , Ghee etc. **Projects :** Organic conversion of agricultural lands and also certification. **Goals :**Organic marketing development. Organic agriculture expansion and also set up our own organic outlets. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming:** From last 10 years we are in organic **Whether the farm is certified (if yes)** Yes certified both NOP ,NPOP ,EU. **Name of certification agency :** Lacon certification , Thiruvalla, Kerala. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** It will be depend on the month of visit (Normally 4-5 days) . **Accommodations (number and type):** Accommodations available for 3-4 persons. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** No **Expectations of work for volunteers:** Marketing advice and also about new crops which are suitable for this area. **Is transportation available?:** Yes, available . **Languages spoken:** Kannada, English, Hindi **Can you host children or pets?:** Yes. **Special diets :**No **And any other specifics for your farm :** No

IND 093 **Farm name :** Asha Farms **Contact name :** Vishal S Dogra **Location (address and description of land):** Dehradun, Uttranchal , Since our Farm is located at National Highway so approach is very easy. From Bus stand / Railway station bus services are available which goes towards Paonta Sahib side. From Dehradun Bus station / Railway Station it is only 15 KM away & take **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.):** Raw Land & Mango Trees , We are starting new Organic project ,Nothing has been sown in the farm for the 4-5 years. No pesticides & chemicals have been used in the Farm. Tube well Facility is available & tractor and other instruments are also available in the Farm. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming :** We have started new project on Organic farming

Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency : No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : As per their choice of Volunteer one can stay as long as he /She wants and till the visa is valid **Accommodations (number and type)** :Yes 10-12 fully furnished rooms **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : No **Expectations of work for volunteers** : Technology Knowhow & support we need such volunteers who have some knowledge of Organic farming and can help us in starting this new organic farming project. **Is transportation available?** : Yes **Languages spoken** : English & Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** : Yes **Special diets** : Since we are pure vegetarian so the food will be strictly Vegetarian. **And any other specifics for your farm** : Located near lush green forest & adjacent Highway Road.

IND 094 **Farm name** :Guru kripa •**Contact name** :Dinesh Kumar Dabi • •**Location (address and description of land)**Location Barmer (district) Rajasthan (state) India. •**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Farm house is 70 km far from Jodhpur City Barmer (Rajasthan) Land area 7 hector , All seasonal crops, we also grow Aloe vera ,some grains, pulses,Cumin seed, vegetables, fruits tree, lemon tree, Dates tree etc. •**How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : 2007 •**Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** :No•**Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : 4 to 6 month •**Accommodations (number and type)** : 6 person can stay •**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : Yoga ,Meditation, Permaculture, Organic, Garden, Animals Care ,Compost. •**Expectations of work for volunteers** : 5 to 6 hour's in day (3 to 4hour in morning & 2 hour in evening) All Farming work like : planting. watering, We are still building our place out of mud, recycled wood, tents and whatever we find. Together we meditate & , practice yoga and share creative skills: music, clowning, puppet, story telling... Lot of things to do here, we mainly need help in developing permaculture garden, construction and maintenance of the place. We will expect you to work an average of 5 hours a day (some days we work more then next day not at all) once a week you ll have a day off that you are most welcome to enjoy in the farm and the beautiful surrounding. We will be happy to share working knowledge with you, but we would also like you to be independent, your creative ideas are very welcome. You are welcome to all the workshops we organize. We have communal meals that you are most welcome to enjoy and please help us to discover new flavors .Please help us preserving and developing a positive environment •**Is transportation available?** : Yes , Farm is on road (majal to jalor) •**Languages spoken** : Hindi, English, Spanish, Hebrew. •**Can you host children or pets?** : Yes •**Special diets** : Only Vegetarian Food we will provide, volunteer can also cook food with us •**And any other specifics for your farm:** Compulsory Meditation 3 times in day, Smoking & drink alcohol is prohibited in farm and outside the farm.

IND 095 **Farm name:** EduCARE India **Contact name** Lianne la Roi **Location** (address and description of land): Sotla (small village in Hoshiarpur district). Punjab **A brief description of organic activities(crops, projects, goals, etc.):** The project for organic farming addresses the excessive use of fertilizers and chemicals used by farmers in Punjab, and their detrimental effects contributing to soil erosion and water pollution. The effect on drinking water is of particular concern, as well as the health risks related to over-usage of chemical fertilizers and insecticide spray. We aim provide the local community with information about the benefits of organic farming and organic food produce. In the past months, we have carried out research on small/medium scale organic and/or permaculture farming. Through our research, we can provide the local community with a good-practise example regarding organic farming. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming:** 1 year (in which we only conducted research to be able to start the project). The project still needs to be initiated. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** No (we're still at the foundation stage) **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** 4-12 months **Accommodations (number and type):** one, room for 11 interns/volunteers. Independent accomodation in Sotla, a small village nearby the organic farming site. Rooms are generally shared with one other intern/volunteer. There is also a common living room

and internet is available. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.):** alternative energy, waste management, water sanitation projects **Expectations of work for volunteers:** Knowledge of and the capacity of starting and sustaining an organic farming/permaculture project, available for at least 4 months, enthusiasm and comfortable with leading a project that still needs to be started up **Is transportation available?** The accommodation is a 10 minute walk from the organic farming site. Alternatively, there are buses. **Languages spoken** English **Can you host children or pets?** No **And any other specifics for your farm.** We are not a farm, but an NGO working towards rural development in Punjab. We have several social projects (after-school programme, women empowerment, microfinance, health projects, etc.) and have recently started an organic farming class as well. For all these projects, we have internships/volunteer opportunities available. Together with other local organisations, we are starting up the organic farming project to create awareness for the benefits of organic farming. **Tourism in the area** We host many interns for different projects and they often go on weekend trips together. Much visited sites are Chandigarh, Amritsar (Golden Temple) and the hill stations in the Himalayas, such as McLeod Ganj (home of the Dalai Lama) and Shimla. Furthermore, Delhi and Agra are also within reach for a weekend trip.

IND 096 **Farm name** VALLEY VIEW ORGANIC ORCHARD, FARM & DAIRY **Contact name:** YATAN AHLUWALIA **Location (address and description of land):**, PATHANKOT, DIST. GURDASPUR, PUNJAB 145001 We run an organic orchard and farm on a quiet and low hill top between the hill stations of Dalhousie and Dharamshala in northernmost Punjab - almost on the border of Himachal Pradesh which is about a 5 kms diversion from the main road that climbs up to the colonial hill station of Dalhousie (half an hour away). We overlook the Chakki river to the South, the snow peaked Dauladhar range on the East, the Shivalik hills on the West and the mountains of Jammu and Kashmir on the North. We are an hour and a half away from Mc Lodganj and Dharamshala. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We are looking for volunteers to work on our orchard and farm. We provide food and accommodation (large ensuite) in exchange of volunteer work. We need help with organic farming, gardening, taking care of our fruit trees and vegetables, basic farm work like building projects (tree / mud and stone houses etc), rain water harvesting, landscaping, permaculture, construction. We are also planning to start a farm stay (weekend getaway) soon. We are open to new and innovative ideas. We have our own cows and are keen to get into small scale cheese making as well as other organically produced kitchen products - sauces and jams. We work with the local community and villages and promote organic farming methods. We have distinct seasons, great views and are easily accessible and reachable. We can send you more details, information and photographs upon request by email. We prefer to host men who can help us with farming work, building projects on our farm and / or animal care. Please send us a mail for detailed informations including seasonal work timings. As we also host other volunteers, please let us know about your travel and work plans as much as in advance as possible. There are a lot of places of interest to visit around us and we will be glad to assist you with local information upon request. We are a young farm and grow mangoes, guavas, pomegranates, oranges, lemons, berries, grapefruit, bananas, peaches, plums, apricots, citrus, jackfruit, a variety of other fruits, seasonal and exotic vegetables and herbs. All our manures, fertilisers and insecticides are made using ancient Indian techniques from waste materials. We follow principles of 'Vriksh Ayurveda' (Ayurveda for trees and plants). **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Two years - since we acquired this orchard and farm **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** We are just applying to 'control union' for an organic certification **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 7 - 60 days **Accommodations (number and type)** Two en-suite rooms Ensuite with a great view, all basic amenities like hot and cold water, electric kettle, bedding and linen. Breakfast and Simple vegetarian meals - made mostly with farm fresh produce are provided by us. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Besides farming, we need help with small building projects (tree / mud and stone houses etc) making ponds, rain water harvesting, landscaping, solar / wind

energy and permaculture. We are also planning to start a farm stay (weekend getaway) soon. We are open to new and innovative ideas. Gardening, Building, General Maintenance, Farming, Help with Eco project, Help in the house, Animal care . **Expectations of work for volunteers** Regular farm work - making plant and flower beds, pruning trees, raking, collecting leaves, looking after the cow(s), manuring, mulching, weeding, watering, farm care and maintenance, landscaping, some amount of carpentry, construction, design of cottages, stone work and cooking. Please also refer to non-farming opportunities listed above **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, Punjabi. **Can you host children or pets?** Owing to cultural sensitivities, we prefer to host only male (boys and men) workers. **Special diets** Simple vegetarian food and non - alcoholic beverages will be provided at the farm **And any other specifics for your farm** We run an organic orchard and farm on a quiet and low hill top between the hill stations of Dalhousie and Dharamshala in northernmost Punjab. We are about an hour and a half away from McLeodganj (home of His Holiness, The Dalai Lama) and an equal distance away from the holy city of Amritsar, the city of Jammu and Jalandhar. The transit town of Pathankot is close by as well. We are looking for volunteers to work on our orchard and farm. We provide food and accommodation in exchange of volunteer work. We have distinct seasons, great views and are easily accessible. All applicants must send us their profile, copy of identity proof and a clear recent photograph while applying. Please specify the expected duration of your stay as well. Once your application is accepted, we will be glad to send you details about how to get here, seasons, house rules etc. We can also send you more details, information and photographs upon request by email.

IND 097 Farm name Guraya Farm • **Contact name** Arvind Singh/ Hazoor Singh • **Phone/email** Location (address and description of land) *We are a group of farmers who have initiated organic farming in small parts of our land*

1. Arvind Singh Son of Late Dr. Mahendra Singh r/o 120/13 Urban Estate Kurukshetra 1 acre 3 marla at Village RattanGarh, on National Highway no 1, Tehsil Shahabad, District Kurukshetra. 1 acre

2 Hazoor Singh son Of Shri Phulla Singh resident of Village Borsham Tehsil Nilokheri District Karnal 1 acre

3. Ramraj Sharma son of Shri Jai Narayan Sharma Village Barwa Tehsil Thanesar District Kurukshetra 1 acre

4. Chander Parkash son of Shri Raj Pal resident of Village Barwa, Tehsil Thanesar, District Kurukshetra 1 acre

5. Satnam Singh son Of Shri Phulla Singh resident of Village Borsham Tehsil Nilokheri District Karnal 1 1 acre

6. Rajpal son of Shri Raghbir Singh Village Jamba Tehsil Nilokheri District Karnal ½ acre

7. Narvair Singh son of Shri Charanjeet Singh R/o Village Rohti Tehsil Ismailabad, District Kurukshetra 1 acre

8. Jaswinder Singh son of Shri Surjan Singh r/o Chhaillon Tehsil Pehowa District Kurukshetra 1 acre

10. Hardeep Singh son of Amar Singh resident of Village Singhra Tehsil Nising District Karnal 1 acre

A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) We are new in this business and looking forward for experienced volunteers who can stay longer and help in the development of organic farm. • **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Beginner • **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** N.A • **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 6 to 12 weeks • **Accommodations (number and type)** 4 double rooms • **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** N.A • **Expectations of work for volunteers:** development of organic farm • **Is transportation available?** yes • **Languages spoken** Hindi/ English • **Can you host children or pets?** yes • **Special diets** Indian veg and Indian non veg • **And any other specifics for your farm:** We are the group of young farmers having agriculture land situated in the different area of all adjoining Districts e.g. Karnal, Kurukshetra, Ambala, kaithal etc starting from 10 acre to 40 acre of agriculture land and

presently doing our regular farming we would like to start organic farming with our one or two acre of land so that we can learn gradually and increase organic farming on later stage

IND 098 Farm name : Swadeshi Farms **Contact name** : Uma Shankari **Location (address and description of land)** : Chittoor district, Andhra Pradesh, India. 517152. **10 acres of land** ; hilly country, 900 mm rainfall per annum, borewell irrigated, can grow a variety of crops. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.):** We have been growing paddy, sugarcane, made into jaggery (brown sugar), want to start making crystal sugar, ground nut, vegetables, spices like chillies, turmeric. We also have a coconut garden, and mango gardens. We have been active in the environment movement, farmers movement and movement for land reforms. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : Since 1993. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** No. We believe in Participatory Guarantee System. We are well known for our credibility. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : 3 to 6 months. If they would like for longer **Accommodations (number and type)** : Can host 4 to 6 persons each in single or shared rooms. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : a forestation program, education program, marketing of organic products, alternative energy program, etc. **Expectations of work for volunteers** : take care of a few cows, help with farm operations. **Is transportation available?** Yes, both the public and private transportation available. **Languages spoken** : English, Tamil, Telugu, Hindi. **Can you host children or pets?** : yes, a dog or cat. Not outlandish pets like frogs or crocodiles. **Special diets** : I am a dairy-vegetarian. **And any other specifics for your farm:** If interested persons have any queries that can be answered.

IND 099 Farm name: Dumpal Khadin Organic Farm **Contact name:** Shivnath Singh ("Shiva") **Location of land:** Jaisalmer , Rajasthan Pin no: 345001 **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc):** If you are in Jaisalmer Rajasthan , and are interested in getting off the well-beaten tourist path, there is an organic farm and wonderful family that would welcome your visit. Dumpal Farm is approximately 20 km from the city of Jaisalmer in Rajasthan; it's owner, is in the process of cultivating this land further by experimenting with food crops that can be grown sustainably and organically in sandy, desert soil. Visitors and volunteers are invited to participate in farm work, building new mud and cow-dung huts, herding goats and being a part of community life. The village consists of an extended family living in 5-6 households. Those interested in teaching and interacting with young children will love Shivnath's nieces and nephews. The main crops at the farm are millet, chickpeas, mustard, three types of lentils, watermelon and cucumber. There is also coriander, cumin and fenugreek, as well as a number of fruit trees. **Current projects:** At the moment, the accommodation on the farm consists of a hut without electricity or plumbing. Over the next few months, volunteers have the exciting opportunity to help build more of these traditional Rajasthani huts, made from sand and cow dung with thatched roofs, which take 15 to 20 days to build with the help of three people. We would like to build two more huts, a kitchen, and a bathroom. We are also interested in generating electricity through solar power, so volunteers with an interest or basic understanding of intermediate technology would be very welcome at the farm. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming?** The farm has been in Shiva's family for generations. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** Not currently certified. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Short stays are welcome, but to gain the most from your time at the farm, we recommend one week or more. Day visits are negotiable. **Accommodations (number and type)** The accommodation on the farm currently consists of a traditional Rajasthani hut, made from sand and cow dung with a thatched roof, without electricity or plumbing. The desert is lit by a very bright moon at night, though candles will be provided. We hope to establish another two huts, a kitchen, and a bathroom in the upcoming months. We also hope to generate electricity using solar energy. Volunteers with enthusiasm for, and/or experience in these areas are very welcome **Food:** Until a kitchen is built, traditional vegetarian food will be prepared for volunteers and visitors on an open fire, or in local family's homes. Once the kitchen is built, people staying at the farm will be supplied with

ingredients and will be able to prepare their own meals. **Water:** Volunteers and visitors are welcome to use the local water, which can be boiled to make sure it is safe for drinking. Alternatively, mineral water can be provided. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)**The farm is located close to a small village of a few houses, and is the perfect environment to learn about the local culture and gain firsthand experience of activities such as cooking, Ayurvedic medicine, and yoga. Staying at the farm also gives volunteers and visitors the chance to interact with local children, explore villages further afield, and meet gypsies, famous for their music and dance. The children in the village do not attend school, so the farm also gives volunteers and visitors the opportunity to practice both Hindi and English with school-aged children. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Volunteers are expected to work four to six hours a day, six days a week. This can change depending on the time of year, since it can get very hot in the summer. **Is transportation available?**The easiest way to reach the farm is by contacting us first, and we can arrange for a rickshaw to pick you up. This should cost between Rs200-250 **Languages spoken** Rajasthani, Hindi, English. **Can you host children or pets?** Negotiable **Special diets?** Mostly vegetarian; dietary restrictions can be discussed with Shiva.

IND 100 **Farm name:** ADISIL CHOLAI **Contact name:** Balasubramanian **Location (address and description of land):** 4 acres of Land located in, Madurai – 625706, Tamil Nadu, India **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.):** ADISIL CHOLAI is a small farm run for the promotion of organic farm in this area. We are developing permaculture. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming:** For the past 10 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** Tamilnadu Organic Farming Certification **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** One week to one month **Accommodations (number and type):** Thatched Huts, Rooms for 5 persons **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.):** Permaculture, Rainfed farming and food processing **Is transportation available?:** Yes **Languages spoken:** Tamil, English **Can you host children or pets?:** Yes **Special diets:** As per their need And any other specifics for your farm: We have long experienced organic experts

IND 101 **Farm name :** Nityanandpad Ashram- **Contact name :** Swami Rameshwar Das- **Location (address and description of land)** Nityanandpad Ashram Post Haldu Chour , Dist Nainital , Uttarakhand . One can reach the Ashram from Lal kuan Railway station by Auto rickshaw Haldu chour . From Haldwani Halduchour is 13 KM- **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Cowshed (Gaushala) for the destitute, weak, ill, handicapped, neglected cows with support of all you people. Cow has been titled as "Gau-Mata" (Cow Mother) in our Dharma Shastras and by our seers and saints. But today that "Gau-Mata" is not being seen only in barns and grazing fields but also in slaughterhouses and roads in very piteous state.Gau-Mata is considered to be heavenly and sacred, even Goddess Lakshmi chosed cow's dung as her domicile.- **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 10 years- **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No- **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 2 weeks to as long as the Visa is valid- **Accommodations (number and type)**Basic accommodation in Ashram for 10 persons- **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** This Gurukul is envisaged by Swamiji to develop great citizens with excellent academic performance enriched with our beautiful culture. The school curriculam is designed and executed to give personal care to each individual student and give refined and superior personality from the age 6 onwards. The teaching system is unique with international educating sustems being used to develop the knowledge very fast. Shri Maharaj ji guide the school directly with personal care. **-Expectations of work for volunteers** Help in look after the Cows, Vermicompost making , Cow Urine collection , Cow dung collection, Construction activities , Coaching the students of nearby village and all the help needed in the Ashram- **Is transportation available?** Yes **cycles** **Languages spoken** Hindi and Sanskrit. **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Vegetarian

IND 102 **Farm name** Amar Natural Farms **Contact name** Capt SS Sran **Location (address and description of land)** Hanumangarh Jn, Dist Hanumangarh, Rajasthan, India-335512.. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We follow natural farming suitably modified to local conditions, with aim of self- sufficiency. Orchards of Keenu (Citrus fruit), Guava, Pomegranate, Amla, and rice (paddy), wheat, pulses, millets are grown as main crops, with intercropping of aloe vera, garlic, onions, chilies, fenugreek, and seasonal vegetables. Also plants of Imli, Jamun, & varieties of mango. Cows of local breeds, for FYM, and in-house pesticides and anti-fungal preparations. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2004. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Yes, by Indocert. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** As per their desire, as at our farm, the work goes on through- out the year due to variety of crops. **Accommodations (number and type)-** Upto 2rooms, with bath and toilets, but not attached, with electricity, fan, lights, and wifi being installed. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Water storage tank construction of one sq acre will be undertaken this year, led-solar lanterns, and solar powered pumps are planned to be installed this year, also water harvesting is under taken during rains. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Due to proximity to town, but at same time it's a Farmhouse location, to maintain interaction with farmhands only, to maintain the routine of farm activity **Is transportation available?** Jeep **Languages spoken** Elementary French, English, Hindi, Punjabi & Marwari. **Can you host children or pets?** Yes, but not advisable due harsh climate. **Special diets** – Occasionally when the family visits during holidays. basic rural north indian food will be available with variety of breads, porridge, khicdis etc.

IND 103 **Farm name** BHAL HOTEL Farm **Contact Name** MEHMOODDESAI **Location (address and description of land)** Near Velavdar National Park Dist: Bhavnagar Gujarat State **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)**Vegetable Farming **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** No. As we want to start **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** One Month **Accommodations (number and type)**1 Cottage (Max. 4 pax) **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** NA **Expectations of work for volunteers** To Teach our local farmers and in house staff basic of Organic Farming **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** Gujarati and English **Can you host children or pets?** No **Special diets** Any **And any other specifics for your farm** Total area to be developed 4 hac for Organic farming

IND 104 **Farm name:** Blossom Dayspring Home **Contact name:** Mercy Annapoorni **Location (address and description of land):** Madurai District 625701 it is 11 km outside VirudhNgar on 6 acres of land. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.):**Vegetables and fruit are grown for consumption and sale at market. Crops include corn, beans, ladies' fingers (okra), aubergine(eggplant), tomato, cucumber, chili, onion, spinach, guava, mango, and sapota. 2 acres are used for vegetables, 1½ acre for fruit, and 1 acre for fodder. Overall goal is to decrease input costs while maintaining yields through zero budget natural farming practices. To reach this goal, projects will include but not be limited to soil management such as water retention, organic fertilizer and compost production and proper use, constructing furrows for water capture and utilizing other surface irrigation techniques, pest management, and education and use of yield increasing techniques such as pruning and plant support systems. The farm is continuously maintained by a local farmer, as well as international staff to help you get acclimated to the needs of the farm and daily life here in Tamil Nadu, India. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming:**Two years. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** Not yet, because the farm must be running for three years to become certified. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** Minimum one month **Accommodations (number and type):** Two rooms that can accommodate two volunteers, four volunteers total. Rooms include toilet and shower. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy,etc.):** Maintenance work on livestock housing, fencing and living facilities will be the largest contribution outside farming.

Animal husbandry will be the second. We have 23 chickens, 5 cows, including one baby and one calf, and 5 goats all of which provide meat, eggs and milk for the farm so proper feeding, and hygiene will be necessary tasks. Other project opportunities include but are not limited to biogas production for energy, chicken coop construction and other projects to increase animal welfare. Construction skills would be welcomed. **Expectations of work for volunteers:** Volunteers are expected to work five to eight hours a day depending on ability and will be compensated with three simple meals and basic accommodation. **Is transportation available?** Yes, the farm has access to the local bus for most travel purposes, but transportation expenses are the responsibility of the volunteer. Expect to pay INR 10 or 11 one way to the nearest large town. People are very nice in the area, so hitching is also an easy means of transportation to and from Dayspring. On certain occasions, a car or scooter, with driver will be available, as well as bicycles. **Languages spoken:** Tamil, English **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets:** We cook and serve vegetarian food but can accommodate any diet. **And any other specifics for your farm:** The farm is on the same property as an orphanage, so you will be surrounded by 25 beautiful children between the ages of 7 and 19 and 5 staff workers who take care of them. The crops we grow, help feed them; the crops we sell, help clothe them. The farm is continuously maintained by a local farmer, and there will be international staff available to help you get acclimated to the needs of the farm and daily life here in Tamil Nadu, India.

IND 105 **Farm name** Amchivadi **Contact name** : Raajen Singh **Location** (address and description of land) Located in a tribal village in Thane about 100 kms from Mumbai on the Mumbai-Ahmedabad highway in Maharashtra. High rainfall area with monsoon from June-October - part of the western ghat region **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : Crops cultivated include rice vegetables, fruits and pulses in a 2 acre farm at the base of a forested hill **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** - Organic since 10 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency**-No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers**- Depends, but a initial short stay of 3-5 days will be better for both the parties to decide on the duration of stay, preferably 3-5 days between October- April. **Accommodations (number and type)**- One independent simple brick/tiles house with toilet facilities as of now, two persons sharing a room but if there is a larger group, we can plan it with other members of the Mumbai Organic Farmers and Consumers Association (MOFCA). **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** - Sharing tribal life and engaging with them on their issues, participating in organic farming and weekly supply to consumers in Mumbai, visits to other organic farms close by activities. **Expectations of work for volunteers**- Work in the farm and must in some way contribute to the development of organic farming and alternate low-carbon life styles. **Is transportation available?** Yes from Mumbai by train/bus and last leg by auto rickshaw **Languages spoken**- English, Hindi, Marathi **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets**- Depends, but we can provide non-oil vegetarian special food **And any other specifics for your farm** - The farm produces organic vegetables for the Mumbai Organic Farmers and Consumers Association (MOFCA) MOFCA is a collective of organic farmers near Mumbai who supply weekly vegetables to about 150 household in the city in season. The volunteers can also spend time on the other organic farmer who are members of MOFCA

IND 106 **Farm name** Sapney Organic Farm **Contact name** Snehal Trivedi / Ilumalai **Location (address and description of land)** Auroville, Kottakarai Village, Tamilnadu Soil with red / clay / and some pebbles **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Heal The Soil - CSA - Community Supported Agriculture With the help of organic farming experts, community leaders and volunteers, we help start-up small vegetable gardens in village homes, provide seeds and training to local people to grow their own organic veg and fruits in their own premises. We also conduct day long 'introduction to permaculture' workshops time to time for volunteers. "One Seed At A Time, One House At A Time" Creating Village Home Gardens Growing Organic Food & Medicinal Plants Providing Fresh Food & Income For The Local Community Permaculture Education & Training Generating Local Economy **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** One of our

family member has 30 years of experience in organic farming and medicinal herbs and plants **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** None **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 15 days minimum stay between April to July, 2 days max stay between August to March **Accommodations (number and type)** Max Two Woofers - Dorm stay built with natural materials in traditional style **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Helping out with our restaurant serving local & organic food and drinks, natural building, sustainable economy models **Expectations of work for volunteers** Min 6 hours per day, 6 days a week. **Is transportation available?**None for personal use but pickup and drop can be arranged on request **Languages spoken** Tamil, Hindi, Gujarati, English**Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Preferably Vegan or Veg **And any other specifics for your farm**Prohibited & Illegal Substances strictly NOT allowed Please Book 15 days in advance Feel free to ask for more detailsLooking forward to 'Heal The Soil' and plant the 'Seeds Of Change'

IND 107 **Farm name**DARSHAN FARM**Contact name** DARSHAN **Location (address and description of land)** -, TLK-T.NARASIPURA, DIST-MYSORE, STATE -KARNATAKA, LAND 8- ACRES, ONE BOREWELL& WITH CANAL IRRIGATION (WATER PROVIDED IN MONTH OF NOV-JAN) **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)**- IN OUR REGION LITTLE IS KNOWN ABOUT ORGANIC FARMING, MOSTLY THE FARMERS HERE ARE USED TO FACTORY FERTILIZERS/PESTICIDES, THE MOST GROWN CORP IN OUR REGION ARE TOMOTO, CHILLIES, RICE,RAGI, CUCUMBER ETC, THRU ONE OF MY FRIENDS HELP I STARTED ORGANIC ACTIVITY, IT WILL TAKE ME SOMETIME TO LEARN THINGS, AS I HAVE STARTED THIS ACTIVITY, MORE LIKE MINDED PPL WILL HELP ME MORE TO SUCCESS THE ACTIVITY **How long you have been doing Organic Farming**- 6 MONTHS **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency**- NO **Suggested length of stay for volunteers**- 2 WEEKS (5 HRS WORK/DAY) **Accommodations (number and type)**- DORMITORY - 6 People OR TWO SEPARATE BEDROOMS- 2 COUPLES- ONE TOILET CUM BATH ROOM (WESTERN TYPE) **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)**- PLANNING TO START LIVE STOCK , WATER SHED PROGRAM AND RAIN WATER HARVESTING **Expectations of work for volunteers**-WORK IN FIELD LIKE WATERING THE PLANTS AND GARDEN, WEEDING, COLLECTION OF VEG, FEEDING OF DOGS , PLOUGING/ MANURING, KITCHEN HELP **Is transportation available?** YES **Languages spoken**- MOSTLY KANNADA, ENGLISH, HINDI **Can you host Children or pets** – YES **SPECIAL DIETS** - RAGI BALLS **Any other specifics for your farm** LIKE TO HAVE VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE LITTLE IDEA ABOUT ORGANIC AND WATER SHED/RAIN WATER HARVESTING

IND108 **Farm name:** Gulmohur Farms **Contact name:** Vijay Nambissan **Location (address and description of land):** , Bangalore” **Location:** Within BDA limits, Off Old Madras Road, East Taluk, Bangalore KARNATAKA, 560 049 **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc):** 6.5 acres, totally organic, no chemical pesticides or fertilizers used, growing fruit trees- mangoes, sapota, pomegranate, gooseberry, lime, guava, papaya, etc., also teak, silver oak, cocoanut, ayurvedic plants, etc., also americian hybrid corn, garden vegetables, etc. in addition we have a diary with 4 cows- 1 jersey and 3 HF, 3 calves, one cow expecting, all cows having their first birth on the farm, and supplying milk to the local KMF diary **How long you have been doing Organic Farming:** 1996 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** Up to them **Accommodations (number and type):** three independent cottages with all amenities, fully plug-and-play, can host in all 6-7 members at a time **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.):** civil construction work in progress, volunteers welcome **Expectations of work for volunteers:** agricultural, dairy, kitchen, civil construction **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken:** English, Hindi, Tamil, Kanada, Telugu, Malayalam **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets:** Yes **And any other specifics for your farm:** nothing that can be put in word.

IND109 **Farm name** - Hadimba Utsav –Upvan **Contact name** -Anmol **Location (address and description of land)**- Manali, Distt Kullu, Himachal Pradesh, India (apple ,apricot garden) **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)**Apple ,cherry, apricot, garden. growing organic vegetables & herbs,holistic sustainable living in Himalayas **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** –25years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes)** name of certification agency-no **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** -1-4week (long stay possible after may 2011) **Accommodations (number and type)**for 10 woofers, shared rooms, one and two seater rooms, tents **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, aernative energy, etc.)** Fencing, painting, volunteer work with village kids, exhibitions of weaver products, protection of cows, chickens, dogs, puppies ,herbs picking ,&collecting firewood in forest. **Expectations of work for volunteers**- 5 hours / day ,We welcome anyone for creative involvement or particular knowledge of or interest in plants, farming and earth care. This is an evolving project and we are open to new ideas. **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** –Hindi, English, **Can you host children or pets?**- Yes with contribution **Special diets** – Vegetarian food ,eggs, local honey, phulka, poori-potato, samulina, poha, soya vadi, rajmah ,parantha, Dal-rice, naturally growing veg in forest and himalayan dishes like siddu, sepu, madra, seera, lingdi, mushroom ,sometime western food, cheese &local goat meat, Drinks-herbal tea, chai, butter milk, banana lassi, ginger-jaggery t ea, herbal sharbat **And any other specifics for your farm**- trekking on non-touristy routes, day treks in deodar-woods, joining local festivals and fairs, weddings, celebrations, enjoy family life with international visitors, living in harmony with nature, cooking classes, visiting Buddhist monasteries, ancient temples, hot caves, hot water springs ,study spiritual books, Yoga-.Meditation sessions, chanting, devotional songs and other curriculum activities according time.

IND 110 **Farm name** Nanak Kheti **Contact name** Main Coordinator Kuldeep Bassi, **Facilitator:** Tom Deiters **Location (address and description of land):** Southern Punjab, Sangrur District, Town: Lehragaga, possibility to stay in numerous villages in surrounding area . Punjab is the heart of the Green Revolution, and considered bread basket of India. Hence lot of chemical farming with its problems: cancer, kidney failures, suicides because of debts etc.. Nanak Kheti is an organic/natural farming self-help group of Punjabi farmers in Lehragaga area who are committed to organic/natural farming. There are different type of farmers involved. Most of them do organic farming on a small piece of land mostly for their own use and the rest is chemical. There is one small-farmer involved who is doing traditional farming for a long time and is using no chemicals at all on all of his land. There are also teachers involved. Call coordinators for instructions and detailed information: One could get a train from Delhi to Jakhhal (Punjab) around 4 hours journey and there pick-up can be arranged or local bus to Lehragaga. Another way is to take the bus from Chandigarh to Patiala (Punjab) around 1 1/2 hours, there is a local person who can assist in Patiala From Sunam there is a local bus to Lehragaga around 45 minutes or alternatively the coordinator might be able to take you along.

Chotian village: Jaspreet Kaur daughter of Jaspal Kaur 18 year old girl who lost father and uncle through debt related farmer suicide. She was sponsored to go to private school and wants to be social advocate and can act as local translator as her English is good. Geewa Singh (small-farmer) 7 acres, is doing natural/traditional farming since he started maybe more then 40 years. Growing wheat/rice/cotton/onions/pumpkins/turmeric and different pulses such moong / dal /black gram. Willing to diversify. Jiwan Ram (retired teacher). 1 acre organic for own use since one year 2010 of total 4 acres. Growing organic wheat/ also growing some vegetables.

Gaga Village: Pargit Singh (Farmer) Total 27 acres and of which organic 3 acres wheat (3 different varieties) and rice also some vegetables for own use. Had kidney problem that is why motivated to grow healthy food for own use and is slowly converting more land into organic. Uses different techniques. Gurdeep Singh (farmer and son of village head). 2 acres organic for own use of 26 acres. Grows wheat/rice/vegetables and pulses. Plans to convert more into organic.

Kalbanjara village: Rajwinder Singh (farmer) Total 54 acres of which 3 ½ acres organic/natural. Wheat/Basmati rice, vegetables and some pulses. Some fruit trees. Very motivated and experiments with different techniques/mulching/composting/manuring etc. Is cooking on gohar gas. Bihari Mandir (local veterinary doctor). Got some land by his dispensary where he grew trees, some crops and is also influential in convincing other farmers to convert part of their land to organic. He knows a lot of farmers because his work.

Chajla village: Labh Singh (Cooperative Society inspector). Total of 7 acres on which he grows 1 ½ acre organic wheat/rice, vegetables, pulses, sugar-cane and some fruit trees. Very motivated and interesting that he is part of the farmers cooperative society. Which in future could be helpful in setting up organic coop. Is also thinking of setting up a shop for organic produce in his village. Could be helped with figuring out how to approach this.

Nangla: Amrik Singh (Poet and gardener) Orchard of 2 acres with over 30 different varieties of fruit trees planted more than 20 years ago. Very motivated individual and good gardener.

A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) Many possibilities:

Practical: Working on the land with the farmers/labourers. Crops grown are wheat/rice/cotton/some vegetables, pulses. There is also an orchard with many varieties of fruit. Work depending on season.

Awareness and education: Projects include strengthening the group, gathering data of farmers/ organizing central organic seed bank/collecting different organic seeds./organizing facilitating meetings/ collecting books for organic library. Helping set up kitchen garden programme in schools, educating schoolchildren about nature and organic farming. **Creating farmer-consumer links by collecting data** i.e. phone-number and addresses of possible consumers of organic food in region. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Different according to individual farmer 1 year, to 40 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Nope **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum one week **Accommodations (number and type)** In the villages or in small town, many different options according to what you wish We can host more than one volunteer at a time but please contact coordinators to get detailed information. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Again there are options on this front to if you have skills/knowledge that you can transfer to local community, it would be most welcome. **Expectations of work for volunteers** All in deliberation with particular host **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** English/Punjabi/Hindi again dependant on host **Can you host children or pets?** In consultation with particular host **Special diets** Vegetarian **And any other specifics for your farm** It is not your typical WWOOF situation and the options are very open and depends on your own resourcefulness and creativity on how you want to assist Nanak Kheti A lot of work can be done on creating awareness and strengthening the group. Also possible to stay with different farmers.

IND 111 **Farm name** Parshada **Contact name** Moonstar **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Parshada is an open space with an intention to be an Urban Organic Farm, a Share Store, an Open Kitchen and a Studio Space which is available for the community to share. The evolution of PARSHADA has a common theme of moving away from the market economy of fixed prices and instead stepping into the value based economy. The contribution to the workshop can be made as per each person's own possibility and capability. Celebrating the spirit of sharing and ownership of a community space just like a Gurudwara where contributions can be made through kitchen rations (preferably organic), kitchen utensils or financial contribution, according to your own capacity. We have a belief that if the community sees value in a space like this, it will nurture it's growth. Breads, cakes, and cookies here are made without baking powder and yeast, a healthier alternative of 'Sour Dough' which is used by the local 'Gaddi' people from Himachal. We will also be happy to share the 'Sour Dough' culture with you, so please bring an empty glass bottle with you. We at PARSHADA open kitchen believe in using less processed food and more healthier alternatives, jaggery or gur instead of sugar, peanut butter and sesame butter instead of dairy butter/ trans fats /ghee or oil and steaming instead of boiling or frying. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** - I became

interested and started organic farming five years, although I was living in different cities so could not continue with the same farm, I volunteered on other farms started urban farming in Chandigarh one and half year ago, **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** – No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Indefinite, depending upon the communication and interaction, **Accommodations (number and type)** Upto four or five people could be accommodated, and two per room, with shared bathrooms, both Indian and Western styles toilets. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** - We are always building things out of waste, we recently finished making tables, cupboards, lamps out of old waste wood, so it is an open house, anyone can join in, **Expectations of work for volunteers** - To take part in activities which meet their needs for creativity and contribution and joy, there is work to do, but there is joy to be lived as well! . It is a community space where everyone is working together in the running of the space, where there aren't any hired help or paid staff, so whoever is living here is supporting it according to their own interests. So if somebody likes farming, they are welcome to do mulching, or sowing or harvesting or water management, as per their own interests, or if someone connects with cleaning then they are welcome to do that, or if someone likes building things out of waste, they are welcome to join us in creating up cycled useful creations, or work on creating the SHARE STORE, where friends are invited to leave things they no longer need and take things that they need (clothes, shoes, books, bags, household items) or work in the OPEN KITCHEN, which is an oil free, healthy kitchen , which is open to people who want to eat with us, we have an intention to cook as much as possible only organic food.**Is transportation available?** - Yes, cycles, **Languages spoken** - English, Hindi, Punjabi, **Can you host children or pets?** - Children yes, pets no, **Special diets** - We eat oil free, vegan ,adding raw food to our diets , but can accommodate vegetarian preferences too, we discourage any meat or non vegetarian cooking and eating, and thinking! **And any other specifics for your farm** Here is the blog . Dharamsala (Himachal Pradesh) is six hours by bus. Then there is a Harrapa Archeological site only less than an hour drive. Chandigarh itself is a popular tourist place as it is an intentional city, built with the support of Le Corbusier in 1960, with architecture inspired to connect people and open spaces where he had envisioned and written that he hoped people take time to spend the evenings in the sector 17 piazzaz , where someone is jamming on the guitar, while people are strolling by, and enjoying spending their evening

IND 112 **Farm Name** : RB Farms **Contact Name** :Ram .B , Educated and worked in the west (US,AUS & UK) moved back to India 3yrs ago. **Location(Address & Description of Land)** : The farm is at, Warrangal District, in Andhra Pradesh. It's about 70kms from Hyderabad an hour and a half drive by car. It's a 40 acre Land, which is to be cultivated at the moment we are only doing a few acres.It has a farm house (two bedroomn ,living & kitchen) to stay , Ample place for Tents , We do have two 5 person Tents too. **Places to See** : The farm is equidistant from Hyderabad & Warrangal town (District HQ of Warrangal District)The city of Hyderabad and it's Monuments Charminar, Salr Jung Museum, Golconda Fort , Various other Palaces , Temples. Warrangal has a unique 1000 Pillars temple and lakes, hills , forts to see. Volunteers can do good amount of Trekking & Kayaking in the their free time. The Farm Owner has two Kayaks. **Organic Farming** : We are just starting in mid june with the help of a local organization which is into Organic farming. Your expertise will be much appreciated. The Farm is not certified yet. **Suggested Length of stay for Volunteer** :We welcome volunteers from July 2011 and depending on their contribution to the farm in terms of their expertise and imparting knowledge to local farmers they are welcome to stay from a minimum of a month to as long as they wish to stay. **Accommodation** :It has a farm house (two bedrooms , living & kitchen) to stay , Ample place for Tents , We do have two 5 person Tents too. **Non-farming Opportunities Activities** : We do welcome your expertise in alternative construction and Solar energy. There are two villages nearby which could benefit from your expertise in these areas. **Expectation of work from Volunteers:** As we understand it to be a mutually beneficial activity, the work of the volunteer should speak for itself , we will not demand or Impose any work. We will discuss the nature of work and if it's mutually agreed upon, we will welcome the volunteers. **Transport** : We will provide transport

from Airport/Rail Station to the farm and there is a scooter which can be used by the volunteers at the farm. **Languages Spoken** : English ,Hindi & Telugu **Children & Pets allowed ?**: Children allowed if accompanied by their Parents, Pets at their respective owners responsibility. **Special Diets**: None,can cook anything they want , Western or Indian food both are available

IND 113**Farm name** Vishwaneedam **Contact name** Ananta Putel **Location (address and description of land)** Balangar District in Orissa state 76 70 28 We are a small community and live on and cultivate around 10acres of land at the foot of the Gandhamardhan hills near Harishankar in western Orissa. Our land is divided into farm land and a living area. We also have a small hill with an old mountain house on top, many trees, and a pond which we use for rainwater harvesting. The soil is mixed red and black soil and becomes very dry in the hot season from March to June and very moist in the rainy season from June onwards. It is a very quiet spot which is very close to the nature and offers a great view on the Gandhamardhan hills.Only 5 minutes of walking from our farm and living area, we have another 5 acres of land where we run a school for unprivileged children from the region, such as orphans, girls, and children from poor families. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We mainly cultivate for our own consumption at the moment. However, our goal is to make a living from organic farming, i.e. sale of our own farm products. Among the plants we cultivate are vegetables (spinach, pumpkins, lentils (dhal), ladyfinger, tomatoes, cucumbers, and more), crops (rice and wheat), and fruit (water melon, mangoes). We use only organic seeds and manure/compost instead of fertilizer. Projects for volunteers are varied, for example constructing a bamboo frame for organic compost, gardening activities like watering and removing weed, reforestation and our future water conservation project. We would also like to extend our farming activities to the school ground and set up an organic school garden. Vegetable cultivation is done throughout the year. From December to March, there is the cool season where the wheat work has to be done. In the summer season from June to August is harvesting time for mangoes, water melons, and spinach. The rainy season from July to November is pedi (rice) cultivation time. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2011 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum: 2 weeks Maximum: 4 weeks **Accommodations (number and type)**We can host a maximum of 2 volunteers at a time in one of our guest rooms right next to the living house which offer beds and mattresses, electricity, and mosquito nets in front of the window. We recommend bringing mosquito nets for the bed and a torch for power cuts. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** One hour every day is dedicated to community work, i.e. all community members work together at a common project (e.g. cleaning community ground). There are always construction works to be done, e.g. a store room, drain, cow shelter, and a new living house. During the mango season, we need help with making mango pickles and jam. For those who enjoy working with young children there is always something to do in the school, too. We would be very happy to receive people with organic farming experience who can share their knowledge with us. If you are good at handicrafts (painting, carpentry, mechanical work...) we will sure find an interesting task for you. Artists (dancers, musicians...) and sportsmen are also very welcome, especially if you feel you can pass on some of your knowledge to the children in school. **Expectations of work for volunteers** We expect volunteers to work six days a week from Monday to Saturday 7 hours per day: 8 – 12 and 3 – 5, plus one hour of community work from 5 – 6. Sundays are free. **Is transportation available?** We have two train stations within reach: Harishankar Road (1 hour by motorbike) and Balangir (2,5 hours by motorbike). We will pick you up from there. Please make sure you tell us when and where you arrive and with how many pieces of luggage well in advance. Please note that we are not able to transport suitcases; backpacks are no problem though. **Languages spoken** Oriya, Hindi, English, some French and sometimes German**Can you host children or pets?** Children are welcome (up to two). Please consider that we live in simple conditions which might be difficult for smaller children. No pets possible. (We have 3 dogs, one cow,

and one duck.)**Special diets** Mostly vegan; sometimes eggs, milk, or fish from own pond served. **And any other specifics for your farm** We are two families living together in the Vishwaneedam community. There are three children around, Evan, Ram, and Jishnu. Our aim is to live a life in quest for truth, or in other words, away from the business world that we used to be a part of. We are convinced that our activities here will contribute to making the world a better place. Besides the residents of the community, there are friends and supporters who come here regularly to live and work with us, for example Sanjay from Patnagarh, Mike and Anke from Germany, and Eugen from Switzerland. Several activities are possible, for example participating in the daily yoga lesson, hiking in the Gandhamardhan forest where there are beautiful waterfalls and a small natural “swimming pool”, or a visit to Harishankar temple with its waterfall which is a worship place attracting many people every year.

IND 114**Farm name:** Chaman Rishi natural farm **Contact name:** Mirra, Kullu dist, Himachal Pradesh. **Location:** Farm located at about 2000m altitude in rugged mountainous terrain, in the Garsa valley. not far from Kullu and Parvati valley. our farm is family run and mostly self sufficient. Plots are scattered around 4 acres **Brief description of organic activities:** We grow crops like corn, beans, wheat, fruits like apricot and apple, along with raising cattle like cows or goat. **How long have you been doing organic farming:** Since many years although we do not have certificate due to the high cost of certification. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** Unlimited, but a minimum of one week is usually required. **Accommodation:** House is old and big so we have a number of rooms for the volunteers; water is plenty on the farm along with toilet and bathroom. Electricity is also there. **Expectation of work for volunteers:** Usually 5 hours per day with one day off per week. **Is transportation available:** Main farm-house is 45 min walk up the hill from main road. From there Bhuntar town is 40 min by local bus. **Language spoken:** Hindi, local dialect, English **Can you host children or pets:** Usually no **Special diet:** Food is completely traditional like chapati-roti, lentils, vegetable and wild delicacies growing around... on request mutton sometimes. but food mainly vegetarian. **Any specifics concerning the farm:** lots of walking here as we own small plots scattered in the mountains. Terrain is very alpine type and surroundings are wild and beautiful. We are near protected alpine forest.

IND 115**Name of the organization –** DAA Nationwide **Contact name** Dr. Samvit Audichya **Location** Villages around Udaipur in Rajasthan but within the same district. There are buses and trains coming to Udaipur every day both from Delhi and Bombay and also from all the big cities in India. Once you are in Udaipur we can arrange for pick up if you wish , till the accommodation (you have to pay for the pick up more or less 100 Rs) **Description** We have been working with developing organic gardens and farms within our youth centers so we can provide some fresh and healthy fruits and vegetables to the kids from these villages that are coming to our youth centers specially to the girls who are being ignored by the community for a number of reasons most because of the gender bias in the society. **Time period** We only have been making these efforts for the last few months, more then anything else we wish to do it only so we can offer some health and free diet to the village kids. **Length of the stay for volunteer** It should be at least one month’s time. **Accommodation** Shared accommodation with a home stay, max number of people 4 in total and 2 per room. **Non farming projects** Taking care of the maintenance of our youth centers (villages) and our home stay (Chandra niwas in Udaipur) and also spreading the word both offline and online. **Expectations** Spend at least 3 to 4 hrs in the garden and take care of the vegetables and plants, watering and cleaning the farm would be a part of these activities. **Transportation** Yes (walking distance) **Languages spoken** Hindi , English **Children and pet** No **Special Diet** No They would be given simple Indian vegetarian food.**Any other thing**in and around Udaipur there are a number of place and also villages where they would be interested in going , place like chittorgarh , Ranakpur, Kumbhalgarh, Jhadol, Ekling Ji etc within udaipur they have spend time on the weekends or in the free time in and around the fatehsagar lake or lake pichola , places to hang out and see are like princes garden , city palace , number of temples like Jagdish and Neemach mata. there are a number of garden and roof top restaurants where you can spend the evenings or pool places where they can

spend some time. About Udaipur get more information -

IND 116 Farm Name- Dr.Devendra organic farm and herbal garden **Contact Name-** Abhinav kumar Maurya **About me-** I'm student in BHU university doing my bachelors in "AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE". i wanna make world safe place to live.i have a bubbly family and have lots of energy and love for anyone around us. Our perspective is one of "if it is worth doing, it is worth doing it well" - a perspective of excellence, but not an economic one, excellence in simply doing the best with what we have farm is in Jaunpur district near Varanasi (oldest living city of world) in Uttar Pradesh. **Landscape and Environment of my Village** My farm is totally in rural environment.it is totally in natural environment,whole village have many small gardens of Mango,guava,Blackberry and native plant species.Nearby Canal is 1km and River is 3km far it provide a best destination to visit during free time.Village people are extremely friendly,volunteers can interact with anyone in village,here my whole village is like a combined family. It is best place if Volunteers also looking for a close view of real Indian culture, tradition and custom.Volunteers become a part of this village family as they put their first step in Village. **Organic Activities-** Organic farming is normal farming method which followed by indian farmer since ages long,but in past few decade chemical Agriculture model spread rapidly and reduces area of natural farming,but in my farm my parents never use chemicals they are against use of chemical for food production,though at their time they do natural farming for own satisfaction which is not bounded under any law and norm. After my first year of collage, I concluded that the safe future of resources for our next generation can be maintained only by sustainable use and development models.so I started my project based on Organic farming,permaculture and sustainable development.Now my farm consist of a compost unit,a buffalo,a cow to develop an integrated approach.For my efforts I got the award of best "Integrated Farming Model" by my University-Institute of Agricultural sciences. Mainly cereal crops and vegetables are grown in my farm.vegetables include pumpkin,raddish,carrot,couliflower,tomato and main crops are Wheat,rice,maize,potato also herbs like Basil ,termric etc. **Accommodation**,length of stay and working hour- Volunteer will stay with my family in my house.There are many rooms in my house,u can use separate one or can stay in the big room with my sister.there is no need of sleeping bags and bedding,each and everything u will get from my house.You will be a part of our family and can use anything which is used by my family.Volunteer can stay according to there choice,Minimum 20 days and then u can stay as much as u want,it depends on how well u are adjusted in my family.Volunteers have to work only 3-4 hours in a day,2 hours in morning and 1-2 hours in evening. Volunteer work involve simple practices like weeding,harvesting the produce etc.Beside that u can help in cooking. **Things to do in free time-** Volunteers can do a lot of things in there free time 1.They can learn Yoga and Pranayama (but only when my cousin is at home) 2.Can learn HEENA (Hand Painting) and cloth painting.....(if my sister is free) 3.Can learn Cooking Indian Food. 4.Can learn Hindi. 5.Can visit nearby river and natural greenery. 6.Can play Cricket. 7.Can watch Indian movie. 8.Can read novels from home library. 9.Can teach poor Village childrens. 10.Can go to nearby cultural fest. **Transportation-** Varanasi is a world famous tourist spot,it is "oldest living city of world" and preserve the ages old long history of Indian culture and tradition.It is very easy to reach Varanasi both by train or plane.then from Varanasi You can book a Taxi to my village or u can write me I will arrange the things.For travelling in my village and around u can use my family bike. **Language spoken-** Hindi,English and Bhojpuri. **Children and pets-** no presently we are not able to host childrens below 10 years and pets. **Diet-** You will get everything that my family eat.u get everything organic, produce in my farm. U will get Milk and curd if my buffalo and cow are milking.diet will be best in term of nutrient supply and nourishment.Diet include all the north indian dishes. **Hosting Experience-** till date I hosted 12 peoples from different part of world and I had excellent experiences.volunteers became part of our family,everyone promised us to come back.now we feel that we have a large family in whole world.volunteers are gone but there memories r still fresh.beside WWOOF ,I hosted people through couchsurfing and workways.this is live journal of one of my volunteer

IND 117 Farm name The Himalayan Farm project Hari Pant **Location** Above Do Gaon in

Village Raila on NH 37 (Kathgodam - Nainital Road) in foot hills of Himalayas. It requires walking a steep trek through a deciduous forest for an hour to reach the isolated farm, surrounded by forest from all sides, District – Nainital, State Uttara Khand. The HFP is located in the hilly State of Uttara Khand in India, at an altitude of 4863 feet above MSL. This three acre Farm was abandoned by previous owners for over 16 years till we started clearing the fields of bushes and trees on 09 Oct 2011. **About the Farm Project:** HFP is Hari's dream project started at age 70+ for volunteers from around the globe. Elliott Mercier, from France, is the Co- founder of The Farm Project. HPF is an all-volunteer farm project and is an intentional community of international volunteers, from consumers to producers, that intends to re-introduce the farming model as a real sustainable livelihood in respect of oneself, other people and the environment. Volunteers simply come to learn and share their knowledge with the community. The longest staying volunteer performs the duties of the Farm Steward and coordinates daily routine and specific activities. The Farm has only one paid employee. The uniqueness of the project comes from the fact that the farm is completely off the grid and effort to make it completely self-sufficient and sustainable. We expect the volunteers to accept that the farm is not for having a cheap holiday, but it helps one to see that a stress free, disease free, healthy life can be lived devoid of many so called necessities of life and they willingly join in daily farm routine and community chores. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals etc.)** Since commencement of farm activities, we have harvested wheat, corn, ginger, onion, garlic, eggplant, salad greens, potatoes, peas, varieties of squash and other seasonal veggies. We have fruit trees of Asian Pear, Mango, Guava, Pomegranate, Leechi and lemon. We have planted a number of fruit trees including avocado, grapes, peach, lemon, lime, mango, guava, jack fruit, fig, apricot, plum, apples etc during the last monsoon / winter. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming- Since 12 Sep 2011. Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** * Not certified. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** We prefer long term volunteers. Minimum stay is 32 day; 30 days of farm work and a day each for arrival and departure. **Accommodations (number and type)** Volunteers sleep in one room (unless a volunteer has tent/ camping gear) and on mud plastered floor on mattresses. We have constructed a huge mud shala with Kitchen, a cottage for long term volunteers, three ceramic toilets and three eco baths. We can accommodate up to 12 volunteers at any time **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** We need to reconstruct century old farm centre building made of stone and mud and we are looking for Masons and Carpenters amongst volunteers. We are on solar energy and hope to increase its capacity. We are looking for volunteers to design a micro hydel and wind energy stand alone or hybrid project. **Expectations of work for volunteers** All Farm related work. We expect the volunteers to accept that the farm is not for having a cheap holiday, but it helps one to see that a stress free, disease free, healthy life can be lived devoid of many so called necessities of life and they willingly join in daily farm routine and community chores. **Is transportation available?** The Farm is at 4638 feet above MSL, with an over 100 years old traditional farm house with very basic accommodation almost at the very top of the hill, above a small town centre of Do Gaon. From Kathgodam train station, bus taxi is available for Do Gaon (12 Km). From Do Gaon, there is a pathway trek (one hour) leading up to the farm in Village Raila. **Languages spoken** Hindi and English . **Can you host children or pets?** Not yet due to space constraint. . **Special diets** We are vegetarian by choice (Awesome !!!). We believe that this is not only a farm but a holistic healing centre too. We are reconnecting nature with healing in all our activities. We do not cook/ serve any junk food at The Farm. Vegans are welcome. **And any other specifics for the Farm - Since commencement of activities on 12 Sep 2011,** the HFP have/ had volunteers from Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Holland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Malta, Poland, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, USA and the UK besides India. **Volunteer Contribution:** As the Farm is not self sustainable, the volunteers contribute Rs. 350 per day towards food and farm related expenses. **Web Links:** <http://himalayanfarmproject.com/> <http://himalayanfarmproject.com/>

blogspot.com/ Face book to have latest up dates. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100003052643090> **For information about volunteering.** <http://himalayanfarmproject.com/volunteer/> **Videos**<http://vimeo.com/70157221>,<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SGLkTcwbbQ&noredirect=1> , <http://himalayanfarmproject.com/media/video> **Transit to/ from Nepal:** India – Nepal border is about 4 hours away from Do Gaon. Mahendra Nagar in Western Nepal and Banbasa in India are border crossing points. Volunteers can hitch to Nepal border too .With best wishes for a peaceful and happy planning for the journey.Waiting to hug and hoping to collaborate with you in the service of Mother Earth,

IND 118 Farm name : AviAni Farms **Contact name :** Ramki Bondada **Phone/email :** +91 9989499749 / bondada@hotmail.com **Location (address and description of land) :** Veeralankapalli Village, Near to Airport, Rajahmundry, East Godavari District. Andhra Pradesh, India Reaching to the place could be by Flight, Train, Bus. There is daily direct flight to Rajahmundry from Hyderabad and also from Chennai in India. All Howrah bound trains from Chennai or Hyderabad pass thru Rajahmundry**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :** 5 acres of Organic farm with varieties of fruit tree. **Projects:** Study of plant response to various bio-nutrients. **Goal is to research and develop an organic fertilizer which is best of both, quality of Bio-Fertilizer and price of complex fertilizer.** **How long you have been doing Organic Farming :** 6 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency :** Planning soon **Suggested length of stay for volunteers :** 1 week **Accommodations (number and type) :** Can accommodate 10 volunteers in my farm star hotel facilities **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.) :**Country tour, Forest tour **Expectations of work for volunteers :** Disseminate knowledge and information they already gained. Also coach farmers fraternity in hour of the need for organic farming **Is transportation available? :** Yes **Languages spoken :** Telugu, English **Can you host children or pets? :** Children O.K **Special diets :** Indian **And any other specifics for your farm :** Farm is developed with lot of passion

IND 119 Farm nameBabu Organic Farm **Contact name -** Rajendra **Location –** About 15 acres of organic land situated in Kanchipuram district, 50kms from Chennai airport, Tamil Nadu. We have proper irrigation facilities like bore well, pipeline all over and drip irrigation, sprinkler facilities for water supply. We have a guest house and workers quarters. Hospital, markets, schools are located within the radius of 2kms. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We carry out organic vegetation. Our crops include paddy, vegetables, black gram, red gram, maize, sesame, green fodder, groundnuts, millets, **How long you have been doing Organic Farming**Since 2006**Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency**Yes. By IMO certification agency **Suggested length of stay for volunteers –** As long as the volunteers wish to stay **Accommodations (number and type)**Maximum 8 can be accommodated. Male or Middle aged family are preferred.**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)**Our farm is fully equipped with tractors, transplantation machines, weeding machines, etc. We have cattle, poultry, fish pond, vermiculture in our farm. Our poultry includes fancy birds. Watch dogs for safety and security. Sheep, Goat, fish rearing, pigeons are available. Drip irrigation has been implemented recently for irrigation purposes.**Expectations of work for volunteers** Implementation of the knowledge and to create awareness about the organic food and its importance with full involvement and interest. Any activities that the volunteers wish to carry out in organic integrated farming**Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken –** English, Tamil, Hindi (Speak and Understand) **Can you host children or pets?** Yes. **Special diets –** Can be provided if required. Volunteers can cook and eat what they prefer to. Rice, Gas, other grocery, veg and non-veg food items are available. Eggs, Milk from farm can be used by the volunteers**And any other specifics for your farm -** We are interested in making an integrated organic farming & protect environment. We expect support from the society.

IND 120 Farm name Krushi Teerth **Contact name** Deepak Suchde, **Location (address**

and description of land) Location : 7 acre land, located on the bank of Narmada river, , Dist. Dewas, Madhya Pradesh. PIN – 455339 **Direction :** The farm is 26 km away from Harda Railway Station, which is on Khandawa-Itarsi Line. There are buses available in every 15 minutes from Harda to Nemawar. We can come to pick you up from Nemawar, which is 5 km from our farm. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** This farm is based on Natueco Farming Science (Nature+Eco friendly farming), which includes natural ways of farming, like – no tilling, no digging, no fertilizers and pesticides (not even organic pesticides). This farming science has got amazing simple techniques that can help farmers to have maximum yield in minimum land. These techniques includes – pruning, seed treatment, root treatment, Amrut Jal, Amrut Mitti (unique method of preparing live fertile soil in natural ways) etc. Our goal is to live with 5 L – Living, Livelihood, Learning, Laughter and Love. We empathize on enriching and enhancing eco-system symbiotically prosperity to human being without exploiting the eco system. We also believe that we can create prosperity by using advanced science from our surrounding neighborhood resources. We have all types of crops growing in the farm to sustain a family. We have 130 varieties of crops which includes pulses, serials, vegetables, fruits, herbs, firewood, live fencing etc. This farm has got 5 different models – 1. Ganga Maa Mandal (a nutrition garden, developed in 30 feet diameter land, which can be enough for a family's nutrition). 2. 10 Guntha farm (a 1/4 acre of farm, which can provide sufficient grains, pulses, vegetables, fruits, masalas for a family of 5 people and also could provide clothing and housing from the savings). 3. Fruit Garden (a little horticulture garden). 4. Nursery 5. Man made productive forest cum theme farm (Nature's mimicry with study of forest by using human brain. Theme farm means a farm having 5 stages of the plants, showing human intervention to harvest record yield which nature want to offer) **Now long you have been doing Organic Farming** For last 20 years, but current farm is 5 years old (since 2006) **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No. We don't need a certificate. We are concerned for our planet, not for certification. This farm is a model farm for trainings and recognized by state govt. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** From 1 month to as long as the volunteers want **Accommodations (number and type)** 2 Hand-made tents and a verandah available, which can accommodate maximum 10 volunteers at a time. Simple organic, healthy and vegan food will be provided. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.) :** 1 Documentation 2. Library 3 Video films 4 Mud-house construction 5. Herbal gardening And making herbal medicines 6. Visiting holy places by walking around the river. 7. Music New interesting projects can be developed according to people's interests and needs. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Volunteers should be prepared for physical labor and should have deep interest in farming. **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** Hindi and local language are spoken in the village, but Gujarati, Marathi and English also is spoken at the farm. **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Herbal tea, Masala Pulav, Idli and Dosa Anything special can be cooked according to vegan concept and locally available materials. **And any other specifics for your farm** We expect people to be part of our home and practice farming as a lifestyle.

IND 121 **Farm name** ASB Valley Farm **Contact name** V .Sankar **Location (address and description of land)** Panpoli (Near Courtallum), Sengottai taluk, Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu, India **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** 110 acres of land having Coconut, Mango, Cashewnut & Teak plantations. Short term crops of paddy, Sunflower, Groundnut & pulses. Silk worm rearing is in progress (Seri culture) Having future plan to do calf rearing & fresh water fish rearing. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Past ten years we have not used any chemical fertilizer to our plantation. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Tamilnadu Organic Certification Department, Coimbatore **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 10-15 days **Accommodations (number and type)** One double room guest house and dormitory accommodation for six person. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Volunteer help needed to develop Resort for Nature lover. **Expectations of work for volunteers** To take

care of the coconut plantations & other agricultural activities. **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken:** English & Tamil **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** South Indian Food **And any other specifics for your farm** ASB Farm is ideally located under Western ghats with scenic environment. Farm photos / updates can be seen on Face Book "Sankar.Venkataraman.50".

IND 122 Farm Name: Sazaro Gudi **Contact Name:** Mr. Xavier Sequeira **Location and Description of Land:** Tiswadi, Goa. India. The farm is 4.5 acres in size. Boundaries are rough stone walls and laterite soil. On the property there is a small farm house for the caretaker. It has electricity and water as well as a pump house and small storage facilities. There is a well with a continuous supply of water which is used for irrigation. **Brief description of organic activities:** Crops include: fruit trees; mangoes, jackfruit, coconut, bananas, chickus, custard apples, pomegranates, papayas, pineapples and various other fruits. Seasonal vegetables include cucumber, tomatoes, ladyfinger, various green leafy vegetables. Spices include tumeric, cinnamon, This is a fully organic farm in the process of being certified. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** 4-6 weeks **Accommodation:** Two beds in private room in home of farm owner 6 miles away. Transportation provided to and from the farm. Alternative accommodations can also be arranged closer to farm. **No children or pets.** Vegetarian and non vegetarian diet available. Smoke free environment. **Non-farming opportunities:** Helping to improve walls and fencing of farm. **Expectations of work for volunteers:** Increase area of plantation and have intercrops. 6 hours 5 days a week. **Language spoken:** English and several Indian dialects

IND 123 Farm name: Govardhan by Narendra Gauseva Society **Contact name:** Rishabh Jain **Location (address and description of land):** Dehradun, Uttarakhand; 3,000 square meters **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.):** We started off as an organisation which promoted cow welfare activities 4 years back. We had a cow shelter where we provided free food and aid to stray cows and bulls. However, we've now shifted our focus to our new centre Govardhan where we have an Ayurvedic Health Centre & Spa and a research & development section comprising of a small organic farm, 4 cows, biogas unit, solar panels for water heating, vermicompost pits and a few other similar activities. We're also working on 'home dairy development' and 'lemongrass cultivation as well as oil extraction' projects in rural areas in the state. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming:** few months **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** Not Yet **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** 15 days - 180 days **Accommodations (number and type):** 4 rooms (shared) with 1 common bathroom **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.):** Cow Welfare activities, government liaison, fund raising, renewable energy - biogas / solar, ayurveda health centre **Expectations of work for volunteers:** farming, animal husbandry, veterinary support, receptionist, fund raising, ayurveda medicine consultation **Is transportation available?** Not Yet **Languages spoken:** English, Urdu, Hindi **Can you host children or pets?:** No **Special diets:** No **And any other specifics for your farm:** NA

IND124 Farm name: Root Institute **Contact name:** Carlos Flores **Location (address and description of land):** PO Bodhgaya Gaya District Bihar 824 231 INDIA **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Root Institute would like to maximize the productivity of our gardens and small field near our site to grow our own organic vegetables and fruits. We need guidance in planting and maintaining productive organic crops that can contribute to a higher quality of food in our site. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Not currently **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Our site is not a farm but an Institute with garden space and a small parcel. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 3 months to 1 year **Accommodations (number and type)** A dormitory bed, shared bathroom including hot running water **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** May engage in restoration and/or other necessary construction in our current garden areas and parcel. There is an opportunity to propagate the organic

culture through our mobile clinic which visits villages around Bodhgaya. Bihar is currently advocating and supporting this farming culture and represents an opportunity to expand the organic farms. If engaged in this opportunity, the accommodations may be extended to a 1 year period at Root Institute. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Expected to provide and assist in the preparation of land, planting and harvesting of various vegetables and/or fruits. No more than five hours per day would be sufficient. In addition, we would expect provision of a maintenance method for crops and plants or trees. **Is transportation available?** No transportation necessary for plantation but it is available for business use. **Languages spoken** English and Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** No **Special diets** Root Institute provides 3 vegetarian meals a day **And any other specifics for your farm** Root Institute aims to provide a realistic contribution to the preservation of the ancient and deep knowledge of India. Root Institute provides a conducive environment for people of any nationality or religion to study and meditate on the Mahayana Buddhist teachings. We offer high standard, comfortable, clean and affordable accommodation, a well-stocked library, delicious vegetarian food, regular Buddhist meditation courses and workshops, and fully serviced private retreat facilities. The Institute is just 15 minutes walk from the Great Stupa of Buddha's Enlightenment, a short flight from Kathmandu or an overnight train from the capital cities of New Delhi and Calcutta.

IND 125 **Farm name** :Maa Ishwari Krishi Pariyojana • **Contact name**: Chandranani Singh **Phone / • Location (address and description of land)**; Saharsa (Bihar) • **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : Vermicomposting and Dairy farming • **How long you have been doing Organic Farming**: More than 5 years • **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency**; No • **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** ; Minimum 1 week • **Accommodations (number and type)** : Accomodation for 3-4 people • **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction /restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : Help in Oil extraction machine installed at farm • **Expectations of work for volunteers**; Help in farming activity Vermicomposting and dairy farming we have about 60 Cows **Is transportation available?** Yes • **Languages spoken** : English and Hindi • **Can you host children or pets?** : Yes • **Special diets** No •

IND126 **Farm name** Gemsfarms **Contact name** GeorgeVarghese **Location (address and description of land)** Trivandrum, Kerala India? THEY CAN REACH AIRPORT TRIVANDRUM, ABT 20KM FROM RAILWAY AND BUS STATION. BUT WE CAN ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Vegetables and fruit trees? THE WHOLE FARM IS 25 ACRES. MOSTLY CULTIVATED WITH RUBBER. ONLY ABT 5 ACRES AVAILABLE FOR FARMING. MAINLY VEGETABLE AND FRUIT . **How long you have been doing Organic Farming ?** ONE YEAR. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Not certified. NOT CERTIFIED. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 3 to 6 weeks **Accommodations (number and type) ?** accomodation in farm for 10 PERSONS **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** construction, energy or any other activities interested for volunteers. help organic farming. **Expectations of work for volunteers?** COMPLETE VEGETABLE FARMING FROM BIGINING **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** English or local language **Can you host children or pets ?** NO **Special diets ?** Veg & non veg **And any other specifics for your farm ?** Places of tourist interest nearby LOT OF TROUST ATTRACTION WITHIN 20 KM. BEECH, MOUNTAIN ETC.

IND 127 **Farm name**: Vrindavan **Contact name**: Gaytri **Location (address and description of land)** **Address**:Vrindavan FarmDistrict Thane, State Maharashtra,India **Land Description**: 10 acres, mostly of fruit trees (mango, papaya, guava, chikoo, cashew, coconut); some vegetable plots; herb patches (e.g., lemon grass); a pond; and limitless trails across the land **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** **Goals**: Goal 1: To make the land self-sustainable Goal 2: To create a space for an exchange of cultures, philosophy, music Goal 3: To allow a space for quiet introspection and practice

Goals Description: Our work goal is to work hard to care for the land, to aid good yield, so the land can pay for its own expenses of water, electricity, and maintenance. Our life goal is to create a space for harmonious communal living, honest ethics, exchanging philosophies, sharing music, and to allow for quiet introspection and practice. **Activity List:** The primary goal demands 6 hours of work per day of your stay, on a host of annual activities, such as, tree work, land work, and/or building “stuff”, as detailed below. *Farming activities:* Making organic feed and feeding trees Mulching trees Making organic pest control and spraying trees Weeding Ploughing land Sowing vegetables Tending to the nursery Planting flowers across the land *Non-Farming activities:* Creating walkways Gathering/transporting yield Building “stuff” – e.g., tree house, water trenches, benches... Creating spaces – e.g., community areas, play areas, reading/yoga spaces... Do note, activities depend on the seasonal need. For example, if your stay is during the monsoons (June – September) we’re busy with weeding, sowing rice, and planting trees. Should you visit in the winter (November – January) tree care is the primary activity (making feed, pest control, mulching). Feel free to drop us an email if you’d like details on what activity we’d expect to have our hands dirty in during the time of your stay. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 3 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** It’s recommended you start with 7 days. If we (both you and us) are satisfied with the exchange experience, you’re welcome to stay on... **Accommodations (number and type)** 1 large room (accommodates up to 3 persons, bedding included), includes kitchen and 2 bathrooms Alternatively, sleep under the stars or pitch a tent! Cook indoors, on wood, or bring your MSR! Electricity, plus a backup Internet and phone are available, but the cost is for you to bear No TV or radios (we prefer the sounds live), or A/Cs for that matter **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Non-farming opportunities include alternative construction building “stuff” on the land (e.g., tree house, benches, walkways) or creating “spaces” on the land (e.g., yoga space, reading/meditation space) Activities include cooking with locals, teaching and learning each others’ languages, learning crafts **Expectations of work for volunteers** Work on a farming or non-farming project for at least 6 hours per day of your stay Conduct yourself respectfully during local interactions (remember you are impressing upon, and representing, a culture!) Cook your own meals (we’re happy to demo how!) and clean your own living space if you play an instrument – bring it! **Is transportation available?** Local busses travel frequently between Bombay and the land (approx. 3 hours travel) Shared jeeps (i.e., the local cab service) runs frequently between the farm and surrounding villages and the main market **Languages spoken** Marathi and English **Can you host children or pets?** Nope. While we would love to have children here, we think this adds a level of complexity for our exchanges, that, presently we are not staffed to take on! And, the 2 mutts here rule the land! **Special diets** We’d provide you with supplies for the staple local diet – rice, roti (Indian bread), and grains (daal) You’re also welcome to the fruits, vegetables, and herbs grown on the land Any additional provisions (such as fish, meats, cheese, white bread, chocolate) are available for purchase at the village market (about 4 km away, accessible by shared jeep, cycle (we have one), or walking) **And any other specifics for your farm** We’ve been working with a farming blend of age-old tribal traditions and learnings from across the globe. We’re excited to use this space to meet folks, share in experiences and knowledge, while getting our hands dirty and experiencing a local culture. We’re also stoked to see what you bring to the table with ideas and instruments. We’re a friendly bunch. Feel free to drop us a line if you have questions or would like additional information.

IND 128 **Farm name:** Hari Giri **Location (address and description of land):** Located Chamarajanagar District, South Karnataka. This farm is located 55 kms from Mysore in Chamarajanagar District. The farm is 1 km from Harve village which is located 3kms to famous Kanakagiri pilgrimage. **A brief description of organic activities:** The farm size is about 4 acres. This farm is about 3 years old. Basically a Fruit orchard with animal husbandry as main projects. We currently have planted more than 500 saplings of fruits and as intercrop we grow napier, lucerne, and other fodder for animal husbandry activity. We

currently have about 6 cows and 5 heifers. We also have around 45 sheep for breeding purpose. We host a dozen native variety of chicken and about two dozens of Rabbits. Also, couple of pedigree dogs for security and breeding. Animal husbandry activity is done mainly for manure purpose. We have a 600 sqft of farm house with basic kitchen, a hall & a room & bathroom with toilet. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming:** 3 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** 5 - 7 days **Accommodations (number and type):** Farm house and Tents can be provided **Non-farming opportunities/ activities:** Animal Husbandry, Bio-dynamic manure preparation, Feeding of animals, butter making. **Expectations of work for volunteers:** Manure preparation, Animal feeding, deweeding, Jeevamrutha preparation & manuring & watering the plants & saplings. **Is transportation available?:** Workable **Languages spoken:** Kannada, English, Hindi, Tamil, Malyalam. **Can you host children or pets? :** Yes **Special diets:** Native varieties, staple specialties, home made food & facilities to cook **And any other specifics for your farm:** 3 of the wildlife sanctuaries are located less than 50 kms of distance. Nature drive or visits could be planned.

IND 129 Farm name Srifarms **Contact name** Srinagesh Subramanian **Location (address and description of land)** 3.5 acres of dry land now converted to greener land with the available resources. We have a small house with attach w/c, kitchen cool at nights. we are in the vicinity of the in Chamarajanagar Dist – 55 kms from Mysore and 35 kms from Nanajangud (off the Coimbatore highway). We are close to Kanakagiri (a jain piligrimage centre)- one can take a morning trek to this place. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** – We have a large population of trees, teak, silver, hebbevu, fruit plants, arcaunut, coconuts. . All this is under the organic farming / natural methods. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** – 6 yrs **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** – not yet **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** – Max 1 week **Accommodations (number and type)** – huge 800 sft hall, 4 small 10x12 rooms with cots. Kitchen separate. A nice large sit-out.. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** – We already have a huge storm water way that feeds the village pond when it rains. We now have a water harvesting pond of 10x10 mtrs - where we plan to cultivate fish. **Expectations of work for volunteers** - relax, clean **Is transportation available?** – local buses ply from Ch nagar/ nanjangud. Both the places can be reached from mysore by train / bus. By car., it is a 75 mins drive from mysore **Languages spoken** – Kannada **Can you host children or pets?** No **Special diets** Only vegetarians. We do not have any one to cook in the farm. The volunteers should cook themselves **And any other specifics for your farm** - Nil

IND 130 Farm name : Sri Guru Dhama· **Contact name** : U.M.Taranath· **Location (address and description of land)** :We have Two Locations one in Chikamangalore Dist and the other one is Tumkur Dist.1) **Yaggati Pura is the Village** About 22 Kms from Kadur Taluk of Chikamangalore Dist, Karnataka State and about 200 Kms from Bagalore Airport**The Farm details are as below:** About 10 Acrs of Land , which includes , Paddy & Ragi Fields and Dairy farming and the land is being prepared for Coconut Plantations. This Village is famous for Vegetables and Coconut plantations.This land has a farm House with irrigation system to support the entire land with water storage tank above the ground water, Bore Well , Rain water Harvesting systems, Decomposing Pits. However, Earth warm plants, Goober Gas Plants and Cow Shed are being constructed.· This Village is consisting of two villages Yaggatti Pura and Yaggatti , Yaggatti which is about 0.5 Km away from Yaggatti Pura is Hobballi Hqs and Yaggatti Pura is a small village with about 60 to 70 houses, Yaggatti Pura is a Historical Place with Sri Malikarjuna Swamy Temple built during 8th Century A D by the Cholas Dynasty. 2) **Sorrakunta Village** About 20 Kms from Tumkur Dist : Village about 20 Kms from Tumkur Dist and 100 Kms from Bangalore and about 70 Kms Bangalore Air Port.About 4 Acrs of Land with Mango , Ragi and Paddy Field and Dairy farming.· **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :- At Yaggati Pura Location**Earth warm tanks / Plants, Decomposing pits, entire Land is connected with organic fertilizer irrigation system:**Goal In Yaggatti Pura Location** : To

Prepare the land for Coconut Plantations, Paddy and Ragi Crops harvesting and prepare for over 3000 tree saplings to be planted. Construct , Earth warm tanks, Goober Gas Plant and Cow Shed and many more such activities. **At Tumkur Sorrakunta Village: Goal is Sorrakunta Village :-** This Farm is already developed with Paddy, Ragi, Mango Trees, Coconut Trees and Dairy Farming. Maintenance and Harvesting of Crops. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 12 years. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** NO. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 5 days to 90 days. **Accommodations (number and type)** Two to Four Members. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Construct , Earth worm tanks, Goober Gas Plant and Cow Shed and many more such activities. **Expectations of work for volunteers** To be good Human Being . **Is transportation available?** Yes. **Languages spoken** Kannada / English. **Can you host children or pets?** Yes. **Special diets** Vegetarian. **And any other specifics for your farm** Non Vegetarian Food and Alcoholic to be avoided on the Farm Land.

IND 131 **Farm name** Basavagudda Farm **Contact name** C R Pradeep **Location (address and description of land)** Post, Gubbi Taluk, Tumkur District, Karnataka 572 219. Dry land with a hand pump as sole water source. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We grow mainly millets and legumes – finger millet, little millet, foxtail millet, pearl millet, pigeon pea, horse gram, black eyed pea, lablab. We also have planted more than 100 saplings which we hope will grow into trees. These are mainly forest trees. We also have planted several fruit trees for domestic consumption. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Past 5 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Between 3 weeks to 3 months. **Accommodations (number and type)** Not more than 3 adults in 2 guest rooms in our home. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** We run a learning resource centre for our village children. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Get involved in all/any kind of work on the land depending on the season – sowing, ploughing, deweeding, harvesting the crops, teaching children, pumping water, tending to cattle. **Is transportation available?** Public transport **Languages spoken** English, Kannada and Hindi. **Can you host children or pets?** Yes, depends on the pet. **Special diets** Vegetarian **And any other specifics for your farm** We have not taken electricity from the State. Instead we have photovoltaic modules which generate enough power for basic lighting of our home. As far as water, we use a hand pump on a bore well and draw out water from about 100 feet. This water is strictly for domestic consumption. Ours is a farm house in the sense that the nearest human habitation is about 1 km away from our residence.

IND 132 **Farm Name** GREEN HOUSE **Contact Name** K.P.M.SIDHEEQUE **Location (address and description of land)** MALAPPURAM ,KERALA STATE. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Microgreens, Coconut & Vegetables farming with organic way **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 4 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** One Week **Accommodations (number and type)** Double bedded room with Private bath attached : 2 persons can Accommodated (with all facilities) **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative Electricity, Cooking Gas & internet** **Expectations of work for volunteers** Microgreens growing and Vegetable gardening etc. **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, Malayalam **Can you host children or pets?** NO **And any other specifics for your farm** Learn cooking Indian foods and how to grow Microgreens.

IND 133 **Farm name:** Mandore **Contact name:** Surendra Gehlot (Project Founder & Manager) **Location (address and description of land):** JODHPUR- 342006 Rajasthan, INDIA.. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** Minimum 02 weeks. **Accommodations (number and type);** Rooms with en suite bathroom & minimum comforts on full board. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project,**

alternative energy, etc.): Education , Health , Environment , Empowerment of Women .Awareness and education to promote organic agriculture and various projects to promote ecological philosophy –excursions to discover the life & culture of this community. **Is transportation available?:** Yes. **Languages spoken:** English / French and Hindi **Can you host children or pets?:** Yes. **Special diets:** Depends on individual. **And any other specifics for your farm:** We grow some vegetables and fruit

IND 134 **Farm name** Swasteek · **Contact name** Preetam singh Lingwal **Location (address and description of land)** Pauri Garhwal,at Swasteek the Himalayan Resort, Uttarakhand (How to reach from Train or bus ?) from Dehradun/Rishikesh there is bus to Pauri Garhwal & get down at Kholachouri Stop , Devprayag on Pauri Road· **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Organic Farming Education to farmers · **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** One Year · **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Under Process with USOCA · **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 10 days · **Accommodations (number and type)** at Resort General – good condition· **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Education on Alternate Energy/Org Farming · **Expectations of work for volunteers :** Able to transform the Knowledge · **Is transportation available?** Partly · **Languages spoken** Hindi / English · **Can you host children or pets?** Need to reconfirm (if above 5 years)· **Special diets** Nil **And any other specifics for your farm :** Farms are under Certification with USOCA. Need to educate farmers.

IND 135 **Farm name** Organic India**Contact name** Valsa Kumar V G **Location (address and description of land):**.P.O, Trivandrum-695571, Kerala. South India 50 cents of Land with a House for stay. Planning to start Organic Farming on April 2012 Onwards· **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Planning to start Organic Farming**How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Not Applicable **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Not Applicable **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum 3months to 1 year **Accommodations (number and type)**Having a house with bed rooms ,Kitchen, toilet etc.**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Interested in alternative energy**Expectations of work for volunteers** all farm related work **Minimum Requirement of Volunteers :**2. Project starts on 1st April 2012· **Is transportation available?** Available· **Languages spoken** English is important · **Can you host children or pets?** Not Applicable · **Special diets** Kerala Food· **And any other specifics for your farm** Not applicable

IND 136 **Farm name :** Hinterland Village Resort ·**Contact name :** T Unni, Anagha Unni ·**Location (address and description of land):** Kochi, Kerala, India (Bio diversified multi crop land of 7 acres) ·**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.):** Organic manure dealt crops such as Banana, Arecnut, Rubber, Nutmeg. ·**How long you have been doing Organic Farming :** Since 2 years ·**Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency :** Not certified ·**Suggested length of stay for volunteers :** 1 week ·**Accommodations (number and type) :** 10 numbers, A/c room / Dormitory ·**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.):** Future plans of caring and protecting cattle & pets. ·**Expectations of work for volunteers :** Maintenance, painting, farming, cooking, language tutoring. ·**Is transportation available?** Yes ·**Languages spoken :** Malayalam, English, Hindi ·**Can you host children or pets?** Yes ·**Special diets :** None ·**And any other specifics for your farm :** Main focus on bio diversity.

IND 137**Farm name** Vanai Farm, Narayangaon, Near Pune, Maharashtra State **Contact name** Santosh Nimbarkar **Location (address and description of land)** We have 13 cares of land being farmed under Natural and Organic farming principles and practices. Pune Maharashtra State **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Mixed cropping - Vegetables -- Leafy vegetables, Potato, Cauliflower, Cabbage, Onion, Garlic, Various Beans, Carrot, Beetroot, Sweetpotato etc. Grains and Legumes - Wheat,

Bajri, Jowar, Rice, Mung, Harabara, Tur, Chowli etc. Fruit - Banana, Papaya, Sitaphal, Guava, Pomegranate etc, Seasonal produce We are developing our farm as a facility for Agro Tourism and the work is ongoing with about 60% completion. Our vision is to promote and propagate Natural Farming techniques. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 1999. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** The farm is not certified as there hasn't been the need for any kind of certification. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** We are open to long term volunteering opportunities. **Accommodations (number and type)** Rooms for 20-30 people in various housing situations, including mud houses built from natural materials, as well as Cement Concrete house. We also provide Camping Tents. Cooking is done via Gobar Gas energy. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Natural Construction Techniques using mud etc., Cattle Rearing, Making Gobar Gas facilities. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Help with farming activities in return for free accommodation and organic farm food (largely vegetarian). **Is transportation available?** Yes - Jeep, Motorcycle. **Languages spoken** Marathi, Hindi, a bit of English. **Can you host children or pets?** Yes. **Special diets** Vegetarian preferred, Occasional Non-veg food can be arranged. **And any other specifics for your farm** We wish to engage communities in creating the next generation of natural and organic farmers. Survival of humankind is contingent upon resurrection and survival of the farmer. To this end, we need to renew relationships between land, farmers, and community to build healthy local food systems.

IND 138 **Farm name** Avici Farms **Contact name** : Joseph Franklin **District:** MANDYA **State:** KARNATAKA **Pincode** 571438 **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.):** Will be growing short crops like; beans, water mellow, celery etc, also have a organic coconut grove. We are trying to minimize the harmful effects of conventional farming by promoting organic farming **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : Just Started **Whether the farm is certified (if yes)** : Not Certified for now, have applied **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : Not specify **Accommodations (number and type)** : 6 people ,Small hut **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.):** Drip irrigation, constructing huts and store room. **Expectations of work for volunteers** : 4 hours of work per day. **Is transportation available?:** Yes both train and bus **Languages spoken** : English and all south Indian languages **Can you host children or pets?** : We can't, but if they can manage we don't mind **Special diets** Vegetarian **And any other specifics for your farm** : Not much.

IND 139 **Farm name** Orchid Gardens **Contact name** Rajeev **Location (address and description of land)** : Kasaragod District , Kerala, land less than 2 hac, distributed in multiple parcels. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** coconut, areca nut, mangao, spice trees, coffee, Aurveda trees and plants papaya, vanilla, pepper **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 200 Years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Not certified, but traditionally never used Chemical fertilizers, Organic manure and No Till farming, Zero budget farming, organic manures are used. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers- As per mutual understanding** 1 month or more **Accommodations (number and type)** 10 or more As per mutual understanding of shared stay with host or in the farm site directly in the farm sheds **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Construction of boundary walls to protect crops, farm sheds to stay for the volunteers, construction of shadenet, green house construction, drip irrigation installation maintenance etc. **Expectations of work for volunteers** around 5 hours volunteering per day 5 days a week, weeding, tree planting, house painting , doing the school run, cooking, general maintenance, fencing, office work, help with building, participate in above non farming and organic farming day to day work. There will be a guide and team leader / current farm manager or owners representative who is experienced in running farm will be provided for helping the volunteers and accommodation and coordination, **Is transportation available?** Local public bus transportation available, private

transportation like Auto, Jeep, Car available at actual cost for the volunteer **Languages spoken** English, Malayalam **Can you host children or pets?** Children can be accommodated with volunteer on their direct responsibilities and risk. No crèche or Nanny facility available **Special diets** **Vegetarian local food and as per local customs** , Rooms/ tent with out AC as per availability and volunteer group size. **And any other specifics for your farm** : beautiful God own country called Kerala, Southern India, near costal sea and mountain forest. Week end trekking and tourism areas (Bekal Fort tourism) and resorts and recreation available near 20 KM/15 miles near by for week end entertainment and fun activities on at actual cost for the volunteer

IND 140 **Farm name** TEA ESTATE **Contact name** SONIA JABBAR **Location (address and description of land):** Nestled at the edge of Darjeeling District, Tea Estate (estd. 1884) is conveniently located: 30 mins from Bagdogra Airport, 1 hr from New Jalpaiguri Railway Station, 3 hrs from Darjeeling, 2 hrs from Kalimpong, 3.5 hrs from Gangtok, Sikkim, 30 mins to the Nepalese border and 4.5 hrs from Phuntsholing, Bhutan. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : Part of our 1200 acre tea estate is under conversion (10 acres added every year) with the aim of bringing 300 acres under organic tea. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming:** Since April 2010. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** Not yet. Under conversion. Will be fully certified by 2014 **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : 15 days minimum **Accommodations (number and type)** : Basic but charming suite in an old bungalow with bathroom, kitchen, small verandah and back yard. At the moment for only 2 persons , who will share a suite in a bungalow. We will see how it goes and later build more suites. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : Need doctors, dentists, nurses, homeopaths, solar energy technicians **Expectations of work for volunteers:** Weeding, hoeing, composting, chopping wood, etc. **Is transportation available?** Estate vehicle goes to Siliguri every Friday morning. Otherwise, local buses/taxis available on the main road at the estate gate. **Languages spoken** : English, Hindi. **Can you host children or pets?** Sure. The estate has a mobile crèche for tea pluckers **Special diets** : simple vegetarian food, organic vegetables from our kitchen garden. Mutton/chicken once a week. **And any other specifics for your farm** None

IND 141 **Farm name** Uniherb **Contact name** VALSA KUMAR .V.G **Location (address and description of land):** 50 cents of Land. Covered with fencing.Address: Sreevalsam, Kottambur, Malayinkil.P.O, Trivandrum-695571, Kerala **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.):** Planning to start Organic Vegetables and Fruits with the help of Agriculture University in Kerala and Horticulture Development Corporation. Here we are planning to teach different variety farming with the help of Scientist in Agriculture University and with the help of traditional famers. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Not Applicable **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Not Applicable. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** Round the Year. **Accommodations (number and type):** Free Food and Accommodation. Volunteers can Stay our own farm House. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Planning to start construction in future. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Two couples can stay separate in the farm house. **Is transportation available?** Available. **Languages spoken** English **Can you host children or pets?** Not applicable. **Special diets** Provided. **And any other specifics for your farm:** Volunteers can learn meditation and we provide Yoga classes

IND 142 **Farm name** –DINOBONDO **Contact name** ARYA AZADI, RINKU RAM **Location (address and description of land)** Chinalti village, Naggar P.O, Kullu District, Himachal Pradesh **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We are growing vegetables and fruit trees (apple, pear, plum) and have just a few biggas down over looking the Beas River. very scenic and beautiful area. that have the fruit trees on....shanti too! they are a 20 minute walk from our 2 houses and surrounding veggie gardens. we are also next to 11th century temples and the guest house, Chandra Lok. **How long you have**

been doing Organic Farming. I have been here only 2 years and am turning the family onto doing all organically. they have been using just cow manure and ashes from the tandoor. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency/** not certified

Suggested length of stay for volunteers We are open to what is best for all. What ever feels right is the right thing to do. mahdu, Rinku's mother works too hard with the 2 cows. We take them to eat grass and when not, then have to cut grass, then i want to start vermiculture and extend gardens so that we are free from going to stores and needing to buy chemically fertilized foods. this is a small family operation and not commercial at all. There are 4 of us. Rinku is often busy doing his acupressure treatments. Mahdu it seems works non stop 7 am -930 pm. I really want to lessen her work load of gardening, cooking, taking care of cows, doing dishes and laundry. Rinku takes care of trees when the need arises, does accupressure treatments, Chops wood, and he and I and another have spent the last 2 years building my house/studio...which is super time consuming project. We are just doing finishing now. I live in it next door to rinku's house. **Accommodations (number and type)** we can provide own bedroom and great local food **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** I want to as said already start vermiculture, tend to the orchards organically, grow all our veggies organically with the cow manure and vermiculture and ashes from tandoor, have help in building locally , actually in the finishing stages of building my stone, mud, and glass home and studio. may then need and want to build a cow house , all stone and mud and wood, cooking , cleaning, washing dishes, bathing the cows, anything creative and productive and serving all involved! **Expectations of work for volunteers.** Hopefully they come here to do what they really want to do and we eget accomplished that which we envision and need to get accomplished and all learn , grow, and enjoy themselves immensely **Is transportation available?** we have no car.. rinku's has Enfield and is super helpful person. or just take bus everywhere .we are close to pautlikal and then rickshaw up hill to Naggar for 100 rupees **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, and Local dialect **Can you host children or pets?** What kind of pets.? i want a cat! no children **Special diets** We eat vegetarian local food. rice, dal, roti veggies, salads, fruits, yogurt, chai, fruit
Host has gone abroad so do not contact for placement

IND 143 **Farm name :** Humane Agrarian Center **Contact name:** Prem Singh **Location (address and description of land):** Badokar Khurd, Banda, Uttar Pradesh . Total land 6ha covert by forest, orchard, grazing land and several organically grown crops. 20 organically feed cows and its products: **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.):**Crops: wheat, gram, lentils, mustard, sesame seeds, linseed etc.Fruits: mango, lime, lemon, amla, guava, jamun; **Projects:** We hold a processing unit for processing our organic material, like dalia, mixed flour, herbal salt, cereals, pulses etc. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming:** since 1996. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes)name of certification agency:** Yes, Indian Organic Council as PGS (Participative Guarantee System) **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** one week. **Accommodations (number and type):** up to 10 persons at once in 3 double rooms, 1 triple room and 1 dormitory.**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.):** we have a Humane Agrarian Center-dedicated to the exchange of knowledge between farmers and a project on solar power energy development and bullock driven water-pomp. **Expectations of work for volunteers: field related activities:** composting, cropping, harvesting, cow maintenance, participation in the processing unit, cooking, cleaning **Is transportation available?** Yes. **Languages spoken:** English, Hindi, Bundelkhandi **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets:** vegetarian **And any other specifics for your farm:****Contact of the person in charge of WWOOFing on this farm:** Simona Serba, she speaks English, French and Spanish.

IND 144**Farm name** Rams Farm **Contact name** Rams (Ramasubramanian) **Location (address and description of land)** Thekambattu village, Karumandurai, Kalvarayan Hills, Salem District. Tamilnadu. 3.5 acres of land; about one acre is reserved for tree planting;1.5 acres for growing minor millets, oil seeds, highland paddy; all for own consumption. A small vegetable garden is also active. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects,**

goals, etc.) We mainly focus on rain-fed agriculture. We have a very small patch (15 cents) for paddy which we do one crop a year with irrigation. The rest of the crops are Ragi (finger millet), Samai (little millet), Gingley, Thina (foxtail millet) and high land paddy. We have been homeschooling our children for the last six year. The elder is now in Rishivalley school in 9th standard. The younger one – 9 years old is with us. We want to provide a wide variety of exposure to our children - different people with different skill sets. We want to become completely self sufficient on food. Our house is completely on solar power. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Two years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes)** name of certification agency No. We eat what we grow. we dont need someone to certify it! **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** We have no idea how it will work out! Six to eight weeks to start with. **Accommodations (number and type)** We can accomodate two persons now. We are in the middle of constructing a bigger house. Once it is ready we can accomodate about 4 to 6 people.**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Our house runs on solar energy; we are building a house with stabilised, hand pressed mud blocks; it will also have a dry pit latrine. We will be also working with school dropouts teaching them some basic technical skills – carpentry, metal work, etc **Expectations of work for volunteers** Whoever comes need to help us in cooking and washing dishes. **Is transportation available?** Buses come upto Karumandurai town. Our village is 5km from there. **Languages spoken** Tamil, English, Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** Children yes! No pets! As we have already two kanni breed dogs! **Special diets** We have atleast one dish a day completely of minor millets. **And any other specifics for your farm** Non-smokers only

IND 145 **Farm name** :PRATHA **Contact name** : Mitesh K, Bhadra **Location (address and description of land):** Kutch, Gujarat, India. Nearest airport railwaystation BHUJ - 70km **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : Mix farming / Multicroping , with Trees of fruits, Intercropping of vegetables, pulses, live and dry mulching, Dairy with only Desi cows, long term goal to convert my land into forest ie. Natural farm with enough space for birds reptiles and animals for ecological balance. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : New to farming **Whether the farm is certified (if yes)** name of certification agency: NO **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : No time fixed as long as they are well behaved. **Accommodations (number and type):** One house at farm and other at village. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : Gobar gas plant will be installed soon, solar energy, water conservation in village and surrounding areas, **Expectations of work for volunteers** : Some work at farm , spreading awareness of natural farming to local people and people around the world **Is transportation available?** : Personal transportation is currently not available but from Bhuj railway station sharing taxi are available Rs. 100 per head **Languages spoken** : Kutchi, Hindi, English, Gujarati, **Marathi** **Can you host children or pets?** : yes **Special diets** Vegetarian food and other vegetarian foods from India and local village food like Bajra wheat butter rice butter milk milk And **any other specifics for your farm** : Kutch is generally dry land, But want to convert my farmin to Model farm for others to follow and convert Kutch into Green land

IND 146 **Farm name** S.B.Tea Garden **Contact name** Bijit Basumatary **Location (address and description of land)** P.O : & District Kokrajhar Btad Assam 783370 . **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** High land with sandy loam , the new tea plantation done following organic agriculture principal of no chemical are usage.**How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 2 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes)** name of certification agency Certified by INDOCERT **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum 5 days **Accommodations (number and type)** 4 persons **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Construction of hut etc **Expectations of work for volunteers** Making compost , weeding etc , compost tea , low cost vermicompost **Is transportation available?** Yes but one have to walk **Languages spoken** English , Hindi and Assamese **Can you host children or pets?** No **Special diets** Rice , Dal , Potato , Chicken etc **And any other specifics for your farm** Nov is best time to visit

IND 147 **Farm name:** ATMAJYOTI Farm **Contact name:** Sudheer Singh and Coline (french), **Languages spoken:** Hindi ,English, French **Location:**Our Family owns an house Farm with small lands (less than 1 acre each) in a very peaceful village. We are settings in good condition, not far from the main Road from Bharatpur to Agra (Kiraoli). **How to reach:** The place is easy to access, only 4 hours from Delhi, Half an hour from Agra and from Bharatpur ,Dist Agra , UP We can arrange taxi for volunteers. It is also possible to come by bus till Kiraoli bus stand (5 km from the farm), and then we can pick you up there. **Organic activities:**We have wheat fields, cows and garden. Today, only garden is organic, but as this project began this year, our goal is to grow our wheat more and more by the organic way. Wiith volunteers coming, we want to work in an education Program with the village school, the owner of the school is supporting us for nature and soil conservation activities. We are also planning to build a traditional cottage (with volunteers and community), made by alternative construction (bamboo, mud and straw). We have a land to plant an Organic Garden (vegetables, fruit trees and flowers) for the all community. And in future, we are dreaming to help farmers (those who want) around us to be organic farming. **Length of stay for volunteers/ accommodation:** In winter we are welcoming volunteers for special program of minimum one week, please contact us to know more about dates and program. We have two rooms (traditional beds) both very clean, comfortable and a common bath room. We wish to make each guest coming feel at home in family. That is why we cannot welcome more than 4 volunteers at the same time. We are expecting volunteers working 5 hours a day (gardening, working in fields, and education in school, taking care of cows, cooking with family...). In free time, around the village, we could enjoy visiting sugar cane workers, or iron and potter workers. Cycles are available to ride around agriculture fields. We could also go to visit Famous Places as the Taj Mahal, FATEPUR SIKRI ,Baratphur, Mathura or Vrindavan. **Special Diet:** We provide hearty, healthy traditional meals (vegetables, wheat, milk...). The Family is cooking only vegetarian diet.

IND 148 **Farm name** Thosamling Institute/Nunnery, We are not a farm but an International Buddhist Women Community in Himachal Pradesh We provide Buddhist teachings, and Tibetan Language courses and opportunities for people to do Buddhist retreats. We live with a qualified Lama and nuns and laywomen from all over the world in our tiny institution. We try to support ourselves by our garden, but want to make the shift to organic farming as our gardener left and he kept on using some fertilizers. We try to start a bit, but we face difficulties as we don't have enough knowledge to set up properly. We need a volunteer who can guide us in the process of organic farming. We tried also to cultivate mushrooms (oyster) in one room, which is good to do, but not really very successful as we refuse to use chemicals, but we still into it to give it a try. Without chemicals the crops easily get infested with diseases. But it is fun to try again and again. **Contact name** Tenzin Sangmo **Location** (address and description of land) We are in Himachal Pradesh, half hour away, by car, from Dharamsala where His Holiness the Dalai Lama has his residency and also other high Buddhist Lama's. Our garden is small, but if we use all parts of it, it is a daily job to maintain. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We just tried the last months, just to see what grows well, we made a compost unit with 4 different chambers. We have some lettuce which came originally from the west. We invented, (probably not the first time) boxes where we plant our seeds in, which we cover with nets and outside the box we pull up the earth to keep insects outside, what is pretty successful until now, as before the first crops got eaten by our little friends. So we try to figure out which systems can work. As we don't want to kill any insect that is also part of being a Buddhists. We also work with cow dung, ashes etc. We also planted flowers in between the veg. garden, just to see how it goes. Mostly Marigolds but have not real knowledge about it. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** , Only 6 month beside the vegetable garden we have an "ornamental garden what gives just a nice environment and peaceful setting. We try to keep it simple with not to much work. We love fruit trees. But that garden is not the task of the volunteer. We don't know much about organic farming that's why we need help from a volunteer who knows organic farming well. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** . Not yet **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** If we can get along

well together probably for longer period it depends also on the volunteer. **Accommodations (number and type)** We only need one volunteer as we are small. He/she can have a private room, If a male worker, you will be living together with the other staff workers (all Indian) who have all their separate rooms, small though, with shared bathroom. If you are a woman you can have a private room of 4 by 4 with shared bathroom and will be situated in the laywomen's or nuns building .Our food is good and delicious, as we have to please many people from all over the world and that is a hard task.**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** We don't have anything to offer actually but we can offer Dharma classes or Tibetan Classes if you are interested or if you are a Buddhist. We also made our own jams and muesli. We set up a bakery once, but that is taken over by the staff as the project went to big and our Institution did not had the intention to set up a real business. So they took over and we still guide them a bit. We did a bit of oyster mushroom cultivation (without chemicals), but were not to successful but it is fun to continue. That could be an opportunity to learn for the volunteer. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Our expectations is that you can arrange the garden by yourself but also train us in a way to set up a veg/ garden well. Teach us when to plan what, and how to look after them and teach us about different possibilities how to set up organic farming. What to do to keep the insects away, by not killing them for instance, but let them live somewhere else, 5 hours a day work will be fine. Also taking care of the plants by weeding, watering them etc. We made already a water system with a tank and hoses to water different areas without to many problems. We are connected to nali's around our land. It is not necessary for the volunteer to be a Buddhist, any religion or non-religion is welcome to come, but we ask them to live with certain rules in our place like no killing/harming (also insects) no stealing, no lying and no drugs. **Is transportation available?** Yes, we have a scooter and will buy a little car soon. **Languages spoken** English, Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** No so sorry. **Special diets** Can be arranged we have already people who don't eat diary, eggs, onion, garlic etc Gluten free will be more problematic but we have to take care of these people sometimes. **And any other specifics for your farm** Not so much, it is a nice community and most people love it to be here, as it is a very peaceful setting and beautiful place to be, as we are located on the foot of the Himalayas. Everything is around, fancy shops, up in McLeod Ganj as there are many tourists (what is 45 minutes by car), homeopathic /Tibetan doctors, loads of special restaurants where you can spend time in your days off . But most people don't like to go there.

IND 149 **Farm name:** Tulza Foundation**Contact name:** Bal Angre**Location (address and description of land):** 30 Kilometers Northwest of Jodhpur City, Near Mathania Village Over 150 acres located in a remote area outside the city. There is a 3 bedroom with drawing/dinning guest house for volunteers with swimming pool. Also an additional building on the land for storage. Stables for horses, chicken coops, cow sheds, infirmary for goats, stables for goats. Animals on the farm include 600+ goats, 100 cattle, 4 dogs, 3 horses, and with 4 camels, sheep, and geese on the way, by fall/winter. And a current live-in staff of 12 persons. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.):** Learning about and participating in organic methods of animal upkeep, learning about sustainable rainwater harvesting while working to spread knowledge to surrounding villagers, possible construction of new animal sheds, harvesting and growing of organic animal fodder, growing and maintenance of organic garden. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming:** 25 Years**Whether the farm is certified (if yes)name of certification agency:** No, but certified NGO**Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** As long as they would like.**Accommodations (number and type):** One guest house that consists of 3 separate bedrooms. Facilities include 3 separate western toilet rooms, kitchen, and drawing/living room.**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.):** Participants can assist in developing our goat project, which helps widowed women of the Rajput community with financial need gain access to goats to sustain their livelihood. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about goat upkeep and financial benefits through this program as well as assist women of the community. **Expectations of work for volunteers:** Volunteers should be willing to help with

livestock as well as open to learn new and sustainable ways of farm life. We are very enthusiastic about teaching volunteers who are willing to learn. Participants are free to take part in any of our activities we have going on at the farm but are not expected to take part in those they do not want. **Is transportation available?:** Yes **Languages spoken:** Hindi, Marwari and English **Can you host children or pets?:** Yes, both children and pets. This is an open house and stress free place. Children and pets are most welcome. **Special diets:** Besides our strict no beef diet, this is a non-veg farm that can accommodate most dietary needs of volunteers. **And any other specifics for your farm:** None

IND 150 **Farm Name** Angel Home **Contact Name** Ram Sukha **Location Village, Post, District, State (How to reach by bus or train)** Pushkar, Ajmer, Rajasthan. Nearest train station in Ajmer and nearest bus stand in Pushkar. Then you can take rickshaw or taxi. We can also pick you up from Pushkar bus station by bike. **Brief description** As I spend some years abroad, I discover and learn there about organic farming, back here in my own country I start this farm from nothing as there were only sand there. At first I plant mostly fruits trees (Amla, Gounda, Bheel pater, Papaya, Jamun, Lemon, Avocado.) to get the place more fresh. The farm is 10000m². As Rajasthan is a dry area with less water we mostly growing in the monsoon (millet, moong dal, beans, peanuts, sesame) and winter seasons. We using mostly compost to fertilize the ground, particularly our own horse manure. We are now also growing sweet potato, spinach, methi, basilicum, lemon grass, mint, tulsi, local medicinal plants such as ashwaganda. Until now we are not marketing our product but we use it in our guest house restaurant and to feed us and our horse. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** All life time as I grew up in a local farm. And more specifically since I was abroad from 1991 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** no **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** At least 1 week. **Accommodations** We provide dormitory accommodation with attached bathroom. We can receive 5 volunteers in the same time, as we have two places, Angel home farm and Sukha's place. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** There is also construction work to do, and painters' artist are also welcome **Expectations of work for volunteers** Growing many kinds of vegetables and herbs, irrigating crops, cleaning the place, taking care of the animals **Is transportation available?** Yes, bike, scooty, rikshaw and taxi service are 24 hours available **Languages spoken** English, Hebrew, Spanish, Hindi, Marwari, French. **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Two vegetarian meal per day will be offer. Made as much as possible with the farm product **And any other specifics for your farm, for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** The farm is near by the small city of Pushkar, which offer a lots of places to visit and a lots of activities to do. We have also many games at the farm such as pool, chess, bagammon

IND 151 **Farm name:** Co-op forest **Contact name:** Ms. Malvikaa Solanki **Phone/email:** **Location (address and description of land):** opposite Nagavathi dam, 7 kms off the Dharmapuri - Pennangram highway, (Salem route) Tamil Nadu . The best thing to do is to call us once you choose to wwoof and we will guide you. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.):** We are into creating forests and natural farming. The key objective of the co-op forest is eco-restoration. To this end, the co-op has over 150 acres of wasted land and efforts are ongoing to revive, rejuvenate and restore the past glory through natural harmless means of natural farming and mimicking nature, rather go against it. Crops include millets, guava, pomegranate, jamun, gooseberries, papaya, custard apple, cassia fistula, kodgapuli, lemon, silk cotton, Singapore cherry, pongamia pinnate, neem, sima rouba, agave, aloe and parandai. Forest species constitute the major part of the land, with bamboo as the main stay, which also paves the way for some agro industries. In addition to this we grow fodder for cattle, fishery, vegetable patches and a full-fledged nursery having 15 to 20 species at any given time. We employ local labour with most of those working on the land that owned these lands earlier. The farm employs the co-operative model with many like-minded individuals participating in the enterprise. The Co-op forest has created a few water bodies, which fill up during the monsoons and a stream that runs through the property. **How long you have been doing Organic farming:** We have been into natural farming for five years in co-op forest. The co-op forest is an eco restoration

effort on land that originally housed a forest, denuded due to tree felling, subsequent loss of ground cover and the resulting soil erosion. This 150-acre forest, today, thanks to the co-op efforts is greening up partly and patiently, with biodiversity, water conservation and harvesting, buzzing with butterflies, insects, wild boars and birds. Additionally the adjoining government forestland of over 15000 acres with monoculture of Velikathan (*Prosopis juliflora*) that releases certain chemicals into the soil, making the soil less fit for any use is causing further desertification. Efforts are on to restore this huge expanse of land as well. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** No, and would also not require the same in the future. The forest follows natural farming principles for its own health and sustainability; it is not an effort to maximize profits by way of pricing the goods through branding or certifications. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** A minimum stay of 3 days and can extend depending on mutual conveniences, interests and benefits. **Accommodations (number and type):** At present we have small basic individual hutments with mattresses and sheets with Indian toilet facilities. At any given time we can host over 25 people **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/restoration project, alternative energy, etc.):** Yes, all three. **Expectations of work for volunteers:** writing, documenting, planting trees, work at the plant nursery, construction, operating various processing and green units set up, record the experiments and conduct a few on their own, outreach program with kids of surrounding villages and workers. We consider this an opportunity to share, learn and exchange. WE are as much open to learning from you as you are. A few individuals in the co-op are full time activists and will be glad to share their experiences on issues related to mining, displacement, toxic, pollution, and of governance. **Is transportation available?** Yes. We can have you picked up from the nearest village till where you can travel by public transport. **Languages spoken:** Tamil, English, Hindi, Kannada **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets:** If you are on any special diet, please make arrangements for the same yourself. We can help you with what is on the land to enable this. Carry any special medications that you might need during your stay. **And any other specifics for your farm:** No alcohol. Smoking not preferred but tolerated. Believers need to keep their faith to themselves or in utmost privacy. Carry insect repellants, towels, toiletries, work clothes, and a torch.

IND 152 **Farm Name** ROUTES TO ROOTS FARM **Contact Name** Sangam Agrawal
Location : Village, Post, District, State (How to reach by bus or train), NEEMUCH, MADHYA PRADESH. BEST WAY TO REACH IS BY TRAIN, TAXI OR BUS. THE CLOSEST AIRPORTS ARE UDAIPUR, RAJASTHAN (100KMS) AND INDORE MADHYA PRADESH (275KMS) **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We have been farming for 5 years and we have an expanding local customer base. Our main mission to farm was to have enough for the family and to share with others. Another mission associated with the farm to indulge into an economic activity that does not harm the planet and in that process, we could make our lives carbon positive. We have fermented fertilizers that we make at our farm. We make certain organic pesticides with household edible items. We converted a rocky patch with big boulders into a fully functioning organic farm. Our farm is about 4 acres into cultivation. We do mostly a mix of permaculture, organic and natural farming. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2017 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** We can host farmers (Volunteers) for about 7-10 days to maximum **Accommodations** We can accommodate about 5 to 10 volunteers at a time. we have a room with attached bathroom that can accommodate about 5 people, and we have enough space for tents and another set of common bathrooms. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Since our farm is not very old there is ample opportunity for non-farm activity. We need to paint informative murals on a boundary wall that we have, construction of rocket stoves, a playground for kids that cathartically help them understand organic farming or for that matter food, developing a farm cafe and an efficient strategy for marketing, website development etc . We need inquisitive volunteers who do not mind some sweat and getting their hands dirty, create a few sign boards etc. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Digging, ploughing, turning compost, cooking, pruning etc. We need to develop a herb

garden, mark few areas of fence, **Is transportation available?** There is no personal transportation available for the volunteers. Volunteers will be helped with farm pickup truck if they need some supplies. they can be picked and dropped when they arrive and leave from a landmark in the city. **Languages spoken** English and Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** No **Special diets** Daal Baati Churma is the local dish here, which we will serve at least once in their course of stay. Only vegetarian diet is served. We will be cooking multiple Indian cuisines and sometimes if volunteers help, we could try something from their area. **And any other specifics for your farm, for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** Chittorgarh, Rajasthan (45 mins drive); Udaipur, Rajasthan (2 Hours' drive); Kota, Rajasthan (4 hours' drive); Indore M.P. (5 hours' drive); Bhopal M.P. (8 hours' drive) buses and trains are also available for these places

IND 153 **Farm name-** Suneelkrishna farms **Contact name-**T.M. Suneel kumar . Taluk,Kolar District,Karnataka State. India563135. **Description-** We grow mangoes a lot here,and also pulses ,redgram, horse gram, dals, etc . Our farm is entirely organic. Since ourregion is rainfed, we didnt applied much fertilizers, chemicals from many years. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** For last 3 years , we apply only organic items:) cow dung,cow urine, mulching etc **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** The farm is not certified, i dont have anyidea about that.Suggested length of stay for volunteers Volunteers can stay for more than a week. Accommodations (number and type) As we got2 big houses with good bathrooms, there is no problem for accommodationfor around 10 members. **Non farming activities** It can also be done nearhome like construction of cow shed,etc. **Expectation of work** It will besowing seeds, cultivating, giving manure , weeding, harvesting in mangoseason etc. **Is transportation available?**As bangalore is nearer to our village(75km),transportation is good. **Languages spoken-**kannada, Telugu, Hindi, English, little bit Tamil.**Can you host children or pets?** Yes we can hostchildren n pets, but they should take care. **Special diets-** Veg and nonveg.

IND 154 **Farm name** 'Windarra' **Contact name** Sandyra, **Location (address and description of land)** Tamil Nadu **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We are a learning community. Our holistic approach embraces farming as the ground pillar - added arts, education, renewable energy, music, movement and healing. We enjoy common living, common working, common facilities and common activities. TerraSoul works on 9,5 acres of beautiful land, divided between forest (2,85), fruit orchard (2,85), vegetable garden and grain fields (2,8) and housing (1). Our goal is to provide organic food for We cultivate a large variety of vegetables, among cucumbers, tomatoes, capsicum, different types of beans, pumpkin, radish, gurds, peanuts etc., and red rice, varagu (indigenous grain) and millets. In our organic orchard grows among others: guava, mango, banana, papaya, coconut, rosella, citrus and chicco. Our approach is to combine traditional farming in its most natural form with methods from permaculture, Masanobu Fukuoka's natural farming and biodynamics. We work with nature, the whole farm is one ecosystem of fertile soil, healthy plants and useful insects. Nature balances itself, the soil (re-)creates itself, men have to work and interfere less. Our farming does not exhaust the soil, we create, give and receive: we receive plants and give back all the leftovers like leaves and weeds, thus creating layers of mulching. Weed and pest control, without killing bugs, is done by organic (e.g. ashes) as well as biodynamic preparations. We do intercropping. We plant our grains before the monsoon, they get flooded naturally by the rain (water conservation), and we harvest once a year in January. After the harvest, we do not plant the same crop again, as is standard practice in conventional farming. In the same soil, we plant now vegetables, then leguminous plants, then grain again. This rotation system works on its own, needs less compost, less input from outside. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Windarra Farm has been a cultivated land for around 12 years, and we, The TerraSoul Community, started out here in January 2011. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** We ask for a min. of 1 month commitment of approx. 6 hours pr. day. **Accommodations (number and type)** The volunteer housing situation: Various environmental friendly buildings such as bamboo and keet constructions for approx. 15

volunteers are mainly done. The dormitories are simple. We have outside showers and dry compost toilets. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** We create delicious fruit jams, using the fruits from our own organic orchard, to generate income. We are also experimenting with processing eggplants, cucumbers and tomatoes and started producing pickles. Renewable Energy: Our enthusiastic goal is to become independent from non-renewable energies. To achieve this, we will improve the efficiency of our energy consumption. Our main project on renewable energy is 'Minvayu' – for the moment producing windturbines for Auroville. 'Min' is 'electricity' in Tamil, 'vayu' is 'wind' in Sanskrit - creating energy with the wind. More information is available at **Expectations of work for volunteers** Volunteers are fully integrated in all aspects of community life and activities. As an essential part of our community, volunteers provide help in the farm, fresh ideas and inspiration, and a cultural exchange. The sharing of knowledge and mutual inspiration enriches our life. You are welcome at any time to come and be a part of our project, to live and work together with us in awareness and respect for the environment. We offer a wide range of working possibilities: farming, preparing compost, fruit orchard, construction (working with bamboo, welding, roof making etc), making of windturbines, making of jams / pickles, cooking we welcome artistic souls to put their mark by painting walls or similar, to help in the making of our webpage, to decorate etc. Farming experience or any experience is very welcome but not necessary. There is also a possibility for offering workshops. We try to consider your individual needs and your personal aim. **Is transportation available?** We can arrange for a taxi to pick you up from the airport. While in Auroville we can arrange for you to rent a bicycle or moped **Languages spoken** On the farm we speak mostly english, but also portuguese, danish, arabic, tamil, spanish, faroese. **Can you host children or pets** Yes - but communicate with us beforehand please **Special diets** There is a community kitchen where we eat common lunch, where we often cook together and where you can cook your own meal **And any other specifics for your farm** In the community, everybody is involved in farm related work, and at the same time all have the chance to develop individual talents through workshops and projects. We have the following activities in the farm: Didgeridoo, Percussion, African Dance, Capoeira, AcroYoga, Thai-Yoga massage, Tango, Healing. We have different arrangements to bring people and new life to visit the farm. At the moment we have an afternoon/evening a week where we arrange a music jam, then dinner, then a chanting circle around the fire under the stars. Singing songs from around the world. (No more member please do not contact)

IND 155 **Farm name:** B P Oganics **Contact name:** Dr. Arun **Location :** District Solan, Himachal Pradesh – Nearly one Ha hilly land with 45 degrees gradient in Himalayan foothills. It is 15 kms from Parwanoo town and 281 kms from Delhi. Closest railway station being Kalka, & airport – Chandigarh. It is at an altitude of about 3000ft AMSL and situated at the latitude of 30.843 and the longitude of 76.962 with summer temperature 15 - 32 degrees Celsius and Winter temperature being within 5 – 25 degrees Celsius range. Monsoon season, mid-June to mid-Sept is the best. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :** BPO in short, is a family run small organic orchard in Himalayan foothills attempting to do what human beings are best bestowed with - the ability to think beyond and do things beneficial to other beings including their own kind. Amongst others, it is driven by three core concerns :1 to establish the validity of non-chemical based food production regime amongst the farming community. 2 to address the issue of small farmers' livelihood security, fast eroding due to exorbitantly priced seeds and agrochemicals. 3 to address the issue of health security of unsuspecting consumers by giving them access to toxin-free food. In 1996 we started developing it as a Mango and Amla (Indian Gooseberry) orchard. Since May 2012 we've been experimenting with vegetable crops. Currently Ginger, Turmeric, Arbi (Colocasia or Taro root in English), Green Chilies and Radish crops are growing in a multi-cropping pattern. There are no 'projects' as such but currently installation of drip irrigation system is under way, a biomass shredder is waiting to be installed, work on terracing the land is underway and we are planning to have a green house, acquire a drier for vegetable dehydration, initiate experiments for adapting dozens of varieties of traditional

seeds procured nationally and globally, network with neighboring farmers to adopt organic practices, streamline the marketing of our own products and facilitate that of others' as well. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** – 16 years. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** Certification process is underway with Uttarakhand State Organic Certification Agency (USOCA) Registration No ORG-1207-000699. Since our land had never been under the plough and the first inspection round is over, we are hopeful of getting the Certification by July 2013. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** - Minimum one week, extendable up-to one year by mutual agreement. **Accommodations (number and type)** - Guest room with attached bath, electricity, wi-fi etc within the residence. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** - fencing, retaining wall construction, assistance in processing, marketing fresh / processed fruits and vegetables. **Expectations of work for volunteers** - The variety of work at the farm is endless; he / she can choose PROVIDED there is a willingness to learn alongside Dr Arun Sud who does everything from digging earth to pruning trees and minor masonry work. **Is transportation available?** Public transport to town is frequent. **Languages spoken** - English, Hindi, Punjabi and the on-farm workers speak Bhojpuri and Nepali. **Can you host children or pets?** – Yes. **Special diets** – No. **And any other specifics for your farm** - It is an action-research project in motion that is as much geared to transform the neighbouring farmers as to itself get on to a profit making curve. Innovativeness in all we do is the driving force. I would love to have an experienced WWOOFER as much as a fresher with a commitment to the cause – ORGANIC.

IND 156 **Farm name:** Farm Life **Contact name:** Shrinidhi Takle **Location :** 2 hours away from Mumbai and accessible by public transport. We want to have a food forest to grow our own vegetables. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Visitors should be proactive in planning activities on the farm and about promoting sustainable agricultural techniques. We want to implement permaculture & have a food forest in 2 acres. This is extreme farm living experience and I hope you are ready for it. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming:** 8 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** You are required to stay for long term like 2-6 months to see the fruits of your work. You may stay for a week as trial. **Accommodations (number and type):** On site accommodation in a shared room or private house if required. There is a small wooden house if you are a couple. You can build your own temporary accommodation. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** You can visit nearby village school to give them language lessons or do some sports with them. We are looking for a cultural exchange. **Expectations of work for volunteers:** Visitors must be nature loving and passionate about living a self sufficient life on a farm. Simple farm work like growing kitchen garden, watering plants, weeding , feeding chickens, planting trees and taking care of the farm activities in general. **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken:** English, Hindi, Marathi **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets:** Indian Village style Meals are served in a open dining area. Veg, Non-veg all OK. Feel free to help in cooking or to make your own.. **And any other specifics for your farm:** Farm Life is promoted as a holiday spot. There is a seasonal river and swimming pool. Currently we are 5 people working together on the farm, some people living in local village.

IND 157 **Farm name:** Cherukunnel **Location,** Kottayam, Kerala, India **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Rubber planting and tapping, Banana cultivation, Coconut tree planting, tapioca **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since young age **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Yes, Rubber Board **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** From one week to - 1 year **Accommodations (number and type)** 2-4 Guest room **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Language teaching, Painting, Cooking **Expectations of work for volunteers** You will be getting all the assistance from me in doing the farm related work **Is transportation available** Yes **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, Malayalam, and a little

bit of Italian **Can you host children or pets?** Children is ok for me **Special diets** Kerala traditional food **And any other specifics for your farm** This farm is located near to town...It is less than 5 acre

IND 158 **Farm name:** Popanwadi horticulture farming **ocation (address and description of land)** Popanwadi Horticultural Farm (hilly area) Karwar District. Karnataka State / South India **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Growing of different kind of local southindian fruits as mango, coconut, lemon, Areacanut, bananas..... Size of area 16 acres How long you have been doing Organic Farming :22 Years already **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Not certified – but european biological standard **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 2-12 weeks **Accommodations (number and type)** Tent or room for one or two people **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Construction work for housing and water supply **Expectations of work for volunteers** Up to 2 people **Is transportation available?** Yes – Motorbike and Jeep **Languages spoken** German / English / Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** No **Special diets** Indian vegetarian nutrition **And any other specifics for your farm** Situated in the western ghats in the middle of the forest. No electricity available – limited solar power. Close to Dandeli and Anshi Tiger Reservation as well as Dudhsagar Waterfall. Very good for nature lovers.

IND 159 **Farm name** –“ Ishana” in Gopathi Farms **Contact name** - Sangita Sharma **Location (address and description of land)** Ishana, Gopathi Farms, Post Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore -560097 - **Description** – A 5 acre oasis in the heart of a concrete jungle. Diversity of trees ranging from coconuts, mangoes, cherries, wild flower, forest trees to open fields for vegetable, cereal for both seed and food production. We have chicken, guinea fowls, rabbits and cattle with fields for fodder production. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** – A self contained organic knowledge farm with its focus on Integrated organic practices – Soil health management, Seed Production, multiplication of heritage open pollinated seeds, Seed Bank activities - seed saving & storage techniques, low cost applications such as bio- digester, bio-gas, vermi wash and more. **In short** - We grow what we eat from a community kitchen and hence a bunch of 18 energised bunch of farmers. Our farmers children along with children from surrounding villages go to our sister concern Parmanand Education Trust (unaided) which educates 350 underprivileged children. **Goal** – Educate farmers, policymakers, scientists, students that community driven farming is replicable and sustainable. We the farmers are the custodians of heritage seeds and can take charge of our food which in turn safeguards our health. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** – 12 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** – Yes, Eco-Agri Research group certification by IMO **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** – 1 week to 6 months **Accommodations (number and type)** Pitch tents, we have work station zones which are safe and clean toilets available. Pristine rooms are available in proximity to the farm at very affordable rates. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** – We have office and administration space with Internet available. If the whoofers have laptops even better. Extend support in photography, documentation and filming, website design & construction, promote our agro ecology knowledge farm via trails themed ‘From Soil to Seed to Plate’ to schools, media, ethical corporates, visitors from all walks, make the best use social media sites, writing fund proposals for grants. Lend a educational hand at Parmamand Education trust as well to create a vocation training center for school drop outs in the fields of electrical, plumbing, farming and carpentry . Support required in alternative innovative construction of cow shed/ restoration project, alternative renewable energy source for seed bank– construction of knowledge centre, **Expectations of work for volunteers** – Knowledge exchange transfer – To apply their core strengths to help strengthen the safe food movement **Is transportation available?** – Yes. Buses available arms distance from the farm. Auto richaws also available at cost price should they decide to stay in the rooms as suggested above **Languages spoken** – English, Kannada, Tamil, Hindi, **Can you host children or pets?** – No **Special diets** – holistic **And any other specifics for your farm-**

Respect must be extended to team of farmers who are the backbone of Ishana,. Maintain code of conduct - no indulging in drugs, alcohol and gossip

IND 160 Farm name Shakti Agro Farm **Contact name** Anand K / Balachandran **Location (address and description of land)** Mysore - KRS road. 6 kms from Railway station near shadanahalli village **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** The intent is to demonstrate the viability of an Integrated farm in all aspects. Vegetable farming and pulses are grown currently. With 6 cows and a daily milk distribution taking place, a small diary farm is growing there. Intent is to have a few chickens and some fish too shortly. One of the driving factor for this initiative is to bring good food to the common man. To this effect, good healthy vegetables and milk are made available for the local rural community on a regular basis. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 4 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** It's in the process of getting certified by Eco Agri (ISCKON group) **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Long term relationships are preferred as it can blossom into a beautiful flower. So the longer the stay the better. **Accommodations (number and type)** 3-4 people can comfortably stay in the cement block construction building at the farm **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** We want to try alternative construction. So anyone who has expertise in it is welcome. We also have a small organic shop in Mysore. Some amount of volunteering in the shop should also help (like milk packing & distribution etc) **Expectations of work for volunteers** It's flexible. As long as the intent and purposes are aligned, the work will happen. **Is transportation available?** A cycle can be provided. It has easy main road access **Languages spoken** English, Tamil, Kannada, Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** It's a vegetarian organic farm - no alcohol, no smoking

IND 161 Farm name Kshatra in the Himalaya **Contact name** B.S. **Location (address and description of land)** Distt Kullu, Himachal Pradesh, India 175123 **Description of land:** 2 acres of mountain terraces at the elevation of 1,800 meter in the Himalaya Mountains **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Fruit trees including pear, pomegranate, plum, peach and apple trees, heirloom grains including wheat, barley, rice, corn, finger millet, and amaranth, beans including soybeans, and kidney beans, and vegetables including cabbage, cauliflower, radish, chilies, bell peppers, cucumbers, garlic, mustard greens, potatoes, pumpkins, carrots, tomatoes, beets, zucchini, eggplant and coriander. We have a cow and hope in the future to make cheese, we also want to start a bee colony and start the production of honey, there is also the opportunity to make pickles and jams. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** We have been farming organically for the past 10 years. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** The farm is not certified but you do have my word on it that no chemical fertilizers or pesticides have been used for the last 10 years and use prior to ten years ago was minimal. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Length of stay depends entirely on the individual. But minimum recommended time is one week. **Accommodations (number and type)** 3 shared rooms November through April with bathroom with hot and cold running water, May through October 5 tents for accommodation with common bathroom with hot and cold running water. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Carrying wood, collecting pine needles for the animals, cooking, cleaning, stone work, building maintenance, building work, painting work, office work and more! **Expectations of work for volunteers** We expect volunteers to live up to the agreement that is agreed upon before arrival. We also expect volunteers to be motivated and work enthusiastically for 5 hours each day. **Is transportation available?** Volunteers can take a local bus or hire a taxi to Kshatra in the Himalaya for approx 900. Rupees **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, Dutch, a little Japanese and local dialect **Can you host children or pets?** This can be evaluated on a case by case basis. **Special diets** Again this can be evaluated on a case by case basis, we are mostly vegetarian but occasionally meat is served. **And any other specifics for your farm** Our farm is also a guesthouse, restaurant, facility for retreats and groups, and therefore has backpackers and holiday makers coming to spend time in the mountains, go trekking and

enjoy mountains sports such as repelling, rock climbing, skiing and snowboarding in the winter and much more

IND 162 Farm name Binsar Valley Resort **Contact name** RAJANDR SINGH NEGI
Location (address and description of land) Mangalatha, District Almora, Uttarakhand In the beginning of Mangalatha village when coming from Daulcchina, Munisiyari road, by Binsar river. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** The land is as big as 2,5 a 3 acres. Climate is good, as well as in summer and wintertime. For vegetables there is gobi, alloo, tomato, palak, broccoli, muli, carrot, turnipes (golden muli), fenugreek, pumpkin, beans, lentils, chili, kapha. For fruits there is banana, mango, amla, almonds (baram), guava, papaya, lemon (nubi), abricot, pommegranade, lychee. For the herbs i want to make experirment to enlarge the cultivation; as far as today there is lemongrass, tulsi, basil, aloe vera, cinnamon, germanium. Many other herbs are growing wild in the surroundings. There is also cultivation of wheats, wallnuts and mustard. I have many projects in mind: experimenting in cultivation of herbs (with the aim to create a beautiful herbal garden), fruits and vegetables (all kind of berries, cherries, framboise,), trees, flowers and miscelenious things (input of all kinds of seeds, which people always can bring), all on a natural, organic and ecological base. In fact, to create a small piece of heaven. There is also a sustainable building project for building ecological huts and rooms (in nature stone, with roof of grass, a mud floor and bamboo), and a camping side for tents. I plan to make a nice path towards the area and to install a place in bamboo and dried mud for meditation, There is also a fish project; not for capturing them but with a plan to make extension of it in the river. There is a fish pont where I keep 250 fish, such as grass karp, silber karp and golden karp. Ideas for alternative energy experiment and compost making are more than welcome! **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Sice 3 years i cultivate this ground. I am in possession of a farmer card, from Mangalatha village. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Not yet **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Wwoofers can stay for 1 month, but there is some flexibility of course. Stays can be with a minimum of 2 weeks and extensions can be made for sure! This may be, according to the capacity of volunteers involved. **Accommodations (number and type)** For accomodation there are 2 rooms (in 1 month they will be finished), 2 big tents with matrasses (sleeping bags are available, but bring one with you if possible) and there is more facility for tent settling. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Other activities beyond the farming are large in facility: trekking in the hills, by the river and to the waterfall, to Binsar, Jageshwar,), swimming (Binsar river, this is a clean river, perfect for meditations, yoga and hydro therapy, and there are many sources of good and healthy drinking water!), cooking (with a nice setting to eat, i want to learn Wwoofers also how to do it in a hygienical way), bird watching (in the jungle and by the riverside), teachings in herbal wisdom (use and knowledge, keeping old traditions in honour), bonfire in the duna, to build an ecological, sustainable, nice place for living), possibility for rafting(10km further) and hiking. Creativity forms the base for this all, so other ideas are welcome! Feng Shui and awareness in consciousness are doing a good deal. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Wwoofers can do a good job in weeding, preparing the grounds before planting, compost making, harvesting in seasontimes, bamboo fence making, plastic spotting and removing, help in building natural places for living, wood collecting and cutting, all according to capacities of volunteers of course! **Is transportation available?** Transportation is easy to regulate: there are taxis -private or shared ones- in Munisiyari, Berinag, Almora or Haldwani. A bus can be taken from Berinag or Haldwani. A train is going to Kathgodam and Haldwani, from there on there are busses. A taxi can be arranged, but this will be on charge of the driver himself. **Languages spoken** Hindi, Nepali and a little English are the languages that are spoken here. **Can you host children or pets?** Children and pets form no problem for having a stay too. **Special diets** For food there is a vegetarian and full organic diet. Local food or cooking yourself and herbal chai drinking. **And any other specifics for your farm** Everybody can do something! Creativity in thinking and many more ideas are valuable and very welcome. People can bring seeds and plants to see what may develop this heavenly place. My message is to show people (local and visitors) that selfsufficiency and a natural

way of living, which is good and healthy, can be possible, here in this place but also elsewhere. According to the herbs for example, i want to bring back the old and forgotten traditions. Contact can be made by phone, which is better then email because connection is not always available here. The closest internetpoint with fast and good connection can be found in Daulcchina, Kasar Devi, Almora.

IND 163 Farm name Kolwa Eco Farm **Contact name** Piotr Dorocinski **Location (address and description of land)** It is near Kolwa village about 60 km from Jaipur **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** There is a totally organic lemons plantation. Is is organic since the beginning of that "lemon field" (6 years). This spring we are starting a organic veg garden, 30x35m. For this project we need a people to help, to bring their ideas and experiences. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** The lemons are organic since 6 years. Now it is the time for veg. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Not yet **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Long term, 2 weeks or more (but short terms are also welcomed) **Accommodations (number and type)** 4 Mud huts with double bed for long term volunteers. There are coming tourists from time to time (very rare), so then the tourists have priority. Also a shelter with mattresses will be provided for at least 10 persons. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** There is a plan to construct a tree houses and a pond. there is a plan to provide bicycles and a motorbike for volunteers, so then there is a lot of opportunities. **Expectations of work for volunteers** 5-6 hours a day. 5 days a week. Farm work, management/ office work, promoting of the farm etc. **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** Hindi, English, Spanish, Polish, Norwegian, **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Veg and non veg cousine

IND 164 Farm name Brahma Homestay **Contact name** George **Location (address and description of land)** Kalga, Himachal Pradesh **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Small hold farming and gardening community in its initial stages organised along permaculture design principles. Activities include composting, preparation, sowing and maintenance of garden areas to produce organic food – rajma, quinoa, zucchini, broccoli, mint and other herbs, tomato, nasturtium, roots and more. We also make homebrewed beer and cider, and intend to expand our facilities to include medicinal herb gardens and hothouses. We wish to organize to promote organic farming in Parvati as beneficial and economically viable. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** We are a new operation, looking for long and short term involvement to develop our capacity **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** We are ideally looking for people to stay for a trial period of one to two weeks, with potential to extend to one to six months between March and October 2013 **Accommodations (number and type)** The gardens and farm are around a large, traditionally built two story guesthouse with capacity for up to 22 people. WWOOFERS would have a dedicated twin bedroom, or can share in the dorm (4-8 people). **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Brahma also functions as a guesthouse, so there is always opportunity to help maintain the space and interact with paying guests. We are very into DIY culture and skills-sharing, so there is often opportunity to learn and exchange ideas and crafts, such as crochet, knitting, jewelry making and wood-carving. Also, our neighbor is a trained ayurvedic herbalist and keen to teach others about medicinal plants and treatments. We also provide cookery courses **Expectations of work for volunteers** Volunteers would be expected to work four to five hours a day, five days a week, most likely weeding, digging, composting, etc, in exchange for accommodation and food. We are keen to attract respectful people who have their own initiative, are able to live communally and are willing to share. We are open to ideas and suggestions for project direction, and most activities will be group-decided. There is opportunity for sustainable building around the site. **Is transportation available?** There are no roads in Kalga. The nearest town (Barshani) is 30 minutes walk away, and accessible by local bus or taxi from Kasol. **Languages spoken** English, German, Bahasa Melayu, French . **Can you host children or pets?** We keep a crew of dogs onsite, and are happy to host more. We have hosted children in the past, but do not accept parenthood as an excuse

for non-participation in activities **Special diets** We are predominantly vegetarian, but can potentially provide for vegan and ayurvedic (no garlic, no onion) **And any other specifics for your farm** - We are below 5 acres in size.

IND 165 **Farm name:** Aruvimalai Farm **Contact name:** Navin John **Location (address and description of land):** Small farm 2 acres, with organic vegetables Kodaikanal, Tamil Nadu **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We have been organic for the last 30 years, a fully sustainable farm with Bio Gas plants, natural composting, vermiculture, etc. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming:** Over 30 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** 5 days to a week. **Accommodations (number and type):** Rugged cabin that has hot water, and cooking facilities. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** None **Expectations of work for volunteers:** 5 hours work, weeding, planting, composting **Is transportation available?** Yes. **Languages spoken:** Tamil, Some basic english. **Can you host children or pets?** Children yes, pets no. **Special diets:** Simple vegetarian food is provided. **And any other specifics for your farm**

IND 166 **Farm name** - Bamboo Rustle **Contact name** - Ashish GB **Location (address and description of land)** – Vepannapalli (Near Krishnagiri and about 2 hours from Bangalore). **How to reach farm by Bus and train (nearest stations)**The nearest towns with railway station to Veppanapalli are:Bangalore : 100 KMHosur : 60 KMKrishnagiri : 15 KMThe nearest bus stand is Krishnagiri (15 KM)From Krishnagiri a bus has to be taken to Veppanapalli from where we will have you picked up. From Veppanapalli the farm is at a short distance of about 3 Km. The farm is located in a beautiful valley surrounded by dry deciduous and scrub forest. It is also tucked away in a corner giving a sense of being in the middle of the forest. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** – Vegetables such as capsicum, tomato, bitter gourd etc. We will soon be moving to fruiting plants as banana, pomegranate etc. Our goal is to grow organic food for own consumption and for sale in the local markets. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** – We have been practicing organic farming for about a year and halve. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** – We have not gone for certification as of date. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** – **Minimum stay required in the farm is** One Month Can be discussed with the volunteer. **Accommodations (number and type)** – One shared room with clean toilet or tenting **Maximum number of volunteers at one go:**Two in number **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** – Nothing Substantial **Expectations of work for volunteers** – Just be passionate about organic farming and open to other errands for the farm **Is transportation available** - a motorbike at the farm which can be utilized to commuting for errands to the village close by. **Languages spoken** – English, Tamil, Kannada **Can you host children or pets?** – Yes **Special diets** – None **And any other specifics for your farm** – It's a small farm on a patch of land of about 2 acres. For volunteers committing for periods of more than a month will additionally be compensated with a small stipend too. **One can visit following places of tourist Interest nearby:** Government Museum @ Krishnagiri Thali - It is in the taluk headquarters is Denkanikottai and 80 KM from Krishnagiri. The fort at Denkanikottai can also be visited. Rayakottah Fort - about 80 KM from Krishnagiri Mallachandram - It is located 19 km from krishnagiri and 4 km from samalpallam. Samalpallam lies on the krishnagiri-Bangalore Road N.H 7. Trips can also be planned towards Ooty, Coimbatore , Chennai , Bangalore.**How to reach farm by Bus and train (nearest stations)**The nearest towns with railway station to Veppanapalli are:Bangalore : 100 KMHosur : 60 KMKrishnagiri : 15 KMThe nearest bus stand is Krishnagiri (15 KM)From Krishnagiri a bus has to be taken to Veppanapalli from where we will have you picked up. From Veppanapalli the farm is at a short distance of about 3 Km.

IND 167 **Farm name** : Philgi's**Contact name** Philipgi T.Kanatt**Location (address and description of land)** Philgi's Farm,, Ernakulam District, Kerala, S.India.Its one hectare farmwith Nutmeg, Coconut, Rubber, Pepper crops along with a few local cows, goatsand

poultry. A 2 bedroom farm house (a100 yr old traditional house) renovated recently with reasonable facilities **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Various systems are being integrated into the unit to enhance the productivity as well as to make best use of the resources. Compost making both in-situ and ex-situ, preparation of different organic nutrient slurries, nursery management, Farm designing and development etc are the present activities. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming:** I am an agricultural professional associated with the promotion of organic farming right from 1991. The property was acquired in 2007 and has been managed organically ever since. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** The certification programme has been initiated with Lacon India **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** One week **Accommodations (number and type)** 5 beds in 2 sleeping quarters are available **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Biogas plant, Riverbank protection using bamboo planting etc are being adopted **Expectations of work for volunteers:** In the upkeep and maintenance of farm unit. Helping in documenting the farm features and activities. **Is transportation available?** Pick up and drop is available **Languages spoken** English, Malayalam, Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** Children are OK but not pets **Special diets:** Simple vegetarian food, mostly own produce and non-veg occasionally **And any other specifics for your farm:** Your presence should never cause damage to the serenity of the place.

IND 168 **Farm name:** Vaksana Organic Farm **Contact name:** Kiruba Shankar **Farm Address:** Vaksana Organic Farm, Tindivanam Taluk, Tamilnadu – 604306 INDIA **Farm Size:** The farm is 9 acres. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** The farm is completely organic. We currently grow paddy, finger millet, black gram, banana, coconut and vegetables. We soon plan on starting a dairy unit, goat farm and a poultry farm in order to make it a full-fledged integrated farm. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming:** One year. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** Not certified yet. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** 2 days to 3 months. **Accommodations (number and type):** We have a farm house with a dorm type room that can accommodate 10 people. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : We have plans to setup a compost toilet, build a fish pond, build a dairy cattle & goat shed and a chicken pen. **Expectations of work for volunteers:** We want people very passionate about farming to come join in. We want people who are very eager to experience the rural way of life in Tamilnadu. As with WWOOF norms, 5 hours of voluntary work. **Is transportation available?** The farm is very well connected via bus service. **Languages spoken:** English and Tamil. **Can you host children or pets?:** Yes, we host children and pets. We love them. **Special diets:** We mainly have vegetarian food. Non-vegetarian food can be cooked on special occasions. **And any other specifics for your farm:** Vaksana means 'The Nourisher'. We want both the body and the soul to be nourished and would love to host people

IND 169 **Farm name** NISARG ESTATE **Location (address and description of land)** BELTANGADY TALUK, MANGALORE DISTRICT, KARNATAKA STATE, INDIA **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** COCONUT, CASHEW, NUTMEG, TERMERIC, JACK FRUIT, BLACK PAPER, BETAL NUTS, CARDAMOM, BREAD FRUIT, LAMON, MANGO, KOKUM, SOUR SOP, RAMBUTAN, AMLA, RAMPHAL, GAVA, HONEY BEE FARMING **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** SINCE 10 YEARS **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** NO **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** ABOVE 7 DAYS **Accommodations (number and type)** VILLAGE TYPE ACCOMMODATION FOR 6 TO 8 PEOPLE **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** NONE **Expectations of work for volunteers** FARMING ACTIVITY **Is transportation available?** PUBLIC TRANSPORT **Languages spoken** HINDI, KANNAD, ENGLISH, TULU **Can you host children or pets?** NO **PETS** **Special diets** ONLY VEG **And any other specifics for your farm** NONE

IND 170 **Farm name** : Khandar Bagh, Devi Niwas **District** Sawai Madhopur Rajasthan **Contact name** Dr.MeetaSingh **Location address and description of land**) About 20 Acres of farmland with Mango Orchards in about 5 Acres. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Seasonal fruits and mainly rain fed farming being done with two crops being sowed every year. Tubewell and local wells also available for watering. Organic farming carried out along with minimizing dependence on power by installing solar powered generation of electricity. Plan to develop Horticulture in a more extensive manner. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Last two years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No Not certified. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers-** 2 weeks stay. Can be shortened or extended depending on volunteer interest **Accommodations (number and type):** Two cottages and one dorm sleeps 6-8 persons **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Restoration of old heritage building using local masonry , establishing a solar plant for alternate energy to make the farm self sufficient in power. **Expectations of work for volunteers:** Helping with Clearing of weeds , pruning of trees, developing Organic farming, plantation of fruit trees, promoting carpentry and environment friendly activities in the area , developing nature trails for local school children, helping local women and children with developing livelihood skills, volunteering for organising games and craft for school children age 6-15 years age group etc. **Is transportation available?** Yes , Local Taxi and Bus available. However Escorted transport to and from the farm can be made available for a reasonable charge. **Languages spoken** English and Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** Children > 10 years of age - yes but Pets No **Special diets:** Simple, hygienic, nutritious and tasty vegetarian diet will be arranged using locally available vegetables and breads. **And any other specifics for your farm** WE WILL BE HAPPY TO WELCOME VOLUNTEERS FOR A MUTUALLY ENRICHING EXPERIENCE

IND 171 **Farm name** – Arun Farm **Contact name** – Arun Dhaddha **Location (address and description of land)** –District - Jaipur - it is 18 kms from Jaipur City Centre Rajasthan ., Land : 9 Acres **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** – Just started **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** – Barren land earlier, will start farming now **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** – Not yet **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** – 2 to 4 weeks **Accommodations (number and type)** – 2 rooms **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** – Old style building construction & restoration of old building **Expectations of work for volunteers** – Volunteers should be well experience **Is transportation available?** - Yes **Languages spoken** – Hindi & English **Can you host children or pets?** - No **Special diets** – Vegetarian food **And any other specifics for your farm** – Water level is good due to near to kanota dam, sweet water

IND 172 **Farm name** :Syamantak "University of Life"**Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** :163, At post Dhamapur, Taluka. Malvan, District. Sindhudurg, State.Maharashtra.Pincode 416605. Nearest Town Kudal is Kudal is easily reachable by trains on Mumbai-Goa Route. By road it has frequent state owned and private tour buses that proffer shuttle services between Mumbai (500 kms) and Panjim (Goa 80 kms), Kolhapur (140 km), Belgaum (118 km),are few of the cities that are easily accessible from Kudal by road and have very good connectivity.The nearest airport is located at Dabolim (Goa 100 kms)**Occupation** :Sustainable Living campus**Previous experience of organic farming / activities if any** :8 Years **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** :Natrual Farming, Earth construction, Traditional Kitchen, Stiching-weaving, Wetland conservation,Lawyers for Earth Justice, Native Cow Farm,Hindustani classical music**How long you have been doing Organic Farming** :8 years**Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** :Self Certification through local network of traditional farmers**Suggested length of stay for volunteers** :1 week - 6 months**Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** :10**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration**

project, alternative energy, etc.) :Earth construction, Traditional Kitchen, Sticking-weaving, Wetland conservation, Lawyers for Earth Justice, Hindustani classical music **Expectations of work for volunteers** :Alcohol and smoking is strictly prohibited. We expect volunteers to stay with our residents like a family and cherish the compassionate relationship. **Is transportation available?** :Yes **Languages spoken** :English, Hindi, Marathi, Kannada, Malvani **Can you host children or pets?** :Yes **Special diets** :On request and availability **And any other specifics for your farm** :Volunteers are involved in community projects.

IND 173 **Farm name:** MYTRI FARMS(Registered as Navaneetam Organic Farms LLP) **Contact Name:** SANGEETHA K B / VENKATESH **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train):** Srirangapatanna Taluk , Mandya District - 571438, Karnataka State, Nearest Airport: Mysore Airport is the closest. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.):** Mytri Farms is a 2 Acre farm. We grow all variety of vegetables, fruit trees, paddy, sugarcane, and other seasonal crops in the farm. In addition, a portion of the land is earmarked for growing fodder for our Indi-variety Cows. The farm is a warm place for students, volunteers, city dwellers and anyone who seeks a break from the city life. Friends & Volunteers have helped build a "Tiny house" we fondly call 'SHANTI DHAAMA' and tiny kitchen for preparing simple food. Nearby local restaurants are available for a quick bite. Our farmers work hard tend to the land and livestock. They can share some local wisdom and places visit. Mytri Farms started with purpose of empowering and encouraging local farmers. Farmer suicide rates are high in several parts of the village and this project was started primarily with the intent of providing economic and moral support to such farm families. A typical day at the farm starts with tending cows, washing, feeding and milking them. Followed by watering the nearby patch of greens and veggies. Rest of the day goes cutting grass, quick foraging for cooking and some farm work. Evening it is the same process of tending to cows, crops and retiring for the day. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming:** Since 2014 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** 7 days or more. Volunteers are welcome and days should not be a restriction. **Accommodations (How many volunteers you can accommodate at one time):** 8-10 People can be accommodated we have a tiny house (A wooden house with coconut leaves roofing, sleeping bags, tents can also be used. The farm has a tiny room and a kitchen area where volunteers can cook. We have fully functional bathroom and toilets, and water can be heated for a relaxing bath **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.):** We have raw material to build a brick oven and need volunteer help for that. Volunteers with skills and experience in Permaculture are welcome. Volunteers without experience are also welcome, your willingness to help in motivation enough for the farm to take you in and walk through the joy of farming **Expectations of work for volunteers:** Volunteers must be willing and serious about the work. They must treat the people and cattle with respect. Sincere volunteers with real passion may show up. Depending on the season and the current demands of the farm, the work may vary but will be interesting **Is transportation available?** No, public transport and auto-rickshaws are available. Bicycle / Two-Wheeler for rent could be arranged based on availability **Languages spoken:** English, Hindi, Kannada **Can you host children or pets?** Children yes but adult supervision is a must. Pets allowed bit owners must ensure that they do not disturb other farm animals. **Special diets:** We don't have a person designated to cook but basic supplies and cooking utensils are available, and volunteers can cook themselves. Local vegetables are available in the farm nearby restaurants several local delicacies like Idli, Dosa, Rice and Sambhar **And any other specifics for your farm:** Srirangapattana taluk is filled with historical monuments and natural beauty, volunteers can visit Srirangapattana temple, bird sanctuary, Balamuri and Edamuri water falls, Karekura valley. We can arrange local tour guide upon advance notice

IND 174 **Farm name** – Mongoose farms **Contact name** – Sumant Joshi **Location (address and description of land)** – Taluka Trimbakeshwar, District Nashik, Maharashtra. The land is 4.5 acres atop a small hillock, overlooking a large manmade reservoir built on the Vaitarna river. This reservoir supplies water to Mumbai city. **A brief description of organic activities**

(crops, projects, goals, etc.) – This is the place for anyone to practice and implement a permaculture design project from scratch because it is raw. Right now the place has an open dug well and accommodation ready to receive people. Part of the land is meant to be a site for adventure activities for city folk, a means to earn some money. The rest is meant for organic farming. This year we are planning rice and finger millet. The present farming practices in the area by other farmers are very damaging to the soil and tons of it washes off during the very heavy rains each season. My idea is to wean away local farmers by introducing permaculture design practices. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** – Frankly, the land is quite degraded and I have been only trying to rejuvenate the place by planting as many trees as possible. As of now these are mainly Acacia trees and trying to protect those trees already there. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** – No. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** – It depends what they are looking for. Nashik is known for being a holy city for Hindus. Nashik is also known as the wine capital of India and produces huge quantities of grapes of many kinds. This farm will give you an opportunity to experience a completely new culture. An initial stay of about a week should be sufficient for volunteers to decide whether they want to stay longer. **Accommodations (number and type)** – A large covered shed (1500 sq ft) with 3 foot high outer walls and rammed Earth floor can accommodate about 20 people comfortably. I need about 5 volunteers max. But I am open to suggestions. You are welcome to bring your own tent. I will provide decent and clean bedding. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** – The farm is located in a valley with lots of opportunities for trekking, rock climbing/ rappelling and water sports. If someone is interested in wild life, you are welcome to come and study the endangered Asian striped Hyena and Jackal in addition to lots of different types of snakes. In fact we could start adventure camps for school children and corporates which could help pay for general maintenance and other expenses of the farm. **Expectations of work for volunteers** – I am looking for at least one person experienced in Permaculture practices to design and implement a food forest. I am also looking for volunteers experienced in adventure activities like rappelling, off site camping, rock climbing, Kayaking and water sports etc. etc. The idea is to introduce local kids and adults to nature and make some money too which will help pay for farm maintenance and food etc. for volunteers. **Is transportation available?** – Yes, a city bus comes to the village everyday. A lot of local transport is also available. The place is a paradise for cyclists including mountain bikers. **Languages spoken** – Marathi, English, Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** – definitely yes, as long as they don't bother people around them (kids normally don't) and parents/ owners will be completely responsible for them. **Special diets** – By and large we will have vegetarian food but maybe once in a while meat will be served. Drugs and alcohol are banned. **And any other specifics for your farm** – As of now the farm is not producing anything so volunteers will have to pay for basics, unless we manage to make money by other means like adventure activities etc. It will cost approximately INR 300 per person per day which is expected to be paid on joining depending on duration of stay. The accounting of this money will be done by volunteers themselves. There are a lot of opportunities for volunteers to visit other places and meet other people here in Nashik and surrounding towns and cities. Dressing will have to be conservative since otherwise it may cause unnecessary problems for everyone. Volunteers will be advised accordingly.

IND 175 **Farm Name** - Himalayan Ethno Botanic Garden society **Contact-** Pankaj Bhakuni, **Location** Western Binsar Valley. Middle Himalayas, elevation 1806m. work area/ 1000 to 2000m (25km distance of Almora), District – Almora. Uttarakhand, INDIA. Surrounded by the Binsar Wildlife Sanctuary. **Description of organic activities** We are 2year-old NGO, initiated because of the need to bring back bio diversity as well as traditional farming methods traditional knowledge and vegetation endemic to the Kumaon region of the Himalayas. Revival of cultural artifacts is a natural extension of this anthropological story. In the background of the mass migration to the city of Delhi and other megalopolises, our villages are becoming bereft of youthful energy to keep our farms alive and to carry our local traditions that are so rapidly being lost. We are loosing the very blueprint of traditional

knowledge, method and practices that get carried across generations. Women by default are now the only carriers of traditional knowledge that helps in maintaining basic livelihoods. Therefore they are the natural change agency as envisaged in our vision. Much has been said in world forums regarding the objectives and methods of alternative organizations on the planet. We do not wish to repeat what is already well known. We live and learn and gather and reinvent according to the needs and vicissitudes of the local possibilities and resource constraints. Given this context and background, our NGO encourages local farmers to switch to organic methods and have their produce sold through a processing unit that we are in the midst of establishing. We are currently setting up greenhouses and seed banks in order to provide organic seedlings of local fruit trees, vegetables and herbs, whose cultivation is rapidly becoming extinct. At our farm site presently we have a central house, another for volunteers and guests, a running kitchen and other basic facilities. Surrounded by old growth mixed forest, there is a vegetable and fruit garden, tended by organization members and volunteers. This setup provides the essential learning space for everybody involved in the venture including the local farmers. This learning space provides for hands-on knowledge and instruction about the synergy between forest and farmland so essential for traditional cultivation in the Himalayas. It must be stated that the rural landscape in the mountainous region has been transformed by India's colonial experience. This context has to be understood, and is therefore part of the practical learning and education at the site. In fact in principle our site offers vignettes of world ecology in its historical aspects at a glance. We wish to highlight that only the economics effects of colonization have been properly documented and were indeed the inspiration for India's freedom movement. The long-term ecological effects of colonization have not been either documented or understood. We wish to graphically represent this phenomenon as a practical adventure education and its hazards that we have to contend with daily. This relates, to take one example, with the forest fires due to monocultural propagation of single plantation species through government initiatives in the colonial and postcolonial period. Coupled with the uncertainty brought about by climate change, this disturbance in the moisture regimen through human intervention has a great bearing on agricultural and horticultural practices. Given this context, our experiences and experiments not only help us but the farmers of the whole area, in selecting the species that can become commercially viable in the long run. This whole process comes across as a highly informative and educative experience for all stakeholders. Creating enduring livelihoods in the area is after all the eventual objective of the venture. It is well known following the same policies as were instituted by the British colonialism to deal with Indian nature. Indian forest department has practiced replication of the same folly after independence. The question to ask our self is how to create a self-sustaining business within these constraints. How to create knowledge centre and appropriate practices in the field is the challenge. Our greenhouse has a decent enough seed bank, considering the limitation of the resources that we have to function within. We struggle on. **Are you certified?** No. This farm, of the HEBGS fulfils all the parameters under which a farmland is deemed organic. This has been so ever since its inception at least five generation ago (nearly about 100 years), when it was established by village elders. The reason for this is primarily its location, as the farm is singularly surrounded by hundreds of hectares of reserved forest; i.e. there is no ambient contamination from nearby farms and other lands. In effect it provides conditions for a naturally sterilized laboratory situation right in the middle of the forest, in order to carry out organic experimentation. Besides, as is well known, the role of institutions providing certification is itself suspect. However, since such certifications are a statutory requirement for marketing and commercial up scaling of the produce, we shall acquire the same as and when the need arises and our resources allow us to do so. Our Organization also has a education centre in the valley with our office where we are currently offering computer software classes, hoping that their digital and cyber skill will dovetail in the spread of traditional knowledge, besides giving them the basis to succeed in whichever profession they wish to choose as their livelihood opportunities. Teaching other skills and trades we can also help slow down the city migration and offer our village tools to make an income. We would like to eventually teach computer hardware, toy making, knitting, and bee keeping, etc. Apart

from their inputs at the farm, this is an area where differently skilled volunteers can prove to be very useful. We welcome volunteers who want to live in a small Uttarakhand village to come and teach any skill they would like to share. **Suggested length of stay** We welcome anyone to contact us and stay for any period of time, depending on what they are interested in helping with. Volunteers staying for less than 15 days have to pay a minimal amount of 300 rupees per day for their food only, and Volunteers staying for more than One month will be not charge for their stay. **Accommodation** If working on the garden site, we are just finishing the building that has 2 bedrooms and a shared bathroom/toilet as well as a kitchen. There is always a helping hand available for the preparation of the meal. But the happy experience has been that all the people at the farm pitch in to make it a communal event in the best traditions of collective self-help. Food becomes creative, interesting and fun when people from different background intelligently use organic inputs from the farm for culinary experimentation. If working in the village, you have your own small apartment with bedroom and equipped kitchen where you can make your meals. There is a separate bathroom/toilet. **Expectation of volunteers** To help out with current projects, use their skills and experience to enrich and develop as well as enjoy the silence and natural beauty of the Kumaon hills. We live life at a easy nice pace, so whenever you need time off there is plenty of opportunity to do so. **Diet** We cook vegetarian but you are welcome to cook eggs and/or meat if you wish to. **Other specifics** Peaceful Kesar Devi and Almora are short distances away if you need to get things or have an outing. All are welcome to experience an ethnic Indian village life with us.

IND 176 Farm name: Organic raj **Contact name :** Mr.Rajbir Singh **Location (address and description of land):** Indore Khandwa Road, Barwaha, **District :** Khargone. Madhya Pradesh It is connected all India by air (Indore airport), rail (Indore Railway Station). **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.):** Farm is set up to facilitate the farmer specially adivasi (Tribals) to produce organic crops / vegetables. All type of training in crops growing, compost making, dairy, bee keeping, mushroom growing, horticulture, aromatic and herbal plants as companion plant and their sustainable use. Refer our website www.organicraj.com. Our mission is to promote organic farming , bee keeping, mushroom growing amongst the farmers not only in Madhya pradesh but in entire India. We have worked in 23 countires and visited around 94 countires . We have been associated with Bharat Bharti Siksha Samity in Batul (200 km away from BHOPAL) and we are also associated with Mr. Harshit Sahu organic farm in Chindwara, 350 km away from Bhopal. We are also running Mushroom Spawn Lab in Bhopal. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming:** From last 10 years in various parts of the globe. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** No. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** The stay period of 40 days is normal in natural farming, however they can stay as long as they want. **Accommodations (number and type):** A class accommodation will be provided . **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.):** We are doing alternate energy project from Agro waste in collaboration with Bhabha Atomic Research Center (BARC, Pune) **Expectations of work for volunteers:** To impart training and demonstration **Is transportation available?** : Yes **Languages spoken :** Hindi, English, Urdu, Punjabi. **Can you host children or pets?:** No . **Special diets :** Purely vegetarian diet **any other specifics for your farm :** Our farm is situated on the tributary of Narmada, an historic river on which famous Shiv Temple (Omkareshwar) is 12 km from our farm.

IND 177 Farm name : AKHRA SREE SREE RADHAGOBINDA JEW MANDIR **Contact name :** Goutam Mondal / Mrinal Roy / Bireswar Ghosh **Location (address and description of land) :** P.S- Katwa, Dist.- Burdwan, West Bengal, India; Land is lower & plain Nearest rail station- Dainhat, just before Katwa. Suburban local train available from Howrah- Bandel - Katwa. Nearest Bus stopis Akhra, adjoining the village, Kanla-katwa high way. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.):** We are implementing Organic farming to local Farmers. Rice, potato, onion, cabbage, florist, brinjal, radish, drum etc. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming:** New. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** No, but can be done as applicable.

Suggested length of stay for volunteers: We are new in this field; so, experienced / expert in Organic farming would be required to converting farming from traditional to Organic by the help of sound knowledge on organic farming with showing advantage on that and practical training to Farmers. We expect minimum 2 weeks to stay for better impact and may continue as he/she feels on requirement **Accommodations (number and type) :** In the village we can provide a room for two -Four volunteers cooking can be done by themselves .**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.) :** Spiritual activities including, Yoga, Meditation, other social work as per his/her choice. **Expectations of work for volunteers:** We are a new NGO at the village and engaged in spiritual and social work especially for small poor farmers. As we are entering the new field , i.e, organic Farming Farmer's will act as per volunteers' guideline. However Volunteers major work would be (i) Concept of Organic Farming (ii) Benefits of switchover to Organic farming (iii) Effect of organic farming in terms of farmers expanses and earning vis-à-vis showing difference from traditional (chemical/synthetic) farming (iv) discuss about Organic fertilizers, pesticide etc. (v) discuss about costing of organic fertilizers and chemical fertilizers. (vi) Motivation on converting Organic farming by showing better productivity against low expanses and effect of human being, lives and eco-system. (vii) Practical training/workshop at farmer's field. In brief but not limited to following should be included in volunteers' responsibility/work/training: Risk Minimizing Measures , Nutrient Management in Organic Agriculture , Method of application of bio-fertilizers , Composting , Organic Pest and Disease Management , Seed and Seed Treatment Techniques. Method of seed treatment Farm landscaping, Weed Management , Biodynamic Agriculture ,Is transportation available? – Yes. **Languages spoken :** Bengali and English **Can you host children or pets? :** Yes, Special diets: Rice, roti, dal, fish, all kind of vegetable, goat meat, chicken, special sweet : rasgolla. **And any other specifics for your farm :** We, M/S AKHRA SREE SREE RADHAGOBINDA JEW MANDIR, a very small NGO engaged for social and spiritual work at our local place; Major board members are poor farmers. We are taking an initiation to introduce Organic Farming at our area. Several farmers from our village will be trainer to make conversion of their farming from traditional to Organic. Supports to Benificerries for getting loan from Bank and Financial Institute, legal supports, Health support etc.

IND 178**Farm name-** Naigaon **Contact name:** Kerron Vaishnav**Location (address and description of land),:** Naigaon, (Near Ajanta and Ellora) Taluq Kannad Aurangabad.**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.):** Wheat, Jawar, Bajra, Sugarcane want to implement organic farming.**How long you have been doing Organic Farming:** Just started organic farming **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** Minimum stay 2 weeks **Accommodations (number and type):** 2 bhk flat (6 volunteers can stay)**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Teaching in school, babysitting etc**Expectations of work for volunteers:** If they can help whatever with their expertise are. **Is transportation available?:** Yes 24X7 **Languages spoken:** English, Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** Children OK at their risk but NO pets.**Special diets:** (Vegetarian breakfast, lunch and dinner as per regula Indian diet)**And any other specifics for your farm:** One can visit the famous Ajanta and Ellora caves nearby

IND 179 **Farm name** KODEERI NATURE HOME**Contact name** K.MADHAVAN NAMBOODIRI**Location (address and description of land)** MALAPPURAM (Dist), KERALA, Pin:679592 Kodeeri farm consists of 3 acres of garden land elevated well drained sloping land with lateritic soil 2 acres of water logged land, very fertile clayey soil subjected to rice cultivation during summer after the water is drained off **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** The estate consists of 3½ acres of farmland and 2 acres of rice field surrounding it. The land surrounding the house is organically farmed and is lush with coconut, mango, papaya, banana, betel nut, and medicinal/aromatic plantations. Milk from the farm cows is processed into curd and ghee.

The biogas generated from cow dung and agricultural wastes is used for cooking whereas the slurry from the gas plant is used as manure within the farm. The farm is self sufficient to a large extent in food and energy. We have planted/protected more than about 150 species of medicinal herbs/trees in addition to endemic trees that provide green manure, timber, firewood and fruits. We have also protected a Sacred (Natural) grove which is a breeding ground for all the endemic flora & fauna. Thanks to the thick and diverse natural vegetation, both the number and species of bird life of the estate has increased many fold. We have identified more than 40 species of endemic species of birds and more than 15 varieties of butterflies. The water logged rice field at the edge of the farmland attract migratory birds as well. The ancient Indian value-systems and life styles were consciously chosen by wise men who knew the inevitability of respecting the laws of nature and the futility of attempting to control them. Living in harmony with nature was the rule rather than exception. Rediscovering and respecting this truth has become imperative in almost all walks of present day life. Kodeeri Nature Home (KNH) is a humble beginning in that direction. By joining us, you can experience the bliss of living naturally. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 12 Years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : It is not certified **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : Depending up on the type of activity and season the volunteers might need to stay from one week to one month. In exceptional case and on mutual consent, longer stays can be considered **Accommodations (number and type)** We can accommodate a maximum of 6 persons at a time on sharing basis, with common bath/toilet, and simple non-A/C accommodation **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Currently we offer volunteering positions within the following projects. **Elephant care** involves assisting in elephant care activities such as bathing, feeding, collecting fodder, cleaning the camp, cooking food for elephant and maintaining the elephant's daily-care register. **Bio-diversity programme** involves planting, labelling and caring for trees and saplings along the project sites. **Education Programmes** involves teaching English or French and sharing the experiences of sustainable living and/or sustainable education programmes in your country/region. Participating in campaigns **Documentation & Campaigning** involves photography, cataloguing, blogging, web design, developing campaign and publicity materials, e-magazines and writing travelogues **Expectations of work for volunteers** **Farming** involves working in organic farms consisting of rice cultivation (sowing, transplanting, harvesting etc.), vegetable, banana cultivation, spice collection, etc. **Cow rearing** involves milking of cows (manual), cleaning the cattle shed, collecting grass, feeding cows etc. **Is transportation available?** 10 minutes walk to the nearest bus station, from where you can go to the railway station by bus. You can also travel by bus to any part of Kerala. **Languages spoken** English, Hindi and Malayalam **Can you host children or pets?** Children are welcome, but pets are not **Special diets** Vegetarian food cooked in south Indian style

IND 180 **Farm Name:** Desert Organic Farm Cum Ranch **Contact Name:** Ms. Nandini Depawat **Location:** Thar Desert, Rajasthan, India. Deshnoke (Bikaner) **A brief description of organic activities:** We grow sustainable Desert products like coarse cereals, desert fruits (like musk/water melons, plums etc.) cattle food (hey) and not the cash crops. we are very interested in the concept of permaculture, which is turning the desert and barren land into an arable land and create self-sufficiency. Therefore, we would like to invite volunteers from all around the world to work with our family In return, they can learn about desert culture and local village way of life and philosophy as well as History with a true local family. **Duration of Doing Organic Farming:** For a long time (20 yrs.) **Suggested Length of Stay for Volunteers:** One to two weeks in general. **Accommodation:** Huts at farm with proper basic amenities or at our house in Deshnoke. **Non-Farming Activities and Opportunities:** To promote equitable camel safari tourism; Camel is an integral part of desert life. With the availability of more than five hundred camels, the temple village Deshnoke has emerged as an ideal center for camel safari/Desert tours, but uneducated and poor camelmen are paid very little by hoteliers and safari houses and are exploited by them. So they are forced to sell their camels in Pushkar fair and shifting to cities in the search of other

jobs. This has posed a serious threat to camels in Desert of discontinuation. For this we are intended to form a co-operative society of camel men to develop equitable tourism in Deshnoke, in the interests of both-camel men and tourists that provides camel safari/desert tour at reasonable prices. Volunteers can learn the desert and camel culture from the camel men and be a tour guide during the safari. **Expectations of Work for Volunteers:** General work at farm and daily chores (domestic help), help with our children, educational help for children of farmers and camel men. **Transportation Availability:** Deshnoke is connected directly with Delhi, Mumbai, Jaipur, Amritsar and rest of the country by train/ bus services **Language Spoken:** English, Hindi **Can host children and pets:** Yes we already work with them. **Special Diet:** We provide desert-grown organic food and milk products. **Specifics of your Farm:** I am a house wife Ms. Nandini Depawat, We are the priest family of the world famous Karnimata temple of rats, Deshnoke, Bikaner in Thar Desert of Rajasthan, India. My Husband Mr. Babu Depawat is the author of 'GODDESS AND HER SACRED RATS' book on the temple, presently he is working on the others languages versions of the book. We follow the centuries old tradition of the temple to be the priest of the Temple by rotation. This six centuries old unique temple is dedicated to Goddess Karni, the incarnation of power (Goddess of sect of power). We are the descendents of the Goddess. We derive our surname 'Depawat' from the Goddess's husband Depa. Interestingly the temple is full of rats, spiritual fervor and unparalled beauty of sculpture. The temple has a beautiful museum where big pictures depicting the wholesome philosophy of the temple is displayed. Nowadays the temple is a centre of attraction of tourists from all over the world It is also a research centre for students and scholars from different countries. More than eighty thousand foreign tourists visit the temple every year. It is an attraction mentioned by almost every travel website. We have Camel/Desert safari as our family business. According to Trip Advisor we thereon as 'Deshnoke Camel Safari Day Tours' are the leading Safari House of the region. We have a Ranch cum Agriculture Farm deep inside the desert. Deshnoke is surrounded by small villages where people breed camels for selling so the desert nearby Deshnoke is like a 'camel park' We are intended to form a co operative society of these camel men. Volunteers are invited to join our family for help in family chores, look after our two children, Translation of the book in other languages, camel/desert safari business and help in our home dairy (domestic cows) in ranch cum agriculture farm and helping camelmen like educational help etc. Volunteers will be provided a private room in our home so that you have the unique opportunity to come to know a true local family or option to stay in farm. Three meals a day (desert grown organic food and milk products) volunteers are more than welcome to cook their own cusine in our kitchen. Access to a washing machine and laptop with internet. In their free time, volunteers have the opportunity to learn Indian cooking in my kitchen, learn about our local culture and customs, learn to do Henna, learn Hindi and learn cow milking with me if they wish. Moreover, there are several sites and activities worth visiting locally which we would love to take you to .Nearby is the historical city of Bikaner which is known as the city of one thousand havelis(heritage architecture). Bikaner is the best market of sweets in India, it is really a heaven for sweet lovers. The National Camel Research Centre where you can even try camel ice cream!-The Ayurvedic health care centre in Dehnoke. The opportunity to go on a camel safari for free. Many local festivities and celebrations . We have a Royal Enfield bullet motorcycle that can be used by our volunteers. Opportunity for French/Spenish students to learn and practice conversational English. At our ranch we have many horses so our project is heaven for horse lovers too.

IND 181 **Farm name** Vedic Ashram **Contact name** Ashutosh **Location (address and description of land)** Kausani Estate, Dist. Bageshwar, Uttarakhand , Kausani can be reached by bus from anywhere. Train is going up to Kathgodam. From there either by Bus or shared Taxi to Kausani via Almora. If you come by shared taxi never pay him the full amount before he dropped you at destination! The take your money until Kausani and leave you at Almora saying you go further with a "friend's car" - only you will have to pay him again! This happened to so many guests of ours, even to Indians. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We try to be self-sufficient as much as possible mainly with vegetables for our ashram that has 40 Vedic students, 12 Acharyas + staff. Our

cows produce enough milk for everyone. We have 5 acres of land owned plus a lot of land leased in addition for cultivation and grass for the cows. We have several poly-houses. We cultivate all sorts of vegetables, corn, madya (black millet), fruit trees (Apples, Apricots, Peaches, Guavas, Banana, Pears) **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since Nov 2006 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** As we produce for our own consumption its not of any interest or need to us **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Any time a few days to a few years. **Accommodations (number and type)** We have guest rooms with attached bathrooms and floor heating for the cold period. At the moment we have 3 double and one single room. It will change as we are constructing more. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** There is usually enough work in the garden, but if needed and the wwoofers doesn't mind there may be some time an urgency or need for other kind of help. In repairing something according to skill of the wwoofers guest. **Expectations of work for volunteers** As we are primarily a Vedic Ashram (Vidyapeeth) where teaching of Veda and Vedic culture is going on the whole day we expect the wwoofers to have an appreciation and respect for it in general and a general interest for meditation and yoga. preparing fields by tilling it one foot deep and mix in cow dung and compost. Cleaning existing fields from weed. Depending on the time of the year cutting and collecting grass for cattle. Collecting leaves for composting **Is transportation available?** We have cars, so if needed they can call us. But about 500 meters one has to walk. **Languages spoken** Ashutosh Urs is a born Swiss, speaking German, French, English and Hindi. General language spoken by everyone in the ashram is Hindi, Kumaoni, Garhwali, Oriya, Bihari, Assami, Nepali **Can you host children or pets?** Yes but the wwoofers is responsible for them. **Special diets** Food served is strictly vegetarian and any smoking or alcohol is not permitted inside the property **And any other specifics for your farm** Welcome! Kausani is famous for tis beautiful view of the Himalaya range. Mahatma Gandhi named it the Switzerland of India. There is a museum in the Anashakti Ashram of Gandhiji. A nearby place of touristic interest is the archeological Vaidyanath Temple, famous for its big fishes. A day travel away is the Jyotirling Temple Jageshwar. There are nice walks in the vicinity like to the remote Rudradhari temple, a cave temple in a idyllic valley near Katly village. Many more walks up in the nearby mountains.

IND 182 IND 182 **Farm name** Dragonfly Organic Farms **Contact name** Rajnish Radhakrishnan **Location (address and description of land)** Salem District, Tamilnadu, INDIA Located at an altitude of 825 meters in the East Ghat Hill Ranges of India, located 70 Km from the City of Salem, Tamilnadu, 270 Km from Bangalore Karnataka, and 320 Km from Chennai, Tamilnadu. Public transportation is available from each of these cities and the access roads are very good **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Dragonfly is an IMO certified organic integrated farm. We grow a variety of fruits like Papaya, Banana, Custard Apple, and Figs. We have planted over eight thousand trees of various kinds. We have a fairly large population of free range birds : chicken, turkey, ducks, and guinea hens. We also have cows on the farm that help us make our own compost and nutrient preparations. We have a fish pond the waste water from which is used to supply additional nutrients to our crops. Our entire farm is drip irrigated to conserve water. We are trying to move towards a no tilling model. Some of our cooking needs are met by biogas that we generate on the farm. The farm supports six families all of whom live on the farm. We provide for housing and also education for the children in these families. In addition, we also employ people from the local villages. We hope to make our farm an economically sustainable venture. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 6 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Yes, by IMO. website - www.imo.ch **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** At least 2 weeks **Accommodations (number and type)** Available, more can be arranged either on the farm or close by. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** We would like to build capabilities for value addition on the farm. For e.g., build a solar dehydrator for our fruits. Build more accommodation for woofers out of natural materials like bamboo that is available on the farm. **Expectations of work for volunteers** 8 hours a day 4 days a week. The other days, they are free to travel. **Is**

transportation available? Local transportation **Languages spoken** English **Can you host children or pets?** Pets - yes. Children - No **Special diets** Cooking facility available **And any other specifics for your farm** There are few waterfalls and trekking opportunities. The hill altitude ranges from 2500 ft to 4000 ft Further distances are as follows: Salem - Yercaud Hill Station - 45 Km- Mettur Dam - 100 Km - Hoggenekkal Falls - 110 Km- Bangalore 200 Km Trichirapalli (Has Rock fort and Srirangam temples) - 134 Km- Madurai 192 km - Pondicherry 200 km

IND 183 **Farm name:** The Green Gardens farm is an Ahimsa Farm managed by The TGG Foundation, a rural development charity with a global vision. **Location (address and description of land):** The Green Gardens, Wayanad, Kerala, India- 673592 **Office Address for communication:** Wayanad Country Homes, Onneyar, Vaduvanchal-P.O, Wayanad, Kerala. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We are converting The Green Gardens into an eco-farm project to offer sustainable living experience. The farm is spread around on 4.7 acres of natural landscape with tea, coffee, pepper, archanut, cardamom, Turmeric, Ginger, Seasonal vegetables, etc. **Livestock's:** Cows, Goats, Chickens, Ducks, Goose, Guinea Fowl, Turkey etc **Activities:** Volunteers can help in various activities and can learn many sustainable practices in the farm. *Tea production unit:* help in tea leaf plucking, processing of green tea and white tea. *Permaculture:* preparing growing medium, soil preparation and manual weeding *Bio-fertilizers unit:* Vermicomposting, Indigenous micro organisms (IMO) and Organic growth promoters (Jeevamiruthum and Panchakavyam). We are in the process of creating a Vegetable, Herbal and Flower garden based on permaculture principles. Harvesting the coffee cherries, black pepper, cardamom, ginger and turmeric will happen during December to February months and taking care of livestock's. Cooking classes are conducted during your stay by the farm attended and you are introduced to various herbal medicines planted at the farm, aroma therapy classes are conducted for people opting for this program. **Focus:** To make 100% chemical free farm, use renewable energy (biogas, wind and solar energy) for self sufficiency. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming:** Organic practices since 2013. **Whether the farm is certified:** Yes (if yes) **name of certification agency:** INDOCERT. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** **URGENT VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED:** July 2019 to October 2019 we require two volunteers at the **RIM Centre** to help us plan and conduct **National Conclave on Sustainable CSR Projects in Rural India** which will be held in Mysore from 11th to 13th of October 2019, volunteers with good communication (written and spoken) and presentation skill in English, Social media promotion skills, Graphic and web designing skills on wordpress, willing to volunteer for 4 months by sharing responsibilities are invited, accommodation and food materials are exchanged, cooking is managed by all. **SUSTAINABLE LIVING PRACTICE** at The Green Gardens Farm: <https://www.airbnb.co.in/rooms/23804288?s=51>

IND 184 **Farm name:** Samata Holistic Retreat Center **Contact name:** Vajra Ben Ashara ,Founder & Director **Location (address)** Samata Holistic Retreat Center 8 Pernem Rd. Next to Kalavati Mandir, Arambol, District Pernem- Goa 403524 **Description of Land:** The land is gently sloping into a valley of rice fields surrounded by coconut and cashew trees among varieties of other botanical treasures. Chemically farmed for almost three decades and left to lay fallow for 2 years, the Samata garden team had begun with a vision to rehabilitate the soil with the intention of nurturing the land, while growing a large portion of the Samata's fresh produce. Our team includes the Goan family who have leased us their land and ourselves - city-bred Indians and traveling foreigners who have been disenchanting with the grind of capitalist society and are looking for ways to be self-sustainable in a rapidly changing world. The Samata Garden is a research and action based experiment, to witness how long it will take to rehabilitate depleted soil and to be able to compare the results of organic farming to chemical methods. Only through our success will we be able to show why organic is superior in every way - an inspiration that we hope the local neighbors will adopt and follow. With a mix of traditional Vedic farming practices, biodynamic principles, permaculture ideals, appropriate modern technology, and a healthy dose of research, experimentation and observation, we hope to cultivate in ourselves a continued respect for Mother Nature,

nourishing ourselves as we nurture the land and community. We had the vision and began this project starting from bare land. So far, we now have the success of growing over 150 fruit and edible plants and over 150 medicinal species. It has become a diverse garden that is rich and green, and all together continuously expanding and thriving. We are always learning and growing. We strive to support the future of having this heritage of medicinal and edible plants available to sustain and provide for generations to come. Goa is connected by train to all the major cities in India. Direct trains from Mumbai, Pune, Bangalore and New Delhi to name a few. For information on how to get to Goa by train from where you are, use the website of the Indian Railways (IRCTC). Once in Goa, a network of local buses can be taken to reach us at Arambol in North Goa. Pre-paid Taxi's and bike taxi's are another travel option

A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.): Samata Holistic Retreat Center was built as a funding center for our NGO, Dunagiri Foundation, an agricultural based charitable trust founded in 2009. We are a non-profit based entity, comprised of a collective of individuals working for a common goal. As foreigners who have spent a long time in India, we recognize the multitude of blessings and wisdom that India has to offer, and we are committed to giving back to this land (India) which we all have a deep connection and reverence for. The main feature of our center is the abundance of the tropical surroundings and organic food production gardens. One of the objectives of the organic garden is to provide our retreat kitchen with a wide variety of vegetables, herbs and medicinal plants, so that our guests have a wholesome experience, complete with organically grown food. The second objective of the garden is to experiment with and bring back into practice, Vedic methods of rejuvenating and tending to the land as well as using aspects of permaculture ideals and Bio-dynamic farming practices. Doing this by engaging with the local community and creating a model village, is our third objective.

How long you have been doing Organic Farming? Our Samata Organic Garden project started in 2012. **Whether the farm is certified** (if yes) name of certification agency: The farm is not yet certified. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** Minimum 10 days, but if skill sets are there, may be able to stay longer. **Accommodations (number and type):** We can accommodate up to two volunteers at a time. Two volunteers on a twin sharing basis. Accommodations consist of a twin share room with comfortable bed, bedding, pillow, towel, mosquito net, shared bathroom, hot water shower, and electricity. Internet access (Wifi) is also available. **Non farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** As growers in the tropics do, we tend to the soil in the monsoon, which is also the 'off-season' in Goa (April to October). During the monsoon we do a wide variety of projects including: green fencing, green manuring, garden-bed preparation, monsoon planting/harvesting, weeding and garden maintenance, edible landscaping for the expansion of the center's properties, food preservation, various green building projects, various jobs for day to day living: cleaning, cooking, etc. **Expectations of work for volunteers:** Here at Samata, we take our volunteers respectfully and aim to support them while they are here. Wwoofers are expected to contribute daily for up to 6 hours in the above tasks. Sundays are free days. All skill levels are welcome, enthusiasm and willingness are appreciated, as well as a good work ethic. **Is transportation available?** Transportation can be available to and from the site if scheduled ahead of time. We suggest that volunteers rent motorbikes or scooters for personal use as we are 2-3 km from shopping and beach activities. **Languages spoken** English, Konkani, Marathi and Hindi are spoken. If volunteers can speak Hindi it is a plus. **Can you host children or pets?** Sorry, no children or pets. **Special diets:** Strictly vegetarian. Meat is NOT allowed on the land in any way shape or form. **And any other specifics for your farm:** The picturesque beaches of North Goa (Ashwim, Mandrim, Morjim and Karim in North Goa) lie in the same stretch as Arambol which is approximately 3 km away from the center. Turtles are known to nest on Morjim in the season. A ferry ride across the river further North, takes you into Maharashtra to an old fort on the cliffs, now converted into a hotel.

IND 185 **Farm name** - Valley view farm **Contact name** – Bobby **Location (address and description of land)**-Valley view near Nanital, Uttarakhand. The nearest rail way station is Kathgodam **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)-**

Plantation ,growing vegetables ,garden work and crops **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** -I am a starter **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency**- No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** – One week to 3 month **Accommodations (number and type)**- 20 rooms , we have rooms with attached bathroom but u have to sleep on floor we will provide mattresses **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** – Work at restaurant which is just over the farm ,I also need a person good in software work like web designing etc **Expectations of work for volunteers**-for 4 to 5 hours per day **Is transportation available?**- Yes we can provide but u have to pay for oil **Languages spoken** –Hindi and English **Can you host children or pets?** –Yes we can host children and pets **Special diets** –We are running restaurant mostly all type of food is available **And any other specifics for your farm**- The farm is situated in the lap of nature in mountains with beautiful sight we can arrange morning yoga classes and meditation

IND 186 **Farm name** Vinayak Farm **Contact name** Kapil Mandawewala **Location (address and description of land)** Jamnagar Gujarat **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** The majority of the farm has black cotton soil and the entire 20 acres is drip irrigated. We grow various kinds of fruits & vegetables including Papaya, Watermelon, Sweet Lime (Mosambi), Mango and practically all types of seasonal vegetables. In addition we also grow some pulses, local corn and fodder for the animals on the farm (a pair of oxen, one cow and two small calves). Two sections of our land of about 2 acres each at each end of the farm have been left to a completely natural state i.e. no tilling, no outside inputs and minimal irrigation in addition to the other organic practices. We also have a half acre shade-net house, however, the net has been damaged due to high winds in the area. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Vinayak Farm is a 20 acre organic farm 15 kms from Jamnagar, Gujarat. We have been doing organic farming for over 5 years. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** The farm is not certified as majority of our produce is sold locally via a farm shop and a CSA type arrangement in Jamnagar city. Our customers know and trust us and are free to visit our farm anytime. **Suggested length of stay** We would like to host volunteers who in addition to the farm day to day work can also help us with some of the above goals/projects and who would like to spend a minimum of 15 days to 3 months. **Accommodations (number and type)** We have an office cum room that can easily fit two people. In addition plenty of space is available for tenting if volunteers are more in number. We also have washroom and bathroom facilities **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Some of our planned goals/projects are: Improve the structure and design of the farm shop , Increase the farm product range by adding value/processing farm grown produce , Improve the two sections left to natural state by implementing permaculture/natural farming practices ,Create an area by fencing about half an acre for the farm animals to roam around ,Install a small Aquaponics system ,Introduce chickens on the farm ,Repair the shade-net house to grown some off-season vegetables ,Create a small one acre patch near the housing area as a home kitchen garden based on permaculture principles ,Build 2-3 eco-friendly housing structures to host guests and volunteers ,Organize activities on the farm to attract tourists and set it up as an eco-tourist destination ,Start an organic restaurant catering food made mostly from farm grown produce, Start a farmers market in the two nearby cities of Jamnagar and Rajkot for farmers to be able to directly market their produce to the customers' **Expectations of work for volunteers** We would like to host volunteers who in addition to the farm day to day work can also help us with some of the above goals/projects. We expect the volunteers to work 5-6 hours a day, 5-6 days a week. The hours of work can be arranged to meet the expectations of the volunteer and the needs of the farm **Is transportation available?** As the farm is located on the main highway plenty of transportation is available. **Languages spoken** One local labour family lives on the farm who mainly speak the local languages Hindi & Gujarati. The owner of the farm has studied Management of Information Systems and worked in Consulting in the United States for 9 years before returning to India to start organic farming on his family farm. He is fluent in English and can speak very little Spanish and Italian. **Can**

you host children or pets? Farm is children and pet friendly. **Special diets** The farm is owned by a vegetarian family, hence no eggs or meat are prepared/cooked or brought on the farm. The food provided will be local and vegetarian. **And any other specifics for your farm** Jamnagar the Jewel of Kathiawar, is on the coast of Gulf of Kutch in the state of Gujarat, India. It has unspoilt Islands & beaches, hills, temples, palaces, forest, fantastic bird life in the bird sanctuary & marine sanctuaries and fascinating corals and marine life in the Marine National Park. One can visit the: City Lake full of 75 varieties of Birds, Islands full of sea shells, corals, birds, octopus, Unspoilt Beaches, both white and golden sands, Hills with temples on top, Forest with leopards, jackals, wolves, jungle cat, blue bulls, hyena, snakes, Temples ranging from the ancient to the new also includes a Guinness World Record holder, Bird Sanctuaries with 250 varieties of birds, Marine Sanctuaries with dolphins, octopus, turtles, dugong, fish, Marine National Park... The closest beach is Balachari, 26 km from the city. There also are other beaches further away, and this area has much unspoiled coastline which is worth exploring, with permission from Conservator of Forests Office, Tel: 0288 2679357, Nagnath Gate, Van Sankul, Ganjiwada, Jamnagar, and with an awareness that after a visit to unspoiled areas we should be able to say that we may visit the area again, still unspoiled. **How to Get There:** Jamnagar is 92 km from Rajkot **By road:** State transport buses and private luxury coaches connect Jamnagar with various centres of Gujarat. If you're coming from Rajkot on bus, the bus passes right through town before reaching the bus station, so you can ask to be let off at Bedi Gate **By rail:** There are daily trains on the Western Railway with direct connections to Ahmedabad. **By air:** There is an airport 10 km from town, so it's a relatively inexpensive rickshaw or taxi ride. Various domestic airlines connect Jamnagar to Mumbai.

IND 187 **Farm name-** Bir Organic Model Farm **Contact name-** Spero Latchis **Location (address and description of land)** Bir, HP.. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Crops to include wheat, barley, millet, amaranth, linseed, and all types of vegetables. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming-** This is a start up project. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency.** Not yet **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** We really need someone for a long term commitment. One year is really minimum. They can come and go and see the sights, but need to stay for entire year's growing season. Shorter term volunteers won't really help us during this first year. For now we are really looking for one experienced person, Someone could come for 3 months, travel for a few weeks, stay for another 2-3 months, travel home etc. But we really need them to be mostly here for the whole year. **Accommodations (number and type)** Excellent western style housing with one roommate. They will share a house with one foreign homeopathic doctor volunteer. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** none **Expectations of work for volunteers-** To manage the start up of this farm, must be an experienced farmer capable of managing a 2 acre farm. Labourers and foreman will be provided. **Is transportation available?** No **Languages spoken-** Hindi and English **Can you host children or pets?** No **Special diets-** Organic food and produce **And any other specifics for your farm-** This is Govt of India project in accordance with the organic department of Palampur University. The scientists at the University will be overseeing the technical aspects of the farm. Day to day overseeing and management is what we are looking for. We are near many Tibetan monasteries as well as Dharamshala where the Dali Lama lives. There are also many great mountain treks right outside our door. They can see all this from our website.

IND 188 **Farm name:** swaYYam. **Contact name:** Malvikaa Solanki Ms **Location (address and description of land):** swaYYam, Gundlupet Taluk, Karnataka 571111, India. 11 39' Open Shell Farm run by swaYYam is a fully functional and a demonstration Permaculture farm, just a few meters away from the village. It's the farm with the windmill. Once you email us we will give you detailed instructions. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.):** We started work in July 2014 with an eroded, washed off, overgrazed and deforested land at the foothills of the Western Ghats and the Nilagiris (the blue mountains). After 5 years of regenerative practises it is now a fully functional Permaculture

farm producing about 60% of its food for its residents, with over 4000 saplings of fruit, timber, medicine and forest species of over 400 species. The key objective is to regenerate the adjacent lake and heal the soil to its original glory – a dry and moist deciduous forest - using principles of nature, wherein we work with nature rather than against it as Masanobu Fukuoka advocated. We practise polyculture system of low till, rain-fed farming with intercropping and crop rotations. Other features include Living fence, ecological buildings, water harvesting, solar and wind energy, intensive kitchen gardens, a plant nursery, on-going trainings in permaculture, water management, natural buildings, agroforestry and yoga. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** No, and would also not require the same in the future. The forest follows natural farming principles for its own health and sustainability; it is not an effort to maximize profits by way of pricing the goods through branding or certifications. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** A minimum commitment of 8 days is essential to enable a worthwhile engagement. **Accommodations (number and type):** We have a beautiful dormitory build with natural materials with its own pantry, a private room for interns and long term volunteers with a kitchen and bathroom next to it, coconut thatch cottage with some magnificent views. We can host about 6-8 volunteers depending on what's happening on the farm at the time. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** The project offers a wide range of work possibilities – vegetable gardens, nursery, seed saving, composting,vermicomposting , natural soap making, cooking community meals, natural buildings, making pickles, spice powders, jams, kombucha, documentation, tree planting, mulching, watering, maintaining the community space, educational workshops, building up a live fence, woodworking etc. **Expectations of work for volunteers:** We start work early, of course depending on the weather and work for about 6 hours, Monday to Saturday (although, there are no holidays for farmers and the love of the work makes it fun). We are always flexible in considering your individual needs and preferences. We appreciate creativity and initiative and welcome any ideas you may have to improve our project and our community. We consider wwoofing, an opportunity to share, learn and exchange. We are as much open to learning from you as you are. **Is transportation available?** Bus services to the village are quite convenient. **Languages spoken:** English, Hindi, Kannada. **Can you host children or pets?** Given that we are not very far from a Wildlife Reserve Forest (tigers, elephants, leopards and wild boars) we would NOT be able to host pets. Children however are very welcome **Food:** swaYYam is a registered not for profit organisation that is completely self funded at the moment. All savings go into our local farming community project called the 1000treeproject. We suggest a contribution of 200 Indian Rupees per day (about 3 USD) per person towards food expenses. Such contribution is not needed from those who have stayed 2 months showing dedication, taken on a role of responsibility and committed to a minimum of 4 months. **And any other specifics for your farm :** Volunteers should not smoke cigarettes, use drugs, or drink alcohol during their entire stay. Only come when this is a realistic lifestyle for you. We follow and practice an eco-friendly lifestyle, please, bring your biodegradable toiletries or you can buy from us. It's preferred that the women use washable sanitary cotton pads or a moon/she cup. Keeping the ethos of the land, plastics or any non-biodegradable materials, you will need to take them back with you and cannot be littered, burned or disposed off on the land. **Internet:** You will have limited access to the internet for a couple hours in the day. We are off the grid and therefore a wise use of electric/ electronic gadgets will be very much appreciated. **Other attractions:** The farm and the surrounding forest is a great place for birding. If you stay with us for long, you have several places of interest just around the farm and within 2-3 hours of drive - Mysore, Coorg, Wayanad, Calicut (Kerala), Ooty. The farm is at the borders of 2 other states – Tamilnadu and Kerala. Believers need to keep their faith to themselves or in utmost privacy. Carry insect repellents, towels, toiletries, work clothes, close toed shoes and torch. We look forward to a pleasant and a meaningful association.

IND 189 **Farm Name:** Eden Natural Farms **Contact Name:** Anil Varma **Location(address and description of land):** P.O, Kattapana, Idukki Dist,Kerala- 685511 **A brief description of organic activities (crops,projects,goals,etc.):** We are practicing Zero Budget Natural

Farming (ZBNF) in our place. It is a totally natural way of farming pioneered by Mr. Subhash Palekar who is an agricultural scientist and an eminent personality in India. In this method by using dung and urine of a local breed cow anything can be cultivated without using any chemical fertilizer, insecticide or pesticide. This method is really successful in all type of agriculture; plantain, food grains, pulses, vegetables, fruits, coconuts to name a few. At our farm we are focusing mainly on plantain, vegetables and fruits. As we are located adjacent to one of the main roads in Idukki we are planning to set up our own out let and sell all our produces directly to the public at reasonable rates. As we have enough space to accommodate around 25 people we are conducting workshops and symposiums on ZBNF to all who are interested. We are also planning to start a farm stay for the people who like to stay and learn ZBNF We aim to spread this method all over Idukki district and start a cooperative to collect the produce of all farmers and make this healthy food available to the lay man too. As of now the so called 'organic' stuff is affordable only to the upper section of the society. **How long you have been doing organic farming:** We are at it for the last seven years. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** Depends on the volunteer and till the Visa is valid **Accommodations (number and type):** Two rooms with attached bath , for 6 people and dormitories big enough to accommodate 19 people with shared bath, spacious kitchen with all amenities **Non-Farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/restoration project ,alternative energy, etc.):** Idukki district is one of Kerala's most frequented tourist districts, with Thekkadi wild life sanctuary , Ramakkal Medu wind farms, tribal settlements, Munnar, the highest area in Kerala, the opportunities are virtually endless. If we don't have work at a given day, it can be arranged with one of our neighbouring farms. They can take part in construction or do some charity work at orphanages etc.**Expectations of work for volunteers:** It depends on the time of their arrival. They can help in harvesting vegetables, fruits etc, planting, irrigation and help in conducting workshops, help with the kitchen, they will never starve for work.**Is transportation available:** We are adjacent to the Kattapana- Upputhara Road, which is an important road locally. It is well connected with public transport. Kattappana is the major town and there are frequent buses from all major towns of Kerala. If the volunteers need a car or a larger conveyance from the airport or rail station that could be arranged, but at their own cost. If needed, local transportation can also be arranged for sightseeing, if any, that too at their cost.**Languages spoken:** English, Malayalam, Tamil, Hindi. **Can you host children or pets:** Yes, if they are not too many. **Special diets:** We cater pure Kerala Veg. food. But if somebody needs something for a change we will be only happy to help. As we are also in the field of hospitality we know up to certain limit the European, or American tastes .But our advice is to stick with the veg. diet as Non. Veg stuff is not that good around this part of the world. **And any other specifics for your farm:** We, the people behind this project are just ordinary people. Among us there are Christians, Muslims, Hindus and even atheists. The volunteers can follow their own belief system, if any without any problem while they are here. We will do our level best to make their stay comfortable and fruitful. As the simple ordinary people we are, if any mistakes are found in our part, we beg them to point those problems out and give us the chance to rectify.

IND190 **Farm name** Prerana Naturals **Contact name** Laxmi Lokur **Location Address:** Dist-Belgaum , Karnataka.The nearest train station and airport is at Hubli. **Farm land** Spread across an area of 4.5 acres. **Description of organic activities** Homa farming, Organic Manures ,Organic Pesticides,Bio-Dynamic Farming, Seed Production, Vegetable Gardening,Vegetable harvesting, Grading and Packing. Animal Husbandry. **Into Organic Farming.** Since 2002. **Certified by** Aditi.**Suggested Length of stay** It Can vary , depending on the goodwill earned. Those Volunteers having Volunteers expertise in farming , agriculture and related activities are welcomed to prolong their stay. No fixed time line. **Accommodations** To start with, would be happy to entertain 10 Volunteers. Wooden huts will be made available. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** We are also looking for volunteers who can help us in our local livelihood initiative and have knoweldge of Eco-friendly constructions. Recreational activities , Pot Making, Carpentry, Natural Dyes, IT

enabling. Alternative energy :Solar, Bio-Gas, Bio-Fuel Expected work for volunteers Active participation in every farming activity. **Is transportation available** Yes. **Languages spoken** Kannada, English, Hindi, Marathi. **Can you host children or pets** : No **Special diets** Volunteers would be served with traditional cuisine. **And any other specifics for your farms** Interesting places of tourist interest nearby (By Road) Our Farm to Dudhsagar Water Falls is 138 kms Our Farm to Gokarna is 170 Kms. Our Farm to Goa 150 Kms. Our Farm to Dandeli 70 Km e) Our Farm to Amboli 80 Kms.

IND 191 **Farm name** SHAAR **Contact name** HITESH THAKUR **Location (address and description of land)** haar, a tiny village of 3 houses near Hirni himachal pradesh take bus to Kullu, call Hitesh to arrange for pick up in Kullu or Hirni or Naggar. after phone conversation with Hitesh, the bus stop will be decided upon. 14-bigas of doedar forest with fruit orchards, vegetable gardens nestled with in a deodar and bon tree forest **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** need to care for crops, fruit trees, apple, pear, pomegranate, cherry, plum) vegetable gardens, and construction of enhancing buildings like a tree house, out house and perhaps new bathroom **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 30 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes)** name of certification agency no **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Up to the volunteers choice **Accommodations (number and type)**one room at this point that could accommodate up to 4., and another room for 1-2. Would like to try perhaps 1-2 to start however room with shower and toilet facility our home is local wood, stone and mud house of traditional ancient Himachal culture. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration)** Construction of different things like toilets, tree houses, out houses, cabins, taking care of cows project, alternative energy, etc.) **Expectations of work for volunteers** 5 hours a day in any area that the individual has experience in **Is transportation available?** public buses **Languages spoken** Hindi and English **Can you host children or pets?** Depends on age of child, **Special diets** Vegetarian Indian **And any other specifics for your farm** remote and private, must walk to farm thru deodar forests and apple orchards for 20 minutes up form Hirni or down for naishallah jana road No more member please do not contact .

IND 192 **Farm name** Parvathi farms **Contact name** Raghu Ram / Subramanian **Location (address and description of land)** T.Narsipura (25 kms from Mysore) Karnataka. We can send a car there to have people picked up. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We wish to grow almost all the vegetables and fruits in this farm based on Subash Palekar's ZBNF (Zero budget natural farming) technique. We also wish to prove that one can live a sustainable lifestyle in farm without having to buy too many things from the market. We wish to build a 3 bedroom earth bag home for our guests to who visit us. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** We have just initiated the process. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes)** name of certification agency No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** As long as they please. **Accommodations (number and type)** We are still building a guest house, though volunteers can no stay in tents. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Building a earth bag home, setting up natural power generators (wind / solar and others) **Expectations of work for volunteers** Any one who can help us with natural farming or setting up our infrastructure **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, Tamil, Kannada & Telugu. **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets**We can certainly assure good south Indian food (especially the local ragi recipes). We can also make arrangements for them to cook their own food, if they wish to. **And any other specifics for your farm**Our farm is surrounded by tourist spots, to name a few they are Mysore,Somanthpur, Talkad, Sangamam, Srirangapatna and so on. To top it all river cauvery is just a few kms away from our farm, so if the volunteers wish they can have swim there every day.

IND 193 **Farm name-** Harela Innovations. **Contact name-** Bharat Bangari **Location (address and description of land)-** Post- Roun, District- Almora,Uttarakhand land is sandy cum rocky, 26km from Almora city- on the way to Shitalakhet Alternative is one hour

pleasant walk from Almora to Roun. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)**- Natural farming of herbs, spices, vegetables, legumes and a lot of fruits trees. Conservation of local/native species of trees. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming**- 6 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency**- No. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers**- anything longer than one week. 10-15 days. **Accommodations (number and type)**- 2 for 6 people. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)**- treks to nearby places, hiking, yoga, meditation, wildlife watching, landscaping. **Expectations of work for volunteers**- Light Field work, cooking, gardening, and vegetable cultivation and engage in daily activities. Pay for the basic food and stay Rs. 250/day. We are very small farm and need to run the farm through this amount. **Is transportation available?**- on demand and sharing basis; chargeable as per the cab. **Languages spoken**- Hindi, English, Kumaoni, Marwari. **Can you host children or pets?**- Pets okay, babies accompanied by parents but the farm work should not suffer **Special diets**- Traditional Kumaoni dishes **And any other specifics for your farm- one more organic farm**, We have at Salt, 56 Km from Ramnagar (Corbett City)- two fish ponds, one poly-house, river-side, off-grid, house in the middle of village, 4 km from the nearest road-head, spices and vegetable cultivation. Nearby is Syahidevi top (2400 msl)- panoramic Himalayan view, Binsar wild-life sanctuary (from Almora it takes an hour to reach there), Pandavkhohli-Bharatkot treks near Dwarahat-Kausani (3 hours (plus additional trek) from our place), Sun-temple, cave-paintings, kasar-meditation/yoga centers -all near Almora

IND 194 **Farm name** :La Arcadia **Contact name** : Jose Luis Perez Datas **Location (address and description of land)** Ernakulam district. Kerala. One acre of land. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** At present we have mainly crops for our own consumption. Cheera, ladies fingers, brinjal, Malabar spinach, clove bean, tapioca, yams of different types. Curcuma, chillies, herbs like basil, spring onions. Fruits like banana, papaya, jackfruit, breadfruit, guava. Spices like pepper, nutmeg. Coffee. All the above in small quantities. We also have 12 hens and 4 ducks. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming**. 4 years. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers**. One week **Accommodations (number and type)** 1 room for 1 volunteer **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)**. We have a small language school and volunteers could help. **Expectations of work for volunteers**. The usual farm work like Weeding, cutting branches, peeling coconuts and other garden related tasks. **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken**. Spanish, English, French. **Can you host children or pets?** No **Special diets**. Mostly vegetarian. **And any other specifics for you**. Places of tourist interest nearby. Cherai Beach, Chendamangalam.

IND 195 **Farm name**: Akkara House **Contact name**: Kurien C.K **Location** (Akkara House, Kottayam, Kerala 686017. **A brief description of organic activities** We largely grow some spices like nutmeg, pepper, chillies, clove, ginger, turmeric and local vegetables & fruits using only organic manure and local practices. We are interested to increase our production output through organic and sustainable practices and also try new range of vegetables and fruits. We are situated on a peninsula of about 3.5 to 4 acres with the Meenachill river on three sides, We also run a very successful home stay business from the same property and all organic produce are used to serve the visiting guests and also sold in the local market **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : Over 100 years (The property celebrates 200 years this August) **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency**: NA **Suggested length of stay for volunteers**: 1 week to 10 days even more depending on the work available and mutual agreement **Accommodations (number and type)**: Single rooms with common bath facility. If couples come we can offer couple rooms with attached bathroom. We can accommodate upto 2 volunteers at a time and they are open to sharing we could accommodate upto 4 **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Volunteers are expected to help in maintenance of the property and farm **Expectations of work for**

volunteers: Mostly farm work, Watering the estate, growing new vegetables, harvesting, improving produce and variety etc.**Is transportation available?** We can organize pick up from Kottayam station or boat jetty**Languages spoken :** English**Can you host children or pets?** NO**Special diets:** Local veg & non veg food serve **And any other specifics for your farm:** The farm is outside the city limits, Wwoofers are expected not to stay out latter than 8.00 pm. They are welcome to join in the local activities and enjoy things like fishing, swimming, canoe ride and helping in the kitchen etc. There are many places of tourist interest nearby ie Kumarakon bird sanctuary, the backwaters, many historic temples and churches (over 400 years) are around Kottayam and the property. There are also locations like Cochin, Thekkaddy, Munnar ,Varkala beach etc you could head too from Akkara for an overnight trip.We can help organizing it.

IND 196 **Farm name :** Jaivik Farms **Contact name:** N Mithun **Location (address and description of land):** Jaivik Farms(about 6.5acres) is geographically located between Bangalore city and Nelamangala town. It is about 35kms from Bangalore and 6.5kms from Nelamangala. Nelamangala is about 25kms from Bangalore.The farm can also be reached from Nelamangala as plenty of buses ply between Bangalore and Nelamangala. We can also arrange to pick up from Nelamangala town from our own vehicle. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.):** We are IMO certified Organic farmers growing various horticultural produce like Mangoes, guava, Paneer, Cheeku, Custard Apple, Litchi, Papaya, Banana, Coconut and other fruits. Our passion for farming led us to Organic Farming in the year 2006. Along with farm waste, we have about 6 Desi Cows, using whiche produce our own Organic manure. Also grown are a variety of pulses and millets. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming:** 8 Years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** Certified with Sahaja Samrudda **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** Minimum of 3-4 days, and maximum depending on work to be done in farm. **Accommodations (number and type):** A single bedroom house with a hall, kitchen, and room with a western toilet and bathroom available. Can easily accommodate 3-4 people on sharing basis. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.):** NA **Expectations of work for volunteers:** Unskilled help required for farming activities. Work can be planting of saplings, harvesting produces, Vermi composting etc. **Is transportation available?:** Public transport available from Bangalore and Nelamangala.**Languages spoken:** Kannada **Can you host children or pets?:** No **Special diets** - Only South Indian vegetarian food can be provided. Alcohol is strictly not allowed. **And any other specifics for your farm :** Shivagange (25km from Nelamangala), Devrayana Durga(47km from Nelamangala)

IND 197**Farm name** Balmaadi Estate **Contact name** Unnamalai Thiagarajan **Location (address and description of land)** Balmaadi Estate; The Nilgiris District; Tamilnadu; India.We are situated in the scenic Blue Mountains of South India called The Nilgiris. The closest town is Gudalur which is about 50 kms from Ooty - about 1.5 hours drive. Coming from Mysore it is about 2.5 hours drive. Once you reach Gudalur town you need to take a Jeep to Balmaadi estate which is 12kms from the town. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** . We have on going work at the estate through the year most of which is farm related. The main activities are -Slash weeding; Handling of the coffee bushes to remove unwanted twigs, Pruning the coffee bushes, Preparing compost, CPP, Liquid manure, Bio-dynamic preps, Applying the above fertilisers **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Organic since 2001 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Certified organic by IMO and Demeter **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Whatever time suits you - a week would be good. **Accommodations (number and type)** We have a house with 1 large room and attached bath and toilet. Dining room, hall, kitchen and a good porch. At a time we can take about 1 or 2 volunteers. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** We may have some construction work going on - road repairs, house repairs, Pulp house work, bridge building, revetment building etc. Work starts early and goes on till early evening. Volunteers can work along with others at any work they choose. **Expectations of work for volunteers** , Planting coffee. Nursery

work - Preparing seed beds, Regular maintenance, Cattle shed - Cleaning cow shed, Bathing cows, Grazing them, Gathering grass for night fodder, Preparing their food , estate maintenance - Roads, House and Other building repairs, Equipment repairs, Water bodies, Pipe lines **Is transportation available?** Nearest bus stop is Gudalur, Tamilnadu. Closest railway station is Ooty **Languages spoken** Tamil is spoken by everyone on the estate. Malayalam, Kannada, Hindi is spoken by a few. Several understand English and a few can talk and communicate in English **Can you host children or pets?** Children are welcome. We would find it difficult to manage pets of wwoofers. **Special diets** We can offer home cooked South Indian food. Kitchen is equipped with vessels and gas stove. Volunteers can prepare food of their preference also. **And any other specifics for your farm** You are welcome to come and stay with us and rejuvenate yourselves at Balmaadi. The air is pristine, water sparkling and soil full of life!! The tourist spots close by are The Mudumalai Tiger sanctuary, Bandipur Tiger sanctuary, Chandanamalai Murugan temple, Pykara Power house, Glenmorgan.

IND 198 **Farm name** Green Sense **Contact name** Jayanthilal **Location (address and description of land)** Tumkur city 70 km from Bangalore by bus and train and nearest airport is Bangalore Karnataka **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : Its 2 acres, growing vegetables **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : Starting now **Whether the farm is certified (if yes)** Name of certification agency :No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** They can stay as long they like **Accommodations (number and type)** : Two room **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** As I am nature lover we plant trees and educate school children about environment **Expectations of work for volunteers** : Saplings planting plants keeping clean farm etc **Is transportation available?** : Bus and Train **Languages spoken** Hindi English Kannada **Can you host children or pets?** No **Special diets mostly vegetarian:** If they wish they can have non veg outside **And any other specifics for your farm** : There are many nearby tourist places like Bangalore , Mysore D.D. Hills ,Nandi hills sravanabelagola belur halebidu etc

IND 199 **Farm name** BENA **Contact name** Sunil Kumar **Location (address and description of land)** Village and post office Distt. Jind-126102, State Haryana Pin code 126102, You can reach here by Bus or Train. There are two options Go to Chandigarh by bus. then from Chandigarh you can take bus direct to our city Jind. You can go to New Delhi by Bus or Train then take bus from ISBT bus stand direct to JIND. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** 5 Acre big farm having trees of Guava, Lemon, black berry . We also grow paddy etc. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Last 10 Years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** Minimum 3 days **Accommodations (number and type)** 2-3 volunteers in guest house **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Tree plantation, seminars on organic agriculture, environment, health and wellness programs also participate in cultural exchange programs. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Organic farming work and plantation **Is transportation available?** Yes Transportation is available here with us one car and one tractor We will guide them as much as possible. **Languages spoken** Hindi / English **Can you host children or pets?** NA **Special diets** Organic food or home recipes as per requirement will be served **Any other specific of the farm** Tourist places Rani talab at Jind & many other historical places of tourist interest nearby in our city.

IND 200 **Farm Name** Kargawan Farm **Contact** :Col Prem Pratap Singh **Location** : District Hamirpur in UP. It is in Bundelkhand region. **How to get there** From Delhi one can catch either of the two trains 12448 UP Sampark Kranti - Leaves Delhi - Hazrat Nizamuddin station at 20.15 and reaches Harpalpur at 03.50 hours. The other train is 12190 Mahakoshal express which leaves Delhi - Hazrat Nizamuddin station and reaches Harpalpur at 0130 hours From Harpalpur one can catch a bus to Rath. There's one leaving every half an hour starting at 0400 hours.. **A brief description of Organic Activities (crops, projects, goals,**

etc.) At the moment we are growing only crops like oil seeds pulses and sometimes also do tulsi for Oragnic India. Pratap Farm belongs to my father who is a retired army officer. We have ancestral land and have been growing cash crops for many years. Around 2002 we went organic and then got certification for three years (attaching one certificate). However we found the process really expensive and since we couldn't manage to sell the produce as organic it didn't work too well. Now we are wanting to try out permaculture design in a 2 acre plot where our home is. I have done my entry level course and would be designing it. We also want to try out wwoofing because I think that will bring good energies to the project. We are making an additional room in next to our house where the WWOOFERS can stay. But to start with they will stay with my parents in the house and we need to see how that arrangement works. **Major Crops** pulses, wheat (indigenous Seeds) , mustard, black gram, flax seed, peas, Tulsi and sesame **Projects and Goal:** to Convert our two acre home plot into a permaculture home stead. **How long you have been doing organic farming** Over ten years **Whether the farm is certified organic** Not at the moment. The farm was certified for three years running by Uttaranchal State organic certification agency . But we stopped because it cost too much and none of the produce was selling as organic because of lack of buyers. **Suggested Length of stay for volunteers** 7 days to a month. **Accommodation** A large bedroom with a double bed and one separate bed . An attached toilet (western) inside the house. Can accommodate two wwoofers conveniently. Three can share if they don't mind. sharing a room and bathroom. **On farming activities and opportunities** We would like to construct a small dwelling unit of mud and thatched roof. We could use help if the woofers are aware of different techniques. Local people will offer their know how. We also wish to start our own bio gas unit, a mud oven and restore an old pond. Major non farm work if you need help in web designing, Market , land scaping , building teaching etc None **Expectation of work for volunteers** Help us translate our permaculture plan into reality and we would like to get kick started this winter preferably. I live in Goa but travel to my village often. **Is transpotaion available** Yes it is a remote location . the railway station is 3 hours away. But we can send a car to pick and drop wwoofer. WWOOFFer can also get cycles to bike around the village.**Language Spoken** : English and Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** : No **Special diets** : we are mainly vegetarian . But occasionally eat non veg **And any other specifics for your farm** : he weather is hot in summer upto 40 degrees in summer good for tanning your skins to pleasant winters situated near the world famous temples series of Khajuraho and Orcha mystic temples dating back to 12 AD Chandela dyanasty .Wwofer can hire private vehicle or use public transport to see nearby areas. Should they wish to use our vehicle and driver they need to pay daily wages of the driver and fill fuel when we are not using the car

IND 201 **Farm name** Happy life Farm **Contact name** Basawal Dan **Phone/email** +91-7568795806 **email** basawal.mirage@gmail.com **Location(address and description of land)** South of Jaisalmer, Balna (Village), Rajasthan Balna can be reached via bus or jeep from Jaisalmer. It is a 45km journey from Jaisalmer. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** The farm is 2 acres, and water melon, lentils, mustard, sunflower, chickpeas and growing Cucumber, coriander, etc. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Traditional Farming since 10 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Not certified **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Between one week and three month **Accommodations (number and type)** Near Maharaja Palace, on Fort, Jaisalmer-345001 Three rooms in the Guest house in Jaisalmer can host up to 6 people. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Teaching children , Farm fencing, Mud house building. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Five Hours a day working on the Farm or other projects **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** Hindi, Rajastani, English **Can you host children or pets?** Children no pet yes **Special diets** Pure Vegetarian Food **And any other specifics for your farm** Desert National Park for wildlife safari, village culture.

IND 202 **Farm name** Anchorage Eco Resort **Contact name** Chris Groen **P Location (address and description of land)**;Sohna Palwal Road, Haryana. Property can be reached

from Palwal train station bus from Palwal to Jaindapur village;**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.):** Cotton, mango;Ecological building, growing perennial fruits and vegetables **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 20 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 1 month minimum **Accommodations (number and type)** Shared dormitories and camping space upto 20 persons could be accommodated **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.):** We are building houses using the superadobe method (earthbag), harvesting rainwater, natural cooling and heating techniquespermaculture **Expectations of work for volunteers** 30 hours/week We have an off grid power system;Besides building, we would like volunteers to grow permaculture (perennial) fruit and vegetable gardens;**Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken**English, Dutch and German **Can you host children or pets?** No **Special diets**;, vegan, vegetarian **And any other specifics for your farm** Places of tourist interest nearby

IND 203 **Farm name:** 13 Steps Organic Farm and Orchards **Contact name;** Roasia Virq **Location (address and description of land):** 13 Steps Organic Farm & Orchard, Dalhousie RoadPathankot, Punjab**How to get there:** If traveling from any of the metros in India there are 3 airports nearby: Amritsar, Jammu and Dharamsala. From each of these airports the farm is a 2 hour drive by cab. We can fix the cab driver and share details with the volunteer. Else there are trains to Pathankot and its 45 mins from the railway station. Buses also ply to Pathankot city and its the same 45 mins uphill from there to the farm. Can take a cab up. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.):**We are a 10 acre extremely picturesque farmland in the hills growing fruits and vegetables with the objective of supplying to organic outlets in the major Indian cities. Our goal is to grow the best quality 100% organic fruits and vegetables for a healthy lifestyle. We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers who will help us shape this healthy dream. **Major crops and fruits grown:** Citrus (Oranges, Sweet Limes and Limes) and seasonal vegetables. We are also growing some pulses (dals). **How long you have been doing Organic Farming;** Two years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** Yes, it is certified as 100% organic by -India Organic Certified (Indocert: ORG/SC/1407/001220)**Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** 4-8 weeks (can be mutually agreed upon) however as short stay is also welcome.**Accommodations (number and type);** One beautiful fully furnished guest room with attached bath in the owner's house. Hence very well kept. With AC/TV/Fridge. No internet. Can only place one volunteer at a time. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.);** We are looking at building some additional cottages, so can assist there too.**Expectations of work for volunteers:** 5-6 hours daily on the farm . One weekly holiday.**Is transportation available:** No**Languages spoken;** English**Can you host children or pets?** No. The farm has 16 dogs, 2 goats and 2 cows already! We expect the volunteers to be animal friendly. This is a must.**Special diets;** Meals will be basic (Indian) but healthy and delicious, cooked by our farm caretaker. Mainly vegetarian. But Non Veg can be cooked if volunteers buy on their own from local market. We encourage vegetarianism as we are an animal friendly farm.**List of interesting places nearby:** The farm is a 2/3 hour drive from key tourist spots such as Dharamsala, McLeodGanj, Palampur and Dalhousie. Situated very strategically in between these hills. Also there surrounding villages to get a taste and sense of Indian village life.

IND 204 **Farm name:** Pranava Farms **Contact name:** Prathibha Shiva **Location (address and description of land):** Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagaram District, Karnataka State, INDIA PIN: 562112 . 11 acres organic farm on the outskirts of Bangalore city, approximately 30kms from Banashankari Temple, Bangalore **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.):** We primarily concentrate on food grains and pulses in an area of 4 acres during Monsoon and winter months. Food grains include paddy, jowar, ragi or finger millet and minor millets such as Sajje and Navane Pulses include pigeon pea, cow pea, green gram, bengal gram and horse gram. Oil seeds such as castor, sesame and groundnut. Year round we grow seasonal vegetables and fruit crops. Horticulture is spread

in an area of 4 acres and we follow the 5-layer forest model to make full utilization of the solar energy. Fruits comprise of banana, papaya, sapota, custard apple, lemon, Indian fig, guava, pomegranate, How long you have been doing Organic Farming: I have been practicing organic farming since the time I bought this farm viz., for the past 12 years. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** We have a group certification from IMO **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum 3 days, maximum stay to be determined between host and guest based on visa stamping for foreign nationals. **Accommodations (number and type)** Currently , we can accommodate 2 people at a time with common bath and toilet. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Occasionally, we have solar energy projects such as building solar food dryers, farm shed construction and maintenance, electrical and plumbing activities related to farm such as drip irrigation, sprinkler setup, etc. These activities related to farm maintenance mostly occur during summer and winter months. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Minimum 5 hours. Work starts at 8 or 8:30AM after breakfast. **Is transportation available?** We shall provide pick-up and drop-off from Harohalli bus stand. Harohalli can be reached by local or KSRTC or BMTC buses from Bangalore K R Market or Banashankari Temple. Taxi can also be hired from Bangalore. There is no direct rail service to Harohalli. **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, Kannada, Tamil **Can you host children or pets?** Not at this point in time. We may accommodate in the future. **Special diets** We primarily serve local South Indian style vegetarian and non-vegetarian food. **And any other specifics for your farm** Our farm is a non-smoking, non-alcohol. Smokers will have to go out of the farm area for smoking.

IND 205 **Farm name** TULSIVAN FARM & ORCHARDS **Contact name** - ROOPA SREEDHAR **Location (address and description of land)** - Pandavapura, Mandya Dist, Karnataka. The Farm is a fenced Three and a Half acres of land very close to KRS Backwaters near Mysore. A natural canal flows by the farm. Borewell is the main source of water-supply. A farmhouse with electricity, western and Indian toilets is very comfortable for accommodating as many as 30 people at the same time. Over 300 fruit trees are planted in the farm, which include papaya, mangoes, coconut, guava, pomegranate, rose apple, malyan apple, fig, jackfruit etc. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.** We have dedicated a large patch of land in the farm for Organic/Natural farming. We grow seasonal vegetables and fruits like papaya, banana organically. We have 4 cows on the farm that provides sufficient manure and is used for natural farming. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** - 3 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** - Not yet **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** - Any length suitable to the volunteers. Volunteers to stay at least 3 to 4 days. **Accommodations (number and type)** - Comfortably 30 people at any given point of time **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** - Landscaping, Painting, Tourism destination development, digging trenches, construction of water bodes, carpentry, suggesting/implementing solar/wind/hydro energy projects **Expectations of work for volunteers** - At least 4 hours in a day **Is transportation available?** - Shared/Local Transportation is available **Languages spoken** - Kannada (at the farm), English, Hindi, Telugu, Tamil **Can you host children or pets?** - Yes **Special diets** - Vegetarian at the farm **And any other specifics for your farm** - Cooking / eating Non vegetarian food, drinking alcohol & smoking is prohibited on the farm. There are many attractions nearby. KRS Dam & Recently excavated Venugoplaswamy Temple on its banks ,ranganatittu Bird Sanctuary, Brindavan Gardens ,Mysore (Museums, Palaces, Forts, Gardens, Temples, Zoo, Shopping, Health & Wellness) .Ancient Hoysala Temples .Kere Tonnuru Temples & Lakes ,Melukote Bhu Varaha Swamy Temple ,Kikkeri ,Shravanbelagola , Jain Ruins of Basadi Halli ,Trekking Spots including Kunti Betta & Bebi Betta Lakes, meandering canals from the backwaters of River Cauvery & River Hemavathi, water falls (Balamuri, Yedamuri) Sugarcane, Paddy, Coconuts, seasonal vegetables, fruits & different varieties of Chrysanthemum Flowers are grown abundantly in this area. Mulberry farms & Sericulture is also practiced here.

IND 206 **Farm name** Permaculture Heaven Garden (Jannat Bagh) **Contact name** :Greening

Jaisalmer **Location (address and description of land):** Jaisalmer 345001 Rajasthan is the address of our "Tree Guesthouse" we organize a transport from here to the desert farm 20km away, where the volunteers are going to work. Transport will be by Motorcycle or Rikshaw. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :**We started the project in October 2014, our first project was to fence a 600x600 feet desert area. We started to plant trees in the desert, we have hand dug wells, 10 feet deep to take sweet water and started to plant trees and vegetables patches. Until now we planted about 800 trees and hand dug three wells. Now, Mr. Mohan's family is living in the desert close to the " Heaven Garden" and is taking care of these plants with considerable difficulty since his main activity is goat keeping. Finally we would like to state the goals of our Projects:1. To conserve undamaged desert ecosystems with a rich birdlife, trees and biodiversity, intact for future generations to marvel at. 2. To observe the unspoiled traditions of desert inhabitants and their associated animals and agricultural traditions.3. To implement techniques of agriculture which are sustainable in desert localities and can be proven to be successful. 4. Water harvesting in deserts, Permaculture design methods for the motivation of young people to come and learn by practice how to reclaim deserts from the dust. 5. Studying horticulture and fruit cultivation and kitchen gardens for future reclamation and food security of desert inhabitants.6. The making of compost and recycling techniques will be promoted.7. The development of shallow water resources, simple, economic water storage techniques and catchment methods that can be applied in any desert area.8. We want to motivate teachers and activists to mobilize their communities to treat the natural world with love and respect **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** We started the project in October 2014. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:**The farm is not certified yet. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** We would like to suggest one week to one year depending on the availability of the volunteer. **Accommodations (number and type):** Mr. Mohan is the guardian and host to visitors and volunteers, at the "Heaven Garden", and his wife Shree Devi does the cooking. Accommodation is simple and we advice visitors to bring sleeping bags and tent, if not, it is possible to sleep in the hut with the family. More accommodation is possible for small groups at the nearby village and groceries may be obtained. Maximum number of accommodation for the volunteers at the farm would be 4 volunteers. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** We have several projects where you can participate, planting trees, giving the plants water, planting vegetables and build a small wood house for future volunteers. **Expectations of work for volunteers :**The work of volunteers is expected during weekdays, planting trees, giving the plants water, planting vegetables and help the family where ever you can. At weekends you are free to explore by camel or walk a rounds, bird watching or visiting holy places and historical sites near Jaisalmer. In Jaisalmer we have the "Tree Guesthouse" at which members are really welcome to stay. They will have their own cooking facilities and electricity but not at the work sites necessarily. Other sites are being arranged for tree plantation and gardens dependent on volunteers interested in this amazing work. **Is transportation available? :**From our Tree Guesthouse we will organize a transport to the farm. **Languages spoken:** We are speaking Hindi and English. **Can you host children or pets?:** Children are most welcome with their parents or guardians. No dogs please. **Special diets:**We are generally vegetarians and we are not moralizing about alcohol but prefer to remain abstemious. **And any other specifics for your farm:** We would love to welcome volunteers here to the "Golden City" Jaisalmer and the greatest inhabited desert in the world. The Thar Desert; to live the life that most only dream of and to surround themselves with the rich diversity of cultural and natural life. The Garden is located near temporary desert lakes with a profusion of wildlife particularly rare birds like vultures and storks, many domestic animals like goats and sheep, camels and donkeys as well as desert deer, wild cats and desert mice. The area in vicinity of Jaisalmer has many temples such as Dahnok, the rat temple of world fame. Jodhpur and Barmer are both a few hours away by bus. People who are adventures, independent minded and concerned with worldwide desertification problems will find it a special value to this work.

IND 207**Farm name :** The Madman's Farm**Contact name :** Shashi **Location (address and**

description of land) : Located in Central India,180 KM from Capital of State - Madhya Pradesh..Nearest Airports are Bhopal (160KM) and Jabalpur (150KM).Railway , nearest Major Railhead is Gadarwara.(50KM) Many express trains stop here. Regular buses from Bhopal (every 30 mins) , **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals,etc.):** The farm is 10 Acres . We are primarily into creating Food Forest , we grow various local crops and Veggies. Major Crops : Wheat, Pulses, (Bengal Gram, Green Gram, Black Gram, Pigeon Pea), Flax seeds, Green Peas, Sessame, Mustard Major Trees : Mango, Guava, Bamboo, Jackfruit, Orange , Lemon, Drumsticks, Berries **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : 2 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : Under Process with MPSOCA Suggested length of stay for volunteers : 3 to 21 days **Accommodations (number and type)** : 1 Mudhouse , 2 concrete rooms Dormitory Style : Upto 15 Private Accommodation : 2-3 groups of 3 or 4 each few Tents are also available which can accommodate upto 3-4 people. Volunteers can also get their own tents. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Meditation, Spiritual Quest, Study of Self, Alternative Construction and Energy **Expectations of work for volunteers** Creative Work. We do not believe in prescribing some work to guests. We would prefer that they come here, get a feel of this place and it's needs and possibilities and then just contribute their bit to make this more beautiful on this farm. Leaving an impression to last long. Mulching, Sowing, Watering Plants manually, Weeding,Collecting firewood, Collecting Manure from nearby Jungle, village, Bamboo construction, Mud plastering, flooring, digging Work Expectation : As mentioned earlier, we operate on Fukuoka's principle of "Do nothing Farming" , so there is nothing very important work to be done. We would prefer "self-motivated" and creative volunteers who'd like to do something interesting on the farm.Volunteers are expected to help in cooking, cleaning and everyday work whatever is being carried out**Is transportation available?** : Can be arranged on request**Languages spoken** : English , Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** : Yes **Special diets** :Wheat and Rice based. Chappati and Rice with either Veg curry or Lentils. **And any other specifics for your farm** The farm is at the foot of Vidhyachal range of mountains, lot of interesting Jungle walks are possible to inner side of villages in forest, Mogha Dam is very close by, Few temples like Chind (Hanuman Temple), Mrigannath Hill (Shiva Temple) are close by, Osho's Birthplace and a ashram is on the way to farm, Osho's youth days were passed at Gadarwara (nearest railhead), River Narmada is 30mins drive where one can swim and see various religious worship, Pachmari - the only hill station of Madhya Pradesh is 3-4 hours drive.

IND 208**Farm name:** MAITRI FARMS **Contact name:**Shreesh Ponkshe **Location (address and description of land)** Mangaon , Maharashtra 402122 From Mumbai,. The farm consists of about 20 acres of land which was a combination of natural forest and farmland.**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.):**Our farm is in the Konkan region - coastal strip of Western India, and sandwiched between the Western Ghats and the Arabian sea. The nearest beach is 25km away.The farm is away from village activity - 1 km from the nearest neighbour, 2 kms from the village and 10 kms from the nearest town. The farm adjoins forest land and gives ample room for being with yourself. Winters are pleasant, Monsoons have heavy rains - beautiful and exciting, summers are typically tropical. Currently we have started developing a fruit orchard in about 15 acres of hill slopes. The fruit orchard has typical coastal trees like mango, cashew, kokum, jackfruit, Indian gooseberry, etc. At the bottom of the slopes, we have started farming in an area of about 1.5 acres. Here we are planning to plant turmeric, beans and bananas. In the monsoon, some of this area will be cultivated for rice. A small kitchen garden contributes round-the-year to our regular household needs. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming:** 2 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** We expect you stay at the farm for a minimum of one week in order for you to fully enjoy the place and make significant contribution. **Accommodations (number and type):** We have a modest dorm-type room which can accommodate 4 people. A sit-out and open area around the accommodation ensures reasonable comfort. There is an attached bath area and a shared toilet.**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative**

construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.): Eco-construction
Expectations of work for volunteers: Since we are an upcoming farm, we have ample variety of work - working in the fields, looking after the animals, tending to the newly planted fruit orchard, new plantations, helping build new structures and landscaping. **Is transportation available?:** From Mangaon, Maharashtra, India. **Languages spoken:** English **Can you host children or pets?:** Yes **Special diets:** We provide simple wholesome Indian food cooked on wood fire. This generally consists of rice, chapattis, dal and vegetables. However you are free to cook for yourself (and us :-)) if you are in the mood. **And any other specifics for your farm** Tata Docomo SIM cards work on our farm. IDEA and BSNL cards work in certain parts of the farm. For Docomo, we have 2G connectivity. **Medical Assistance:** There are no hospitals in the village. There is a small dispensary in the neighbouring village. Ours is an organic and sustainable farm - please help us keep it that way - minimise toiletries and plastic. A little walk from the farm leads to a site of archaeological interest. Some excavated figurines can be seen this place. We also recommend a 2 km forest walk which leads to a forest temple and camping ground.

IND 209 **Farm name :** Brown Bread Bakery & Organic Food **Location (address and description of land):** Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, India You can easily take a taxi to get here from the local train station or airport .It's about 100 rupees to get here from the train station and about 300 rupees to get here from the local airport **Description:** Garden, children's school, bakery, Vegan restaurant and rooftop area. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Implement organic rooftop gardens .Create compost with organic manure we currently have,.Assist children in teaching them how to do organic farming and gardening .Assist with making baked goods from all organic materials **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** We've been getting organic supplies for about 5 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** N/A **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 1 weeks to 3 months **Accommodations (number and type)** 3-4 people We have many different types of housing options including tents which would be placed on safe rooftops with a view of city, or hosts could camp in the school garden that is fenced in. We can also house 3-4 people in a shared room which is located above the children's school **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Assist in children's school. The school needs help with developing extracurricular activities, particularly in the arts department. Ex: film, dance, theatre, painting, drawing .Depending on how long the wwoofers is here, you may be able to serve as a teaching assistant full time in the schools Any type of unique hands-on activities or different teaching methods are always welcome for proposal .The children also need enrichment and assistance to enhance their farming and gardening skills .Assist in bakery or restaurant as chef or prep **Expectations of work for volunteers** 5 hours work days, Monday-Saturday **Is transportation available?**No Bicycle provided for those who want to explore city **Languages spoken** English/Hindi/German/Italian **Can you host children or pets?** No **Special diets** We cater to all diets **And any other specifics for your farm** There are many famous temples and Ghats located within walking distance such as the Golden Temple and the Monkey Temple. All local markets, restaurants, yoga and musical places are also within walking distance Manikarnika Ghat [observe the sacred ritual of the burning of the bodies along the Ganges]. Boat tours available nearby

IND 210 **Farm name:** Ramteare Dairy Farm **Contact name:** Avinash Ramteare.**Location (address and description of land)** Tq & Dist. Bidar karnataka. (4.17 acres land) 150Km. from HyderabadCity- Both Bus and Train available to reach reach a citybus to shahpur village and ask for the farm. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Crops-Sugarcane & vegetables like brinjal, green chillies, onions, lady finger, spinach etc, maize and fodder crops like napier grass., Project- Livestock's.- **10 mich and 10-12 non milking animals.** **How long you have been doing Organic Farming-** Since 15 years.**Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency-** K.V.K. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers-**1-3 weeks. **Accommodations (number and type)-** 4 to 5 and type- two single rooms , 1 kitchen with biogas facility, T.V. set with tatasky connection.,big tin shed to live in three cots available. one big net for pet. a toilet 10

meters away from the building..**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** preparation of a shed if required **Expectations of work for volunteers.**Farm job like removing weeds, irrigating fields, filtering wormicompost and e, planting new plants, cleaning small cattles **Is transportation available?**Yes. **Languages spoken** English and other regional languages. **Can you host childrenorpets?** Yes.**Special diets-** Veg food. **And any other specifics for your farm.**Tourist places are visiting historical fort and temple of about 13 to 15th century, gardens etc.

IND 211**Farm name:**TransFarmer **Contact name:** Guru **Location:** Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh, India. **Land:** 4 Acre, Agricultural land. **Organic activities:** Crops: Greens, vegetables, fruits and seasonal fruits (Mixed cropping). **Greens:** Moringa, Sesbania, Curry leaf, Rosella **Vegetables:** Okra, Egg plant, Radish, Onions(tiny), Tomatoes', Cherry tomatoes, Beans, Bitter gourd, Sweet potato, Pumpkin, Green chillies etc depends on season. **Seasonal fruits:** Melons' like Water melon andMusk melon, which are of different varieties. Fruits: Papaya and Banana (growing) **Crops:** Experimenting on rice in marginal land holding of 16 cents and regenerating the land **Projects:** To achieve sustainability in half acre with low external inputs. Also,working on farming as a Lifestyle. I'm practicing Masanobu Fukoka's Do nothing farming (natural farming) and also implementing Permaculture design at my farm. Goals: To make my farm a Natural farm with diversified vegetation. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** I'm into farming since 2012.**Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No.**Suggested length of stay for volunteers** A minimum of one week as a trial period, extending the length of stay depends on me and the volunteer. **Accommodations (number and type)** Accommodation is provided for 5 people at my home. Normal Accommodation,They have to sleep on the floor, we will provide mats and pillows.**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)**Food processing and Value addition. Chances of meeting Handloom weavers and observe things. learning opportunities are there, but have to inform prior to check whether they are willing to teach at this juncture or not. Chances of visiting a nearby forest with respect to climatic conditions. Local town visit to observe our culture and lifestyle.**Expectations of work for volunteers**Farm works like cutting the grass, plantation, harvesting and other farm activities. They should be able to work in our food processing and value addition activities. **Is transportation available?** There are no transportation facilities from farm end. Transportation facilities are available from public transport like regional bus services and cabs. My farm is about 70KM from Chennai of Tamilnadu and Tirupati of Andhra Pradesh. **Languages spoken** Telugu, Tamil and English. **Can you host children or pets?** No, we don't host children or pets. **Special diets** Traditional south-Indian food will be served, Chettinadu kind of preparation. North-Indian dishes like Chapathis and Indian bread will also be served. **And any other specifics for your farm** Places of tourist interest:There is a water falls by name Ubbalamadugu which is surrounded by a forest as I mentioned in the application near Varadaiahpalem. People go trekking often. There is a wildlife sanctuary near varadaiahpalem. Most of the other tourist attractions are of religious like Srikalahasthi, kanchi, Tirupati and much more to name.

IND 212 **Farm Name-**Balbirs Organic Farm **Contact** BALBIR SINGH,**Location** Village Chankhed-Pune, Maharashtra**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Growing many organic crops as per the season like Millets, Corn , Banana without any use of chemical fertilizer or pesticides **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Just a beginner since March 2015on 3 Acres leased land **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Not certified **Suggested length of stay** Volunteers may stay from 3 days to few weeks **Accommodations (number and type)** Decent accommodation western style toilets . There are 2 rooms for 4 volunteers but 1 room can be given to a couple or 2 females and second room for 2 males **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Looking for poultry, making jagary from sugar cane **Expectations of work for volunteers** The volunteers will be engaged to do farm related work 3-5 hours per day in the

field **Is transportation available?** There is regular bus service available from Pune
Languages spoken English, Hindi and Marathi **Can you host children or pets?** No
Special diets , Veg and also non veg food on some occasions Non veg (the non veg to be cooked by volunteers) as per preference **And any other specifics for your farm** Many forts , old caves , palace , para gliding , water sports , Osho Ashram , movie halls (left farming no more host)

IND 213 **Farm name:** Snehagiri nature ashram **Contact name :** Acharya Dr. A. J Snehadadas **Location (address and description of land)** P.O. Kannur Dist. Kerala 670582 . . We have 8 acres of land and only four acres are cultivated the rest kept as natural forest forest **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We have pepper, ginger, turmeric, 12 types of bananas or plantons and many fruit trees, tapioca, yam, cashew trees, coco etc **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Eight years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 7 days minimum but longer stay may be better **Accommodations (number and type)** Rooms or dormitory 5 rooms with two bed each with attached toilets 2 dormitories with 7 bed each **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** We have problem of wild bores. So planning to construct brick walls **Expectations of work for volunteers** Constructing brick wall, planting banana trees and cleaning garden **Is transportation available? :** Yes **Languages spoken :** English and Malayalam **Can you host children or pets? :** No **Special diets :** Fruits, cooked food and raw sattvic food **And any other specifics for your farm:** It is a natural healing centre with yoga, meditation, tai chi and naturopathy. Kannur district is the only district in kerala with the sea cost, back waters, rivers and mountains. There are famous forts constructed by europeans, snake park, herbal gardens, cashew processing factory factroy, honey processing factory, famous temples, mountain peaks 4500 feet above sea level, (and may i know what could be their other interests).

IND 214 **Farm Name:** Amrit Sagar Eco Center **Contact Name:** Girish Sharma, Manager or Alex Fager student volunteer **Location:** Ghat Lanka, Varanasi U.P. 221005 The farm is located directly across the Ganges river on the opposite bank from the Ashram, in Ramnagar. Both sites feature amazing views of the holy city Varanasi. **Description:** Amrit Sagar (Ocean of Nectar) Environmental Center is a working model farm of the best environmental practices demonstrating traditional and innovative sustainable techniques, an educational center for teaching students and the public about environmental issues and solutions, and a platform for engaging conversation between spirituality, culture, and concern for the environment. The ten-acre facility is situated in Ramnagar directly accross the River Ganga from sister projects Bal Ashram and Anjali School in Varanasi. The working farm consists of ___?_ acres cultivated using permacultural practices, including onions, garlic, chilies, tomatoes, eggplants, cucumbers, and more for vegetables, mangoes, jackfruit, guava, neem, and more for fruits and trees, lentils and chickpeas for grains, an Ayurvedic herb garden, an organic dairy with 15 cows, and operational sustainable technology (see below). **Length of Organic Farming:** Since 2009 **Certification:** Girish Sharma, our manager, is certified by the Permaculture Association. **Suggested Length of Stay:** at least two weeks, **Accommodations:** The facilities for staying are in the beautiful campus of the Bal Ashram. Each room as a full size twin bed with mosquito netting and western toilet facilities. Wi-Fi available. Some Air Conditioned rooms are available. Volunteers are asked to follow directions closely so as not to disturb the routine of the boys who live at the Ashram, but we will definitely help them to engage with the boys in a constructive way (see below). Mornings include Yoga at 6am, breakfast around 730am, 1st tea at 930am, lunch at 1230am, 2nd tea at 330pm, and dinner at 8pm. Volunteers can expect simple vegetarian fare including organically-sourced lentils, rice, bread, and vegetables. There is also a separate kitchen facility for guests to use if they wish (but please only vegetarian in the Ashram grounds). There is filtered water available here as well, which will be needed to be used before crossing over to the farm as there is no filtered water there. We can accommodate up to 10 people at a time in exchange for farm work, given vacancy. However, the Ashram has guests

all the time, so be sure to contact us in advance to ensure vacancy. **Non-farming opportunities/activities:** There are plenty non-farming volunteering opportunities with Amrit Sagar as well as the wider Aghor Foundation. The Amrit Sagar farm includes solar panels and biogas generators for power production, composting for soil production, and of course the facilities for processing the food. Additionally, maintenance work on all farm facilities can be expected. Additionally, as the farm aims to become an education center, plenty of work can be done building informative signage, pathways, presentations, guest facilities, curriculums, and leading students and teachers in activities that teach environmental awareness. Finally, as part of Amrit Sagar, we sponsor research, discussion, and engagement between spirituality, culture, and the environment in the Indian context, and we are willing to host for these purposes as well (including building facilities or writing). Within the wider Aghor Foundation context, volunteers can teach at the Anjali School, help with maintenance of gardens and the grounds of the Ashram, informally teach the boys in afterschool activities, or help out during annual eye clinics. Volunteers should be aware of the infinite non-volunteer opportunities with the Aghor Foundation including spiritual practice (yoga, meditation, ceremony, etc.) and cultural activities (weddings, holidays, etc.). We are willing to help the newcomer see and experience the city, culture, and education. This way, volunteers can adjust easily and comfortably. And of course in Varanasi there is unrivalled opportunity to engage further in Hindu religion and philosophy, classical Hindustani music and dance, and more: Sanskrit Language, Pali Language, Urdu Language, Bhojpuri Language, Vedic Studies, Hindu Philosophy, Indian Architecture, Kathak Dancing, Tabla, Sitar, Sarangi, Harmonium, Yoga, Meditation, Ayurveda, Weaving, Indian Literature and Poetry, Jain Studies, Theosophy, Bhakti Studies, etc. The opportunities are endless in this city, and we will do the best we can to help you find something. **Expectations of work for volunteers:** Volunteers will be expected to give 5 hours service a day, 5 days a week. We will provide a log sheet for them. Based on the above descriptions, we will come to an understanding with the volunteer as to the most appropriate work for them. **Transportation availability:** Transportation will need to be arranged for themselves, but the Foundation is in the process of acquiring transport capabilities. **Languages spoken:** English, Hindi, Bhojpuri, Italian. **Can you host children or pets?** Not available. **Special diets:** Strict Indian Vegetarian Diet, No smoking, drinking, or drugs. If other food is desired, volunteers may choose to eat outside the Ashram when they wish. **Other information** The city of Varanasi is full of amazing sites as well. It is famed for its riverside ghats and plethora of temples including Kashi Vishwanath (considered by many as the holiest temple in Hinduism), Tulsi Manas, Sankat Mochan, Durga Kunda, Kedar, Bharat Mata, Vishwanath BHU, and more. Varanasi also has a pre-modern astrological observatory, dozens of Sufi shrines and beautiful mosques, several universities including BHU, a huge Buddhist pilgrimage site at Sarnath just north of the city, and so much more.

IND 215 **Farm name** Utpal Organic Krishi Farm **Contact name** Mr. Prahlad Rai **Location (address and description of land)** , Bhilwara (Rajasthan)-311001 Bus & Trains From Jaipur To Bhilwara and we will make arrangement for pick up **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** "Our mission is to connect people to the land and the role of local agriculture in their lives. We focus on growing the most nutritious produce possible." We have 20 Acre irrigated land of this 15 acre organic agriculture. 4 acre papaya, 1 acre maize (Sweet Corn), 1 acre lemon & Teak Plants. 4 acre vegetables (Okra, Tomato, Guar, Okra, tomatoes, Brinjal, Loki, bitter gourd, coriander, mint, spinach, Chaula, watermelon..etc) 1 acre spices & 4 acre seasonable farming. Biodynamic Preparation used at farm. We have Indian breed cows for milking. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2008 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency-** No but very soon it will be. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 7 to 10 days **Accommodations (number and type)-** Our House constructed in area of 114 X 20 ft with 7 Rooms which are fully electrified with fan. & 4 Common Toilets & Bathrooms. Tents are also available. We can accommodate 10 to 15 people in our farm. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Our ongoing project is to setup Indian breed cows' dairy **Expectations of work**

for volunteers- Shoveling dung into a big pile, sowing seeds, digging a hole, weeding, plantation, mending fences ,cutting grass. Harvesting vegetables, milking cows, chopping/gathering wood, feeding , fruit picking, watering plants, Hedge Trimming. **Is transportation available?** No **Languages spoken** Hindi, English **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Indian Rajasthani Dish , Dal, Bati & Churma **And any other specifics for your farm** All people at our farm are friendly in nature .Visitor must be sober in their dress whilst staying to respect local culture. We are pure Vegetarian & not alcohol drinker. Hence we request to follow this habit in our farm. **Places of tourist interest nearby** Harni Mahadev Temple, Kyara ke Balaji Temple, Mandalgarh Fort, Pur Udan Chatri, Chittaurgarh Fort, Menal Waterfall, Shahpura Ramdwara, Triveni

IND 216 **Farm name** Gloria Land **Contact name** Glory **Location (address and description of land)** Gloria Land Pillaiyarkuppam Sri Aurobindo Ashram , Pondicherry - 605502 (How to reach by Bus or train) Frequent local buses are available to and from Pillaiyarkuppam bus stop which is 700m from Gloria Land. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** The farm is a 100 acre organic dairy farm with #110 heads of cattle and a some poultry. Our primary activity is dairy and primary crops are paddy, green gram, groundnut, maize, jowar. We have orchards of various fruits, a flower garden and vegetable garden and also engage in bee keeping.. We are redesigning our catchment areas, allocating space for TDF (Tropical Dry-Evergreen Forests) and propose to start a small cheese making unit. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Gloria Land is a pioneer farm in organic farming and we have been practicing organic farming for the last 50 years. My father Manindra Pal was a pioneer in this field and when all of India was booming with the green revolution using chemical fertilisers and chemical pesticides, he was the lone man swimming against the current of chemical farming and was doing organic farming. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Later when certification agencies came, my father said he was not interested in getting Gloria Land certified since we had started the concept before the certification agencies even existed. Most people require certification for marketing their produce and since we do not market our produce we do not require this statement on paper. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum period of two weeks **Accommodations (number and type)** We provide basic, clean rooms with 2 and 4 beds and attached restroom. We can at present accommodate 6 WWOOFers at a time. If there are more we can figure out if the accommodation can be shared. Gloria Land is a way of life and we expect WWOOFers not so smoke, drink or take drugs in or outside the farm while volunteering here. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** The non-farming opportunities are many since we have multiple projects. It will depend on the capacity, willingness and enthusiasm of a WWOOFer to implement them. **Expectations of work for volunteers** The expectation of work for volunteers will be gardening, weeding, supervising, fencing, milk recording, cattle health, painting, tree planting, hedge clearing, and any new skill a WWOOFer can contribute. **Is transportation available?** We have a vehicle that goes to town every morning and comes back by lunch time. Public transport is easily available. **Languages spoken** English, French, Bengali, Tamil and Hindi. **Can you host children or pets?** No pets and children will be hosted. **Special diets** WWOOFers will eat in our community kitchen. The meals will be vegetarian (eggs included). The WWOOFer is most welcome to eat non-vegetarian food in our kitchen at their own expense. **And any other specifics for your farm** (Places of tourist interest nearby) There is a fascinating fossil park a few kilometres from the farm. A boat club at the Osuteri Lake 3km from Gloria Land which is a bird sanctuary. There is a water park at Pogo Land which is also near the Ousteri Lake. We have cycles on the farm and WWOOFers are welcome to use them for exploring the surrounding villages.

IND 217 **Farm name** Panchabhuta Conservation Foundation **Contact name** Adarsh **Location (address and description of land)**, Uttara Kannada. Kumta is connected to major cities in Karnataka (Bangalore, Mangalor, Hubli/Dharward by rail or bus. Our farm is another 15 kilometers or so from Kumta and we will arrange local transport. You can also spot us on Google Maps by simply typing Panchabhuta Conservation Foundation into the search

bar. Our land is small paddy field and some residential gardens around a NGO research field station. The research station itself sits on the beachfront just south of the Aghanashini River estuary mouth. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We are converting low-productivity paddy land and a residential plot into a demonstration of permaculture techniques in coastal environments. This will include kitchen garden, food forest, potential for aquaculture, composting, vermiculture, etc. We are focused on using local inputs (organic byproducts, forest litter, farm cuttings, kitchen waste, bathroom / sanitation waste) as part of a soil building and agriculture enhancement program. At the moment, our paddy field follows a traditional cycle for our area between rice in the monsoon and peanut in the winter. Our permaculture plans for which we require volunteer help — involve converting this into a food forest (mango, banana, guava, pomegranate, lime, medicinal trees, nitrogen fixers), kitchen garden with a wide range of vegetables, herb garden (medicinal, sacred, aromatic and tasty) and small field crop (legume, ground nut, paddy, etc.) **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Our NGO has been officially registered since 2012 but our farm development is just beginning. We held a Permaculture Design Certificate course in January 2015 and developed a master plan at that time. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** We will accept different lengths of volunteer stays depending on the qualifications of the volunteer. We hope for a minimum of two weeks. **Accommodations (number and type)** We have shared cottage accommodation with beds for four and single-tented accommodation (post monsoon) for an additional four. We can also offer group, shared accommodation in a hall for up to eight. Bathrooms are shared Western, clean and well-built. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Our NGO works in a variety of areas related to sustainable construction, ecological preservation, research, waste/water, etc. Depending on a volunteer's skills and languages we can find/create suitable programs. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Full-time work, depending on skills and agreement, in exchange for room and board. Multiple posts, options can be considered depending on our need and volunteer skills. **Is transportation available?** We have a motorbike and a truck for special circumstances and use by licensed drivers. We can provide a WWOOF volunteers transportation between Kumta (the local rail and bus stop) and our farm/field station. **Languages spoken** Members of staff (full and part time) speak varied levels of Kannada, English, Hindi, Tamil and Spanish. We expect farm volunteers to have decent command of English; volunteers for non-farm programs (especially research) should have good English AND Kannada. **Can you host children or pets?** On a case-by-case basis, depending on our relative need for volunteers. We don't want to turn away willing help and we're happy to discuss whether our arrangements are suitable for children. We generally wish to avoid pets as we have enough cows, dogs, cats, rats, lizards and other critters. **Special diets** We provide three meals of mostly vegetarian food with occasional non-veg if desired. We are happy to try to accommodate special requests on a per case basis. **And any other specifics for your farm** We are willing to consider all volunteers but we have some particular needs: Volunteers who are particularly fluent in English and Kannada and with training in permaculture I, ndian nationals and Indian women in particular are encouraged due to the social nature and realities of our work in a rural community. We are also happy to discuss any other questions or try to make arrangements work for potential volunteers. While volunteers are with us, they also get to enjoy the beautiful natural surroundings of our Kagala beach and the Aghanashini River backwaters. We have several bicycles and can arrange boat trips (at cost). Slightly farther from our field site are the temples and beaches of Gokarna, Mirjan fort and Yana caves. Goa is also reachable by bus and train for long weekends.

IND 218 **Farm name** – Sula's Farms **Contact name** Aashika Selvaraj **Location (address and description of land)** – Nashik, Maharashtra-422222. Several trains and buses connecting Bombay and Nasik run on a daily basis. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** – The activities will mainly center around tending to the organic crops (asparagus, basil, broccoli, zucchini, etc.), helping make the vineyards

more organic and maximizing the benefits of existing eco-friendly practices. Our farm is 130 x 120 feet at present and expanding. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** – It's been a few years. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** – Not yet. But open to being certified. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** – Minimum of 2 weeks is the recommended period of stay. **Accommodations (number and type)** – About 10-12 volunteers can be accommodated at a given time. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** – Depending on the skillset of the volunteers, jobs can range from admin/office to alternative construction of new sustainable set-ups. **Expectations of work for volunteers** – Typical work expectation is 5 hours per day, 5 days a week. This could vary slightly. **Is transportation available?** Since volunteers will be staying on-site, there will be no transport requirement to get to and from work. **Languages spoken** – English, Hindi, Marathi **Can you host children or pets?** – Unfortunately, we do not yet have the provision to host children or pets. **Special diets** – Special diets can be accommodated if needed. **And any other specifics for your farm** This is a one-off opportunity to live, work and experience the vineyards, organic farm and the town of Nasik the way the locals do. More interestingly, volunteers will learn about wine – its culture, opportunities and challenges – in India

IND 219 **Farm Name** Varkala Paradise Farm **Contact Name:** Rafi Muhammad **Location (address and description of land):** Varkala, Kerala Land description: 150 cent, 1.5 acre. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.):** We have papaya, banana, and 10,000 pineapple plants, chilli, and many vegetable plants. Also, we have thulasi and muringa plants. We will make jam and wine with the pineapples. Every year we get 10,000 new pineapple seeds, and we would like to spread it to our other land. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming:** I have been doing organic farming for the past three years. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** I think a good length of stay would be around 15 days to one month, but any length of stay would be gladly acceptable. **Accommodations (number and type):** The accommodation we will provide is a terrace house, with one single room and two double rooms (with bathrooms), kitchen and 3 meals per day included. We can hold 5 to 6 people in the house. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.):** Very close to Varkala, so all of the tourist activities are a possibility. Also, I have a restaurant nearby at Kappil beach. I am also a tour operator here in Varkala. I can provide daily tours for the WWOOFers, for example fishing tours and dolphin watching. Surfing and paragliding is also a possibility. While guests stay here they can have the opportunity to learn cooking Kerala style. And renting a motorbike is possible. Lastly, many great yoga and aryuvedic treatments and teachings are available. **Expectations of work for volunteers:** They can expect to work about 5 hours a day, doing things like watering plants, cleaning the garden, weeding, etc. Work will include anything that needs to be done for the production of the crops, basic farming. Also, it is possible for the WWOOFers to work in my restaurant and tour office. **Is transportation available?:** Yes. I can pick up and drop off WWOOFers from the airport and train station. **Languages spoken:** English, Tamil, Malayalam, and some Hindi. **Can you host children or pets?:** Yes **Special diets:** Anything is welcomed. **And any other specifics for your farm:** I have lots of land in Varkala, and we will be planting lots of new seeds on these properties in the future, so farming at different locations will be a possibility, all within a close proximity. Transportation will be provided of course. Varkala is a very beautiful place and we would like so much for people to come and share experiences

IND 220 **Farm name** Bodoland Organic Tea Farm, **Contact name** :Tenzing Bodosa **Location (address and description of land):** kahibary Udalguri, Assam India, By bus Guwahati to Dimakuchi 3hrs and by train Rangiya to Tangla 1hrs. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.):** Tea, Pomegranate ,Papaya, Pineapple, Guava, etc , the farm is 4.5 acres, **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** :Since,2007 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Not yet, **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Initially 15 to 20 days, **Accommodations (number and type)** 1 to 3 nos. 1 to 3 volunteers could be accommodated at a time **Non-farming**

opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.) Tea manufacturing **Expectations of work for volunteers :** Planting, Plucking ,Tea manufacturing, etc **Is transportation available? :** Yes **Languages spoken :**English **Can you host children or pets?** No **Special diets** Tribal Food **And any other specifics for your farm** You can see Wild Elephant, Peacock, Pig, Deer in hilly area at foot hills of Indo Bhutan border.

IND 221**Farm name** The Golden Hands.**Contact name** Farooz Doji **Location (address and description of land)** Northern Foreshore Road Hazratbal , Srinagar Jammu & Kashmir190006.Our farming land is near were we live with water everywhere. We have 5kanals of land.**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Since my childhood I have seen my parents doing farming and they always use own seeds for vegetables, we that time had cows so it was easy to get some health for our land our plus point is also lake we use lake weed.now We have 10 goats that is not enough manure so we use lake weed as manure. As growing small vegetable seedlings we need lot of healthy manure sometime we use chicken and Goose dropping. We have Goose also. We have everything local seeds and local vegetables and its real organic farming. As we live next to the lake. we have very cold winter and snow. We grow Onion, Radish, Turnip, Garlic, Potatoes, Carrots, chilies , Brinjal, Green pepper, Tomatoes, Cucumber, Bottle guard Pumpkin, Round Pumpkin, Bitter guard, Khoribi, Saags, We grow both seedlings and also vegetables that we sell in nearby market, our goal is simple, eat healthy live healthy. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Farming is a family business we live this way. I have seen my Grandfather doing farming. that mean we have been in farming for 80-90 years and its old way farming. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Our farm is not certified, but we are doing it real organic way **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** As long you are not tired. we are always busy in farm.so keep in mind its always up to you. **Accommodations (number and type)** We have 6 rooms available. a big group can stay with us ,but that depends upon work season/month.1 to 5 persons can easily be accommodated ,if you are more I will need time to arrange place for you. You will stay with us as family in separate room. We don't have beds, You will sleep the way we do. You will stay in our house the way we do. .Don't forget your clothes. Rest you get here. **Non-farming opportunities/activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy etc.)** You can cook, milk the goats, yes I love children so you may need to handle the kids whenever they come up to farm. Not my kids our neighboring kids. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Going to the lake to get lake weed, watering the plants Traditional way, planting seedlings, picking up vegetables, sowing seeds getting unwanted weeds out from plants **Is transportation available?** Transport is always available.**Languages spoken** English,Hindi,Nepali,Urdu & little Thai. **Can you host children or pets?** No pigs & Dogs. Children is no problem,any small pet is OK. **Special diets** Food is simple,what ever we eat you will also have same.if in case you don't like our food you can cook your own food that will be no problem. morning tea breakfast & tea.lunch with rice and more tea and dinner more rice .**And any other specifics for your farm** -Local flowers and bush plants is also in meal, you will be in farm with farmers always.

IND 222 **Farm Name:** Kurunji valley. **Contact Name:** Senthil Kumar **Location,**Kodaikanal-624101. Tamil NaduTrain to Kodai-road, a direct bus to Kodai-kanal and get off atPerumalmalai. **Description**I studied in an International school where Organic farming was part of my daily activity. I had good opportunity to interact with renowned Organic farmers such as Namazhavar and Dr. Narain Reddy. Even Now I am in touch with many Organic farmers across India. I inherited a small land about 1.5 Hac very recently, I would like to build the place up. I will not only grow Organic coffee, pepper, fruits and vegetables for consumption but I intend to start a small community for interacting with other farmers and educate them about how we are not only killing ourselves but destroying the Earth with poison. I have quit my job from the concrete jungles and now I am settling down in the real Jungle. I have traveled almost all of India, major part of England and Scotland. I need more hands to make this place a success. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** I have fruit trees and indigenou treessuch as Naval tree, Hill

gooseberry, Silver-oak, Kadukai, etc. I am going to be planting coffee and pepper this season (August to September). I would also grow the vegetables for consumption. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** For more than 15 years. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No, but this farm was abandoned for more than 20 years so no pesticide used for a long time. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** If hard working then preferably atleast 2 weeks. **Accommodations (number and type)** Comfortable 4 rooms and about 6 volunteers **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Interacting with local tribes. Interaction with other Organic farmers. Building tree house. **Expectations of work for volunteers** 5-6 hours per day on the farm weeding, fencing, coffee planting and helping build the mud house and then helping a bit with cooking. **Is transportation available?** Yes. **Languages spoken** English, Tamil and Hindi. **Can you host children or pets?** No **Special diets** Organic food as much as possible. Mostly grown on the farm. Locally grown fruits. Indian food, volunteers are welcome to make their own food. **And any other specifics for your farm** Ideal place for trekking and camping

IND 223 **Farm name** TRIKA YOGA KALA KSHETRA ASHRAM SOCIETY **Contact name** Yogmaya **Location (address and description of land)** TRIKA ashram is a small society, established in a hidden place, far off from cities and mainstreams, in a typical jungle area of Southern India, Tiruvannamalai. (Reachable by local bus or taxi from Chennai. Pick up possible in Tiruvannamalai. **Goals:** The ashram strives to an as much as possible natural, based on knowledge, self-sufficient existence, to limit our dependence on society as much as possible. We are having 4 acres of land, finished the main buildings last year and now starting with growing our own fruit trees, herbs and slowly also vegetables. Living with us are cows, dogs, cat, chickens and a lot of wild animals. **Accommodation** The ashram provides comfortable single rooms with attached bathroom for maximum two volunteers at one time, who can stay for the minimum duration of three weeks. **Activities** Work in garden, alternative construction/restoration/maintenance projects, greywater management, alternative energy, holistic caring for animals, building (animal) shelter, work in kitchen etc. **Expectations** flexible working time according to season and nature of work (5 hours a day, 6 days a week) **Is transportation available?** Local busses to town are available, bicycle available **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, German, Russian, Dutch, Japanese **Can you host children or pets?** At this moment we cannot host any children or pets. **Diet** Healthy vegetarian South Indian food and drinks (smoking not allowed)

IND 224 **Farm Name** : Unique Organic Village , Saakar (Renamed) **Contact Name** : Hemal Vachhani **Location** : Bhor Taluka, Pune District **Address** : Unique Organic Village, Mazeri, Bhor, Pune Maharashtra **Landmark** : Adjacent to Nira-Deoghar Dam Backwaters. This location can be reached by Bus or Car. Pune can be reached via Train, Flight or Bus. From Pune regular Buses are available to BHOR & from BHOR you have to board buses with destination as DURGADI or MAHAD & alight at Village Shiravli Phata. Mazeri village is 5 Km from Durgadi. Alternatively regular private Car travels daily from Pune to Mazeri village. Please call us in advance in all cases to reach Saakar Organic Village, Mazeri Village. We will assist you to plan your travel from Pune to Mazeri Village. **Land Description** : The land is 250 acres in area with a Peninsular terrain surrounded by Nira-Deoghar dam in 3 sides. It is partly forest with flat patches. The Land is in heavy Rainfall area upto 4000 mm/year with July to September as heavy rains. Winter is temperate & mild while summer is little hot in May-June. In average the weather is not too extreme & contrast the Indian extreme conditions. Suited for Europeans, Americans etc. **Activities** : The entire land is virgin forest & sloppy land where 100 acres is dedicated to Organic Farming activities. We cultivate fodder, oil seeds, Maize, Vegetables & Grains. There are 15 cows on site with another 25 joining in December. Along with organic farming dairy project is lined up to integrate farming & dairy. Our goal is to produce organic herbal milk for members in Pune while dung & urine is utilized for Sustainable farming & fodder production. **Organic Farming Period** : 3 years. **Farm Certified** : No **Suggested duration of stay** : 1-2 months. **Accommodations** : 3-5 person. Separate Rooms & Dormitory both as per availability. Attached bathrooms are available in case of separate rooms. Accommodation will be flexible & not fixed. **Non**

farming opportunities: Bamboo construction & Furniture, Sustainable buildings, School activities, Culinary activities. **Expectation of work for volunteers :** Working with Labor & Management of Labor. Planting Trees, Pruning Trees, Mulching Soil, Farming Plan Execution, Permaculture activities, cow shed management. **Is Transportation Available:** Yes. Frequent **Languages Spoken :** English, Hindi, Marathi, Gujarati, Tamil, Kannada **Host Children or Pets :** Yes. Both **Special Diets :** Will require volunteers help but will be available **Places of tourist interest :** Rareshwar Fort, Nira-Deoghar Dam, Varanda Ghat, Trekking Trails

IND 225 **Farm name** Bhagawati krishi farm **Contact name** Ishwar Singh Rathore **Location (address and description of land)** Ramgadh, Block. Aspspur, Dist. Dungarpur, state. Rajasthan, pin code. 314034 **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** I grow all local crops along with fruit garden organically. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 10 years. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Not yet **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** It's depend on volunteers. As long as they wish **Accommodations (number and type)** 3 big rooms with toilet and bath facility, 24 hours electricity. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Education, dairy farming and other community related work. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Help in agriculture activity, fruit garden maintenance, animals care, crop harvesting, fencing making, plantation, teaching in schools and classes, computer teaching and help in all domestic work of household. **Is transportation available?** Yes. **Languages spoken** Hindi, English, Gujarati and all area language of central and western India **Can you host children or pets?** Only children no pets. **Special diets** Rajasthani, Gujarati, and some of south Indian dishes. **And any other specifics for your farm** Horse riding, camel riding, oxcart riding, biking, cycling, swimming, boating, river rafting, forest tracking, wildlife, birds photography, tour to the tribal villages, sight seen to all great places around. Can arrange on request.

IND 226 **Farm name:** BuDa Folklore, **Contact name:** Savita Uday **Location (address and description of land) :** We are located in Southern India - Karnataka State. The forest village is called Angadibail, Ankola and is off the western sea coast **Closest Airport:** Goa / Hubli/Mangalore **Closest Rail head:** Gokarna. 40 km from Gokarana and Ankola , The land is on a 20 acre piece of which most of it is covered with forest about 15 acres. And farming is confined to 5 to 8 acres of the land surrounded by Western Ghats and picturesque of hills. Water is abundant in the form of streams. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.):** Paddy, Sugar cane, aracnut plantation and Vegetable forest product - kokum. We also have many community and local projects. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming:** 4 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** 1 week as a trial period with the view of extending should both parties wish to staying up as long as a year **Accommodations (number and type):** We have a small and comfortable home on the farm with very basic amenities. There are no rooms per se - we have a small hallway, open verandas, a very large courtyard & backyard and a beautiful large enough attic that forms our living/sleeping space. You could get along your sleeping bag if you wish to. We could definitely help you with basic bedding. We don't have electricity; barring a small solar charged battery that would help you charge your mobile. We try and practice a sustainable living model and therefore prefer not use any detergent and chemical soaps for washing and bathing. We advice using a bio-degradable soap or our locally grown soap nuts during your stay here. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.):** Yes always there as part of other activities on the farm. We host a number of study tour programmes ,workshops at our home (Oct to Feb) You would have to share the living space with other visiting groups. You are most welcome to join us on these trips as we explore the vast forest and engage with the locals to revive forgotten food, craft, art, culture and folklore. There are 3 seasonal celebrations like *Mungaru*-paddy transplanting with urban community, tree planting, community village game(Aug) *Aalemane*-reviving traditional way of making liquid jaggary (feb/march) .and kokam harvest festival (May) **Expectations of work for volunteers :** 5 dedicated hours a

days transportation available? : Local government transportation, bike service.
Languages spoken: English , Kannada , Hindi,**Can you host children or pets? :**
Yes**Special diets:** None**And any other specifics for your farm:** None

IND 227 Farm name: ZBNF (Zain Bio Natural Farm) **Contact name:** Shibu Kakkakuniyil **Address:** District Calicut Kerala state, **Location (address and description of land)** ZBNF you can come here by :Nearest airport is Calicut airport. it is 40 km from the farm. From there you can easily come to Calicut city by bus. You can come to Nedumbassery International Airport , Kochi from there you can come to Calicut by Train. (around 5 hour journey) The farm is near Calicut town. it is a small farm (2 acre) it is situated near Korapuzha river. I have a old heritage house in this plot. A cow shed with four cows. They are indigenious breed ie. Vechur and Kasaragod dawrf. We follow natural farming techniques as a demonstration plot for replication by other farmers and volunteers and visitors. The Coconut and Banana are major crops plant and vegetables also cultivated. Provision for documentation and local research. We use cow dung and cow urine only as manure for agriculture. I am the secretary of Kerala organic farmers association Kozhikode. It is an organisation work for past 22 years in natural farming. We also plan for more plot to develop into natural farm. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** I am doing natural farming for last 8 years. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** The farm is not certified. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** We need Volunteers all year round. Minimum stay required is 10 to 15 days. However if both party like it can extended. **Accommodations (number and type)** We have a heritage house 100 year old.We can accommodate4People**Non farming opportunities/activities(alternative construction/restoration project,alternative energy, etc.)** There is variety of non farming activities. It is an island you can go through boat for fishing .**Expectations of work for volunteers:** We want to promote natural farming in nearby areas for that for that we have leased some land in surrounding area and .We market the organic vegetables and coconut directly to customers. so we need support for cultivation of vegetables and marketing also we help to look after the cow **Is transportation available?** Transportation available from Calicut.**Language spoken** English and Malayalam **Can you host children or pets?** There is space for Children but no pets allowed **Special diets.** We provide only vegetarian. We serve the Kerala style foods like Idily, Vada, Chapati, Puttu, Pathitil. also meals with Sambar, Purissery, Papadam etc **And any other specifics for your farm** A Ayuveda hospital for herbal treatment . Sea only 2000 metre from farm. You can see the Azhimukam (ie. the Koropuzha river falling into to sea) also Kappad beach around 8 km. You can interact with fishermen community and view migratory birds. You can taste of crabs , prawn and fishes

IND 228 Farm name Dagar Farms and Homestay **Contact Name:** Mahip **Location (address and description of land)** Distt. Solan Himachal Pradesh – 173233. INDIA. Nearest railway station is Kalka (Haryana) Nearest bus stations are Parwanoo and Baddi (Both are in Himachal Pradesh) From there board local bus which will get you to farm house directly. There are few buses therefore kindly email us your travel plans in order we can guide you. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals etc.)** The land is 12 bighas which was bought by my family couple of years ago. Post completion of my studies (5 years) I started looking after this land. Being in middle of forest I have installed fence around it stopping wild animals from entering and have also strategically constructed water tanks in it. Recently I got installed drip irrigation and sprinkler system in our farm to conserve water during challenging times. **Organic activities:** I have keen interest in organic farming and I aim to promote it as a sustainable and healthy substitute to commercial farming practices which is widely practiced in this area. We discourage use of any fertiliser and pesticide on our farm.Our farm is divided in two sections: Terrace: We have 5 terraces which are used to grow seasonal vegetable for self consumption &demonstration purpose. Orchard: Majority of our farm is being used as a orchard and we are increasing our orchard area by bringing more waste land under cultivation during monsoon each year. **Crops grown:** Terraces: Onions(yellow gold), garlic, Ginger, potato, green pepper, beans, tomato etc. Orchard: Mango (Dusseri and Langda), Guava, pomegranate, peaches etc. Our aim is to

promote organic farming as a sustainable, less labour intensive and economically viable substitute to commercial farming by adopting scientific inputs and integrating them with traditional farming practices, with a vision to promote it as a demonstration unit for other farmers. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** I have been involved in organic farm for 5 years now **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** We are not certified by any national agency. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 1 week to 1 month **Accommodations (number and type)** Dormitory living with shared toilets & bath with hot water facility. Up to 10 volunteers could be accommodated at a time. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Paint and building repair jobs, Assistance in construction activity, Cleaning and repairing water tanks, Repairing farm fence, Cleaning and maintenance of fresh water source. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Clearing terraces of weed, Assistance in soil preparation, Digging earthen recharge ponds around terraces, Fruit picking and sorting, Assisting in preparing plant beds/ mulching and grafting. Installing drip irrigation and sprinkler system when needed. Maintaining and cleaning RWH system, Clearing bushes and planting new plants, Maintaining farm path **Is transportation available?** Yes **Nearest bus stations** are Parwanoo and Baddi in Himachal Pradesh **Languages spoken** English and Hindi. **Can you host children or pets?** Children: No / Pets: yes. **Special diets:** Being a remote location we can only provide you with home cooked vegetarian meals and eggs. **Breakfast:** Bread with butter/ Jam or Eggs with Tea. **Lunch/Dinner:** Dal, rice, roti and seasonal vegetable (as per availability) Assistance while food preparation and cleaning is required. **Any other specifics for your farm** Special requirements: Sleeping bags, personal medication, moderate to high physical fitness, good walking shoes, working gloves and high level of motivation. **Places of interest nearby** : Kasauli: It is a small hill station (25kms). Easily accessible by bus. Shimla: It is state capital and largest city in State (80Kms). Easily accessible by bus but a night stay is recommended)

IND 229 **Farm name** Pahadi House **Contact name** Abhay Sharma **Location (address and description of land)** – Pahadi House –Tehri Garhwal, Uttarakhand, India. **Nearest Railhead** – Haridwar Railway Station - 90 Kms Dehradun Railway Station – 85 kms **Buses and Taxis** easily available from major destinations of Uttarakhand **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Planting Vegetables (like Cauliflower, peas, maize, different pulses etc, watering, taking care of farm, Fruit picking, Gardening, Step farming, cow grazing, plough the fields, Sowing the new crops, Milking animals etc. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since Last one and half year. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum – 1 night & maximum 2 Nights for each volunteer. **Accommodations (number and type)** Cottages and dome tents. We have 4 traditional Himalayan Cottages, 5 Dome tents. We can accommodate 4-6 volunteers at one time. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc)** Community service, teaching at local school. Community service includes things like painting school wall, teaching students, personality development skills etc. Work in fields / farm, taking animal for grazing grass, ploughing the fields etc. Distribution of pen, pencil and notebooks to poor Childs. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Social works, education related, service in homestay and hospitality. 15 Bighas farm land, 2- 4 hrs per day is required. Animal includes Rabbit, hen, goat, Cow, oxen and buffaloes. **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** Hindi / English **Can you host children or pets?** Yes, both could be accommodated. **Special diets** Only pure vegetarian and local organic food is served. Seasonal vegetable grown in our farms like Rice, chapatti, Cabbage, peas, spinach, tomatoes, potatoes, cauliflower, beans and different types of Himalayan pulses. Seasonal fruits like plum, apricots, apples, mangos, melons etc **And any other specifics for your farm** Evening bonfire / Walk into Kaudia forest Photography / bird watching / camping hike to Surkanda Devi Temple Dehradun (The state capital) Mussoorie (Hill queen of India) / Dhanaulti, Tehri lake (Asia's biggest rock fill dam) Rishikesh (World capital of yoga, a holy city by the Ganges) Local villages / Chamba market View of snow covered Himalayan peaks (peaks like Trishul, Chaukhamba, Shivlinga can be

seen on any clear sunny day)

IND 230 Farm name Madhavi Farms **Contact name** Krishnamoorthy Vijayakumar
Location (address and description of land)Bangalore, Karnataka 560083.. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)**Produce: coconut, areca, pepper, cardamom, and some spices like Cinnamon and Clove, in about 10 acres. We have a Dairy with 16 indigenous Gir cows. Organic activity: Mainly production of vegetables, including Tomatoes, Beans, Ridge, Bitter, and Snake Gourd, Pumpkin, Brinjals etc., in an area of 6 acres. Objective is to enhance production and variety to reach a turnover of at least 3 lakhs per month. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** .Ours is an organic farm, and we have been practicing the organic principles of farming since 15 years.**Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency (Name the certification agency)** The Farm was certified in the year 2011, but we have not renewed this certification, since this is expensive and we are still selling our produce in the regular markets, without identified customers for organic produce.**Suggested length of stay for volunteers** We can consider a stay of 3 weeks minimum.**Accomodations (number and type)**We have 2 quarters, and can accommodate about 6 volunteers maximum, triple sharing, at a time. 4 would be ideal. Simple but well ventilated quarters with smokeless chulhas, hot water, toilets, TV, Wi Fi, etc. We have a kitchen, with a Cook onsite, so fresh, hot, organize, VEGETARIAN meals are prepared daily. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy etc)** Fencing, Tree planting, Tree pruning, Waste removal, Lake desilting, etc. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Help Needed: In the [production of Organic sprays. and pesticides like Jeevamrutha. Panchakavya, etc. and in the preparation of Organic compost and Bio Manure. Also need assistance in weeding, fencing, and fodder preparation. To make an effective contribution **Is transportation available?**Transport: We have a van coming from the City every morning, dep. 8.45 am, and again leaving the Farm for the city at 6.00 pm. The Farm is accessible from the city by bus no. 367, which stops in front of our Farm Gate. **Languages spoken** Telugu, Kannada, Hindi, and English.Can you host children or pets? Regret we cannot host either children or pets. **Special diets** Our food is only vegetarian, cooked with our fresh organic vegetables, and comprises Dal, Roti, Rice, Sabji, Papad, and Lassi / Curds. Volunteers will be given carriers to store their food for the night, after Lunch in the morning.**And any other specifics for your farm** No Smoking, No Drinking Zone, and volunteers are advised not to sign up if they cannot abstain from these practices. Within 5 mins. The Tiger Sanctuary at Bannerghata National Park, a Butterfly Park, and the Cineplex Mall.

IND 231 Farm name Nisarga Mitra Farm **Contact name** Rajendra S. Bhat **Location (address and description of land)** Nisarga Mitra Farm District Thane, Maharashtra 421503 **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** 5 At nisarga mitra farm everything grown is organic. We don't use any chemical fertilizers, pesticides, fungicides, PGR etc. most of the manure is produced on farm itself. we follow Zero or minimum tillage practice. We promote multi layer mixed cropping, We also do other activities like rainwater harvesting, tube well refiling, small scale watershed development program etc. Nearest railway station is Badalapur which is 6 km away from farm. farm is well connect by road We have 5 acres of farm, We grow all types of seasonal as well as perennial crops. For eg. Vegetables like cabbage, tomato, brinjal, chili, capsicum, cabbage, spinach, different types of local leafy vegetables, Cereals like rice, ragi, Pulses like cow pea, bengal gram, red gram, chick pea, types of beans etc. in Fruit crops we have 50 different varieties of Mango's, Coconut, Guava, Custard apple, Jack fruit, Lemon, Jamun, etc. We also have variety of Spices and Medicinal plants. And forest trees like bamboo, teak and tress for producing green leafy manures. we are practicing organic farming for over 20 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** our farm is not certified by any agency **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Volunteers can stay as long as they wish. There is no minimum stay requirement for any volunteers. Its totally up to volunteer to decide what kind of learning activity they wish to do. Usually any workshop is of 3 days for beginners. other workshops are of different duration. **Accommodations**

(number and type) Apart from our own house, for guest we have one dormitory room accommodating 10 people and 2 family room with attached toilets accommodating 5 people. We also provide home cooked food for guests . We can accommodate up to 10 volunteers at a time. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** We expect volunteers to earn experience and knowledge they wish to acquire, they can do any work that can enrich their experience. Mostly we have lot of work on farm itself which makes it difficult for sparing time for other activities. But as social responsibility we engage our self in soil and water conservation. Construction of small scale bunds for reducing soil erosion and conserve water is one of the major activities. There are many hobby related activities volunteer can do like bird watching, trekking , rock climbing etc. **Expectations of work for volunteers** At farm we usually start our day early. We start working by 8 am. Except planting or harvesting season we do routine activities like weeding, pruning, irrigating, earthing up, maintenance of vegetable nets, etc. During plantation and harvesting season activities are quite intense. **Is transportation available?** Farm is very well approachable by road. We can also arrange transportation **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, Marathi **Can you host children or pets?** Children and pets are most welcome **Special diets** At home we cook typical maharashtrian meal (mostly veg). a typical meal consist of rice, salad, roti/bread, vegetable, dal (curry), pickle etc. We occasionally eat non-veg food. We try to serve 100% organic food, most of which comes freshly from farm. Daily routine goes like this - Morning tea and break fast, Lunch, evening tea and brunch, Dinner. Tea/ coffee is served 3-4 times a day. **And any other specifics for your farm** Farm Drinking Alcohol and Smoking is strictly prohibited The farm is located at foothills of Sahyadri mountain range. During Monsoon whole areas becomes very scenic, Lots of waterfalls, fresh water streams adds to natural beauty. We have Hajimalang fort nearby - a one day extensive trek. Kondeshwar is one of tourist attraction which has beautiful waterfall and a small temple of Lord Shiva. Badalapur city is about 5 km away from farm, there we do have all kind of facilities like Hospital, Shops, Restaurants etc. Mumbai is 2 hrs drive from our farm by road, also there is a local train every 30 minutes from Badlapur Station to Mumbai.

IND 232 **Farm name:** Barala Farm House **Contact name:** Harsch Barala **Location (address and description of land):** Chomu, Jaipur, Rajasthan. My farm is located in the middle of a transitional rural area on the outskirts of a town called Chomu, in the district Jaipur of the state Rajasthan. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.):** We are a joint family of about 10 members and the family is headed by my grandfather. The farm house is a comprehensive place to live as we try to be self-sufficient and sell off the excess produce in the market. We grow cereals such as wheat and millet, seasonal vegetables and there are some plants and trees [mostly amla (Indian gooseberry)] which bear fruits round the year depending on the season. Everything that we grow is indigenous and you can expect to have a native-Rajasthan experience at the farm. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming:** My grandfather has been a farmer all his life and he has practised organic farming since beginning. So I would say my farm has been an organic farm for more than 40 years now. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** No, the farm is not certified by any of the agencies. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** The volunteers can stay anywhere from 1-8 weeks depending on their willingness to work and be at the farm. **Accommodations (number and type):** The WWOOFers will share the house with my family. They can stay in the guest room. The farm can host up to 4 people. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.):** Volunteers can play badminton, basketball, volleyball and cricket around the farm. They can go for Rajasthani-countryside weddings with the family which is a unique experience in itself. There are a lot of local excursions including the markets, the hills, the forts, and the gardens. They have an opportunity to interact with the people from countryside and have an in-depth look into their daily lives. They get to cook with the family and share all the local traditions. To sum up, the WWOOFers shall be an intrinsic part of the farm family and they are free to explore whatever they wish to. **Expectations of work for volunteers:** the volunteers can expect to work in

the farm with sowing of seeds and watering the plants and crops. They can also pick fruits and vegetables and help in cooking food with the family. They can also make food for the cattle and milk the cattle if they want to. **Transportation availability:** a lot of public transport is available to all the places around the town. The farm also has a car which can be used to pick and drop the volunteers. **Languages spoken:** Hindi and English are fluently spoken. However we are curious to learn other languages and we would like to practice it with you. **Can you host children or pets:** No. sorry hosting pets and children is difficult as the family would not be comfortable with them. **Special diets:** the family eats a wholesome nutritious vegetarian food with all the essential nutrients. You are free to cook whatever you would like to provided you reinstate the kitchen as it was before. **And any other specifics for your farm:** the farm is owned by a family of doctors who are still attached to their inherited farmhouse. The main purpose of hosting is to give the volunteers a deeper look into the indian society and its culture which includes indian ways of farming and cultivation.

IND 233 Farm name Vinis farm island **Contact name** Aram Paul **Location (address and description of land)** Kerala , Mundrothru Railway station **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** All sorts of vegetables and Fish Farming ,The farm is in 4 acre, We have ducks and country Chicken **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** New project on eco-tourism to start in Nov 2015 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 3 to 6 months **Accommodations (number and type)** 2 to four persons could be accommodated **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Help in Cooking **Expectations of work for volunteers** It's an Island farm need to water the plants and need to feed the fish and guest are there need to take care of them . **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** : English **Can you host children or pets?** No **Special diets** : Morning : Egg /Toast etc or Dosa Lunch both veg and non veg **And any other specifics for your farm:** Varkala beach, Mundrow cruise etc are nearby tourist attraction

IND 234 Farm Name NATRO FARM (Natural Agrotech Training and Research Organization Farm) **Contact Name** G.F. Visuvasm Dindigul Dist. Tamil Nadu – 624307. The farm includes 3 ½ acres of dry land crops are regularly raised in organic methods for the past 15 years. As it is in the rainfed area seasonality affects the cultivation very much. So cultivation of cotton, pulses, groundnut and millets, vegetables are carried on regularly. **Description of organic Activities** : Simcodess has been working with farmers from 1998 using organic farming methods. It has developed a farm if 3 ½ acres on its own to set up a model for farmers. As there are no such models in A. Vellodu Village and surroundings **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 1998 organic farm exclusively growing crops like ground nut , millets, cotton, seasonal vegetables are cultivated during the monsoon of every year. Depending up on the availability of rain water activities are fallen up. A 3 years project in villages an organic farmers to raise a traditional cotton crop called “ Karungani” which was almost in extinction before 5 years. We are happy to inform that only because of the activities of Simcodess this variety of cotton which is 100% suitable to rain fed agriculture was saved and kept in use till date. The goal and aim is to enable the farming community a self reliant and sustaining one through eco friendly organic farming methods. The organic farming was started in 1998 with the training offered by eco scientist NAMMAZ VAAR frame simple beginning . it has come to the stage of promoting only organic farming. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** The Tamil Nadu Agriculture University has approved our project as exclusively organic in cotton crop. But for this no other certification has been availed. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** We propose that the volunteers stay could be for 2 weeks to 4 weeks. **Accommodations (number and type)** 4 volunteers (2 girls and 2 boys) are expected. We will provide a moderate type accommodation which bath rooms with flashings) could be quite conducive . **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** English Teaching in schools referred by simcodess , **Expectations of work for volunteers** Trenching could be part of the programme as Sirumalai is located close by. If they can involve in construction works in the farm itself . the volunteers could involve in

preparation of Bio manure, liquid manure (pancha Kavya, herbal pest spray compose preparation, Bio intensive in gardens) planting, weeding, life fence raising and mulching. For transportation **Is transportation available?** Government operated transports could be used. **Simcodess** has bicycles and motor bikes to be used. **Languages spoken** The language spoken is Tamil, the vernacular of the region. One nun (Sr. Julie Joseph Moble : 7402508299) is working with us . she can help for translation for Hindi, English, Bengali and Tamil. **Can you host children or pets?** We welcome the children and the pets. **Special diets** **Breakfast** : Common breakfast of Tamil Nadu . (Idly, Dosai, upma, chappathi, puttu and idiappam) **Lunch** : Rice with pulses and vegetables. If they prefer we can provide food for several millets, the lunch will be with dhal, pepper water and butter milk) **Dinner** : Chapatti, idly or rice with pepper water , mutton, chicken could be offered weekly once. Fruits like papaya, guava, sappotta, grapes and bananas. Tea, coffee and snacks from pulses and millets produced by our farm.

IND 235 **Farm name:** Sampurn Organic Farm **Contact name:** Raja Brij Bhushan **Location (address and description of land):**Sampurn Organic Farm Bharatpur Rajasthan **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.):** It is a 10 Acre fenced farm. Having various crops depending on season. We do organic crops on the farm. We also prepare all inputs required for farming at the farm itself using fully organic preparation methods. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming:** 2 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** Yes (EcoCert India and One Cert Asia) **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** 2-5 days **Accommodations (number and type):** Shared Accommodation **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.):** Cleaning and Packaging of organic pulses, spices, sweeteners etc. for marketing **Expectations of work for volunteers:** Preparation of all organic farm inputs, weeding, tree planting, crop cutting, cleaning, watering, harvesting etc organic farming related works. **Is transportation available?:** No **Languages spoken:** Braj, Hindi, English **Can you host children or pets?:** No **Special diets:** Organic veg food **And any other specifics for your farm:** It is 30 km from KDNF famous for migratory birds, 85 km from Taj Mahal and very near to NH 11 so having very good connectivity

IND 236 **Farm name** Sristi Village **Contact name** Karthikeyan Ganesan **Location (address and description of land)**Tindivanam T.k.,Villupuram District, Tamil Nadu 604 304,India Sristi Village was founded in 2013. We are a farm that provides accommodation and farming opportunities for adults with intellectual disabilities. It is our aim to provide these adults with opportunities in life in order to provide a dignified life. They live and work on the farm, learning new agricultural skills as well as valuable life skills. We have over 8 acres of land and mud hut accommodation for our members and workers. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** On our farm we currently have a range of plantations including millet, rice, peanuts, and a range of vegetables and fruit trees. We also have a small holding of animals including cows, chickens and ducks. We pride ourselves on using traditional south Indian farming methods and we are also in the process developing our range of organic activities. In the future we aim especially to develop our dairy farm. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming:** Two years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** Any duration **Accommodations (number and type)** We rent a house for volunteers with three shared bedrooms (capacity 6), kitchen, bathroom and toilet. Wifi is available at the school/ office 1 minute walk away from the rented house. To reach the farm land volunteers can use bikes (provided), take the bus or walk. There is also the possibility to stay on our farm land (approx 3km away from the rented house) in a simple hut we build out of mud and bamboo. Typical Indian food is provided three times a day. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/restoration project, alternative energy, etc.** We sometimes have opportunities to work on construction projects and general help (not necessarily farming) is always appreciated across our site. Our members have disabilities so supporting them with their daily needs is also a fantastic way to help. **Expectations of work for volunteers** We are currently looking for volunteers with

knowledge of farming to help us on our farm. Ideally we look for long-term volunteers (3months+) but also welcome volunteers of any duration to help us out. We are specifically looking for volunteers to help with: Developing organic methods ,Planting, harvesting and weeding ,animal tending, Construction work, Bringing in new initiatives to help with the efficiency of the farm. Volunteers are expected to work a minimum of 5 hours per day, 5 days a week. Experience of working with people with intellectual disabilities is beneficial but not essential. We look for enthusiastic, passionate people who take initiative to help our organisation in the best way possible. **Is transportation available?**We offer volunteers bicycles in order to travel between their accommodation and the land (approx 3km). There is also a local bus which runs a service between the farm and the accommodation**Languages spoken** Tamil, English, French **Can you host children or pets?** We can host children and pets **Special diets** Please note that we have a vegetarian diet. Specific diets can be catered for on request. **And any other specifics for your farm:** N/A

IND 237 **Farm name:** Protovillage-Creating abundance **Contact name:** Shobitha Kedlaya **Location (address and description of land):** 12 acre land of which 4 acres is dedicated to farming. Anantapur district, Andra Pradesh.**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.):** ProtoVillage is a role model rural community being built for the villagers, by the villagers. It will be a center of learning, practice, demonstration and dissemination of the knowledge of how any community in this region can organize itself to be socially cohesive, ecologically sustainable and economically viable. As far as farming is concerned, the farm will grow cereals, pulses, oil seeds, fruits and vegetables. The crops will be grown for the community and the excess will be sent to the market. Farmers in and around will be trained in the techniques developed on the land. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming:** One year **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** 1 week or more **Accommodations (number and type):** Visitors centre has an attic where upto 7 volunteers can sleep. All living spaces are shared. One could also choose to pitch a tent on the farm. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.):** ProtoVillage also has a number of non farming opportunities in the fields of construction, afforestation, alternative energy, sanitation, water conservation, eco friendly enterprises, teaching, preventive healthcare / alternative holistic health systems, art, eco friendly clothing, etc . Volunteers can also involve themselves in all the other ongoing projects in the field. **Expectations of work for volunteers:** We expect volunteers to belong to the space and to participate in all the community activities. The volunteers will need to adjust to very basic living conditions. **Is transportation available?:** The place connected by bus and autorickshaws **Languages spoken:** Most of the villagers speak Telegu. Some members of the community speak English, kannada, Tamil, Hindi, Marathi. **Can you host children or pets?:** All living things are welcome **Special diets:** None **And any other specifics for your farm:** Since ProtoVillage is located in a village, volunteers will need to dress appropriately and behave in ways that are synergetic with local traditions.

IND 238 **Farm name** Ullane Farms **Contact Name** Shrikrishna Hegde Ullane **Location** Bidraikan, Siddapura Uttara Kannada Karnataka -. (455 Kms from Bangalore) **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We grow Banana, Coconut, Pepper, Cardamom, Areca Nut. Our farm is surrounded by forest area. It is in the Western Ghat area of India We also grow different type of vegetables and fruits for home consumption. We are mostly self sufficient with regards to vegetable and fruits **Fruits:** Banana, Mango, Pineapple, Papaya, Sapota, Jamoon, Jambe, Perala, many different forest fruits like Kokum, Bikke **Vegetable:** Cauliflowers, Beans, Many different type of Leaves, ladies Finger, Carrot, Brinjal, cucumber and its different varieties, many type of root vegetable. There are so many delicious forest fruits are available depending on the season. Wild Honey is also available. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** It's like a family farm, It's been generations my family into farming. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No. Farm is not certified. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum 4 days- Maximum (No limits) **Accommodations (number and type)**We provide quality accommodation in our own

home. We can have maximum of 6 Volunteers at a time. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Volunteers can help us with our Online project **Expectations of work for volunteers** Active participation in any of the activity Depending on the season they will help us in Harvesting, putting manure (Organic), Trenching, digging, helping in cleaning the farm, Helping in cow shed. related to farm which they find interesting **Is transportation available.** A good transportation is available both Car and Bike are available. Good Wifi internet access. **Languages spoken** Kannada- Native ,Hindi ,English **Can you host children or pets?** Yes We can host Childrens but not the pets **Special Diet** Only Vegetarian food **And any other specifics for your farm** In total we have 4 Acres of farm land. Attached to that we have a Large forest area. Our place is very much near to famous tourist spots. Nearby Tourist place:- Joag falls · Unchalli falls · Om beach · Yana · Goa (160Kms) · Mirjan Fort · Bird century · Dandelli Wild life century· Western ghat forest area

IND 239 **Farm Name** Shri Jasnath Asan (ashram) **Contact Name** Shreejan Sita or Surajnath Siddh **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** Nagaur District, Rajasthan **Occupation** Ashram leader **Previous experience of organic farming / activities if any** 500 year old ashram with compulsory organic mandates in deed **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Ashram garden which feeds family & visitors; 6000 fruit trees on nearby farm. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 5 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Certification pending, Jaipur **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** One week minimum option to increase stay for up to 3 months, between October – March **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** 4 volunteers: 2 at ashram (full facilities); 2 on tree farm (limited facilities) **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Construction, carpentry, grounds maintenance (trees/shrubs) **Expectations of work for volunteers** 6 hours daily, 5 days weekly alongside other volunteers living in the facility (kitchen, yoga teaching, children's programs, etc.) **Is transportation available?** Transportation from airport is by direct bus. **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, Marwari, + many others between volunteers from around the world, up to 6 at any given time **Can you host children or pets?** No **Special diets** Organic, vegetarian, sattvic "Best in Rajasthan" according to most visitors **And any other specifics for your farm** Full supervision provided, but no English spoken so participants must be willing to take instructions as best they can and learn accordingly.

IND 240 **Farm Name** SHREE NATH **Contact Name** Jitendra Goswami **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** 25 km from Jaisalmer city in Rajasthan. Regular buses are available **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Efforts to integrate organic agriculture crops grown are Cumin, Wheat fenugreek and lot of different types of vegetables, poultry and dairy cows .We plan to build a tree house and improve the landscape of farm with help of our volunteers. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 3 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Not certified. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** One month minimal stay. Maximum stay up to one year. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** 4-5 on average. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Exploring the desert. Tree planting for boundaries and fruit tree plantation and development of a tree house construction **Expectations of work for volunteers** Students and volunteers will work according to their wishes roughly five hours. Weekends are free. **Is transportation available?** Regular buses to the town of Jaisalmer. **Languages spoken** Hindi ,English, Marwadi. **Can you host children or pets?** Children's and pets are no problems. **Special diets** Simple vegetarian and org milk butter milk Organic vegetables. Occasionally chicken and meat .**And any other specifics for your farm** Come prepared for heat in summer night time cold in winter. Bring good sleeping bags for winter. Special diet s for diabetics is possible.

IND 241 Farm Name Mother's Grace **Contact Name** Enya Khanna **Location (Address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** Bommayapalayam, Auroville, Tamil Nadu - 605101. There is train connectivity from all parts of the country to Chennai, from some parts of the country to Pondicherry, and some trains connecting Chennai and Pondicherry. Frequent buses from Chennai and Pondicherry stop outside Auroville and a pick up will be arranged from there. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We are an organic farm situated at Auroville, Tamilnadu. We grow organic vegetables using natural processes such as composting, mulching, cow dung manure, drip irrigation, raised beds and organic seedlings. We are also attempting to build earthen houses using sustainable, eco-friendly construction materials and techniques. The vegetables and fruits include vegetables from the gourd family, pumpkin, lady finger (okra), brinjals, tomatoes, greens such as lettuce, spinach, salad rocket (rucola), coriander, mint, fenugreek, chillies, and drumsticks (*moringa*). The fruits and nuts we grown include cashew nut, jackfruit, papaya, banana, coconut, guava, pineapple, watermelon and tamarind. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 3 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** From one week up to 3 months **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** Up to 4. The type of accommodation we provide at our farm is a Keith roof cottage/ Capsule. hut/ Additionally there is a provision of a common western toilet and bathroom near the cottage. The farm is surrounded by trees including Neem, Tamarind, Cashew nut, Jack fruit and old Palm trees. Flower beds, birds, frogs, dogs and lots of fresh air will greet you. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy etc.)** Alternative construction that includes building of earthen houses and alternative energy for production of bio-gas. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Volunteers are needed for help with organic farming, gardening, and in the building of earthen houses using sustainable, eco-friendly construction materials and techniques. The farming activities would require work to help grow organic vegetables using natural processes such as mulching, cow dung manure, drip irrigation, raised beds and organic seedlings. **Is transportation available?** A bicycle would be provided for transport within Auroville, an international eco-city. **Languages spoken** English, Hindi and/or Tamil **Can you host children or pets?** Not as yet **Special diets** Volunteers will get freshly and hygienically prepared vegan friendly, healthy Indian cuisine. This includes parboiled rice, and the Dal/Lentil and fresh Sabzi/vegetable of the day. For breakfast, they have a choice between brown bread, butter, jam, eggs, tea, coffee, amla (Indian gooseberry) juice, etc. **And any other specifics for your farm** It's a small farm, only about 0.65 hectares. As we are situated at Auroville, an international township in Tamilnadu, India, volunteers can also explore the calmness of nature and its scenic beauty away from the city life. The sea beach on the East Coast is great for the sunrise and a morning swim. In the vicinity lies Pondicherry, an erstwhile French Colonial Town. It has an eclectic mix of heritage buildings including French and Indian. Also a wide range of restaurants offer international cuisine. Sri Aurobindo Ashram and its various departments are also a must visit. There is public bus transport between Auroville main road and Pondicherry town. Within Auroville one needs a personal mode of transport like a bicycle or motor cycle. Pondicherry and Auroville host a lot of interesting cultural activities including music, dance, visual arts and film screenings.

IND 242 Contact Name Manekraj **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** National Highway , Surpura, near Bhomyoji ka than , Jodhpur India Rajasthan **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Vegetables , seasonal crops , and herbs brinjals, lady finger, green chillies, peas, great leafy vegetables, wheat, baja, jawar, maize, tulsi, garlic, sauff, **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 1 year **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 1 week minimum stay **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** Six persons in dormitory system with attached bathroom. Separate for males and females. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Paintings and sculpture we patronise young artists by

providing them the means such as canvas paint brushes for making paintings and sculptures
Expectations of work for volunteers Help in Farming activity All sorts of farming activities will be carried out along with the local workers/farmers so their skills are improved and new methods can be learned by them **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** Hindi and English **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Only vegetarian **And any other specifics for your farm** Own sweat water well , good soil and fully compounded 6 km from jodhpur railway station. Tourist locations around are the Mehrangarh fort, Umed Bhavan Palace which have museums in them as well

IND 243 **Farm Name** Sahjivan Eco Farms **Contact Name** Gopal Negi **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** Solan, Himachal Pradesh. From Chandigarh to Solan is 67 kms **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** The Farm is around 4400 sq m (approx. 2 acres). But we also work on A forestation (pine, Willow, Birch) at Chulling, Kinnaur in Himachal in Summer. Crops grown Green peas, Corn, Tomatoes, Wheat, Onion, Garlic, Apple, Plum, Peach etc. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 8 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Not **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 7 days to one year **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** 12 Sustainable Houses made of stone and mud tents and pods. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Building Natural houses with adobe, wattle and daub, cob, stone masonry, Log huts etc **Expectations of work for volunteers** 5 hours work ethic 2 days off each week. Farm work depends upon the type of work that time but it starts from making nursery to harvest. We practice No till farming on raised beds, in-situ composting and with IMO's. So wwoofers have to collect biomass from jungle, make natural rooting hormones, making natural fertilizer, work on accommodation building work (adobe, cob, wattle and daub, pods etc). In totality the wwoofer will learn holistic system of living. **Is transportation available?** Public transport to be used **Languages spoken** English and Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** No **Special diets** Vegetarian **And any other specifics for your farm** People interested in Yoga and Naturopathy are welcome

IND 244 **Farm Name** Satya-jyoti farm **Contact Name** Jyoti Saikia **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** Tapukara, district Alwar, Rajasthan, India. we are a 40 acre organic farm started 25 years ago on poor sandy soil , our focus was and is soil management , from two trees we are now a forested farm with section left to trees growing naturally. The land is undulating to allow for water catchments. cottages are spread out . A bio pool with. Area. Part of the land is left for I devious trees ,plants . The land is undulating to allow for water cahmeng. A bio pool allows for swim or cooling off in summer. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We practice bio dynamic, Ayurvedic and elements of perma culture in a holistic approach. Bio dynamic composting. Vermiculture, intercropping, are practiced. We experiment with no ploughing or low ploughing and use of leaf and straw base. Fukuokas' methods. Crops: wheat, millet, oats, local grains, multiple lentils, oil seeds, variety of vegetables and fruits. Our goal is to grow a large variety to cover as many aspects of food chart as possible. Amla orchard provides a significant cash income. We have free range chickens, milk cows only for our use . Teaching organic farming aspects practices in the local area. we hold workshops periodically for those interested in exploring not just organic farming but also experiencing community work in the local villages. We have hosted interns fro. French agricultural colleagues and those studying social change and environmental protection ,through policy making. We are deeply interested in exploring in our own lives ..changes we can influence that will prevent further environmental damage **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 25 years. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum 10 days . Can stay as long as three months **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** We can host upto 8 volunteers at a time. 2 stone cottages bath attached . Sleeps between 2 and 5 each. Dormitory brick and mud two rooms for sleeping with one toilet and bath to share volunteers will help repair two dry toilets . One mud and brick cottage attached bath.

Sleeps two to three **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Construction around the farm, building bio dynamic water channels, work will begin on solar pumps to, improve water management. Building up the dairy aspect , cow sheds, increasing the chicken runs, rebuilding dry toilets, working with village children on informal teaching projects, there are old forts dotting the area which we are exploring for potential restoration ..this is a long term idea. We have previously worked with Intach on restoration in south India and wish to explore possibilities in our area. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Live and work with the community, cook with us, engage with our farm workers who, live permanently on the farm. We are in a village , respect local customs, dress code. No drugs. Moderation in alcohol consumption. Is transportation available? We have a motor bike and a tractor to ferry people to the closest public conveyance point which is two kms away. **Languages spoken** English , Hindi. Farm workers mainly speak Hindi but have working knowledge of English and have experience working with overseas interns who speak English and French. **Can you host children or pets?** Children yes. Pets no. Mainly because managing Pets with free range chickens, geese and our livestock has proven difficult. **Special diets** No restrictions. Primarily vegetarian. **And any other specifics for your farm** We are in a place that is deficient in electricity. While we have inverters to provide back , when we have an outage , we wish volunteers to,experience rural rhythms, start early use the evenings for recreation and relaxation. Use solar lanterns when possible.

IND 245 Farm Name Farm No. 8 (8-number farm)**Contact Name** Shipra Uppal **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** Farm No. 8, Phase 5, Talwar Farm Area, Corner of Mother Mary School Road Ayanagar, New Delhi .Farm No. 8 is a two-and-a-half acre organic farm and permaculture learning centre in between Delhi and Gurgaon. The farm is located in the urban village of Ayanagar, just fifteen minutes off Mehrauli-Gurgaon Road (M.G. Road), a major corridor connecting Delhi to its satellite city Gurgaon. From the airport it'll take you about forty-five minutes by cab. The best way to access the farm is via the Delhi Metro; you'll need to alight at Arjangarh station on the Yellow Line and then give us a call or take a local auto-rickshaw to the address mentioned above.**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Edible Routes, a local business that promotes kitchen gardening and urban farming, runs operations from Farm No. 8. Edible Routes helps people grow their own food. With this goal in mind, we have set up the farm as an urban community farm where team members and volunteers grow all seasonal vegetables inspired by permaculture principles. We also conduct workshops, school programmes, give talks and participate in Organic Farmers Markets to raise awareness and empower people to start growing vegetables at their homes, schools or work places. We also provide garden design, implementation and maintenance services for urban homes, farm houses, restaurants, schools and commercial farms. Farm No. 8 is Edible Routes' office, warehouse, nursery, workshop space and agriculture lab – generally, it's a place to have fun caring for the earth and experiment with all things homegrown.**How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 8 years**Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Not certified**Suggested length of stay for volunteers** minimum 4 weeks **.Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** We have a small, cosy room for two volunteers with a separate toilet and bath. There's also lots of space to pitch tents.**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Volunteers interested can get involved in the following activities: 1. Help create raised beds 2. Help in the design and execution of our nursery 3. Help construct a compost toilet 4. Design and build a simple farm shop 5. Assist in the creation of pathways and generally tidying up the farm 6. Improve the sections left in a natural state by implementing permaculture/natural farming practices 7. Install a small aquaponics system 8. Build an eco-friendly housing structure to host guests and volunteers 9. Organize activities on the farm to attract both locals and tourists, and set it up as an eco-tourist destination.**Expectations of work for volunteers** We expect volunteers to work 5 to 6 hours a day, 5 to 6 days a week. The hours of work can be arranged to meet the volunteer's expectations and the needs of the farm. Volunteers have to

register with us via email indicating their membership number, and can only come to the farm after receiving our confirmation that accomodation is available at the moment. Food costs will be borne by the volunteers.**Is transportation available?** The farm is located in the village of Ayanagar, just fifteen minutes off Mehrauli-Gurgaon Road (M.G. Road), a major corridor connecting Delhi to its satellite city Gurgaon. From the airport it'll take you about forty-five minutes by cab. The best way to access the farm is via the Delhi Metro; you'll need to alight at Arjangarh station on the Yellow Line and then give us a call or take a local auto-rickshaw to the address mentioned above.**Languages spoken** The primary languages spoken at the farm are Hindi & English; additional languages: Assamese, German.**Can you host children or pets?** Yes, both. However, there are poisonous snakes at the farm, so volunteers need to take responsibility for the safety of their children or pets.**Special diets** Food provided at the farm will be local, vegetarian and delicious.**And any other specifics for your farm** Nearby places to visit: Qutub Minar , Safdarjung Tomb , Kingdom of Dreams , Aravalli Biodiversity Park , Uruswati Museum of Folklore , Chhatarpur Temple , Sanskriti Kala Kendra , Mehrauli Archaeological Park , Sultanpur National Park

IND 246 **Contact Name** Perumal **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** Kanchipuram District, Tamil Nadu **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We plan to live self sustained living in the farm, with less external inputs along with like minded people. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Just started **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** As per Volunteer's wish **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** Two **Non-farming oppourtunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** We are committed not to use grid current, cement, burned bricks so lots of things are there to explore from scratch. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Volunteers need to be the co-creator, idea sharing, self thinking team player.**Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** Tamil, English **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** None **And any other specifics for your farm** Farms is one acre 20 cent barren land we just acquired in that we are going to document that minimum 20 people can be fed whole the year with less or no inputs in the time span of 5 years after this you are just consumer only no need to till, sow, fertilize this is our goal

IND 247 **Farm Name** MITTIDHAN **Contact Name** Hiren Panchal **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** Dharampur, Valsad District, Gujarat. Pincode 396050 **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Our farm is 1 acre , Major Crop: Rice, millet, local Vegetables, Mango, Jackfruit. Additionally we are several members of our community keep cattle and there are opportunities for volunteers to work on their farm and learn about animal husbandry.We are a collective of artisans and agriculturalists working for the upliftment of our local rural communities through education on regenerative agriculture and the design and low-cost distribution of hand-made farming equipment. Projects and initiatives include the Mittidhan Metalworks Shop; Saraya Krushi Educational Farm; bringing farming tools and awareness of their uses and application to people's doorsteps through the Tools on Wheels Project; visiting schools for educational demonstrations; an annual conference, as well as periodic workshops and children's camps; a Rural Artisans Collective for the support and preservation of traditional crafts and folkways; research and development of sustainable and appropriate technologies; the Women's Technology Center; rural employment opportunities; and seasonal distributions of farming seeds, grocery kits, blankets, and other necessities. Above all, Mittidhan is a collaborative effort: the work is vast and of many facets, and we warmly welcome your interest and participation. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2018. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Not certified, but since birth of this organization we have never used non-organic products on the land. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum 4 days.**Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** 2 at a time. We have a small communal home on the farm, and are currently working on several more living spaces through mud house construction. Volunteers are welcome to build their

own mud house. Additionally, there is plenty of space for camping. Washrooms are shared and contain all needs, including western and Indian style toilets. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Blacksmithing and working with/learning from local artisans in metalworks shop; mud house construction; alternative energy projects such as pedal-powered technologies; water conservation techniques; and working with local village populations on various projects. **Expectations of work for volunteers** We will need your help as per your expertise, but mainly assisting with ongoing projects on the farm and in the metalworks shop. There are also many opportunities to help with website design, content writing, social media presence, and community outreach. Eagerness and willingness, that's all we expect. On average we ask for 6 hours of work a day, 6 days a week. **Is transportation available?** Yes. The nearest train station is in Valsad (25 km). Buses run from Valsad to Dharampur every 30 minutes, or pick up from Valsad can be arranged if necessary. **Languages spoken** English, Gujarati, and Hindi. **Can you host children or pets?** No. **Special diets:** We will provide you traditional local food. It's not spicy but very delicious, and in everyday village life we consume rice, peas, wheat/corn/millet, vegetables, and seasonal fruits. **And any other specifics for your farm** We are situated in the heart of mango country, and May through July is the perfect time to enjoy many local varieties of seasonal mango. Please note however that the weather from April through July is extremely hot and dry, and we ask that volunteers plan accordingly. The river is 1 km from the farm and provides a great swimming spot from October to March. There are many hiking trails, waterfalls during monsoon, historic temples, and mountains.

IND 248 **Farm Name** Madurai Ecotourism **Contact Name** Suthagar Selvaraj **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** Madurai, Tamil Nadu. If you are planning to come by train, come to Madurai Junction, West Gate. We are located in the city **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** I am in the process of planting an organic herbal garden for the purpose of having students from the local schools learn more about medicinal plants. I also want to educate the students by selling them potted plants, in this way even children in the city can learn to grow food organically for themselves. The volunteers can help to create and maintain the organic compost that we will be using for these projects. There are many farms nearby that I am in contact with if the volunteer is interested in helping elsewhere as well. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** For the past 3-4 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Currently we are not certified. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Volunteers are welcome to stay as long as they want and both parties are willing **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** I have two homes that I can accommodate a max of 4 volunteers. One is my home where the volunteers are welcome to sleep on the floor in a separate room. The other is my mothers home where the same accommodations can be provided. Bedding will be provided or you can bring your own if you wish. They are also welcome to help in the food preparation to learn more about making local Indian food. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy etc.)** In Madurai there are a lot of tourism options. We have many old temples, waterfalls, hiking, trekking, bird watching, and tribal visits. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Volunteers are expected to help with the projects that interest them. They can work for a minimum of three hours daily and take free days when they want. They can feel free to work as much or as little as they want **Is transportation available?** I can pick them up from the local bus stop or railway station **Languages spoken** English, Tamil, Malayalam and a little Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** Yes, children and pets are welcome **Special diets** We can work with those who have special dietary needs **And any other specifics for your farm** We are focused on helping to educate the children through nature and organic gardening. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. I can also be found on facebook

IND 249 **Farm Name** Kerieth farm **Contact Name** Ruby Pricylla **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** District Kolar Karnataka .There are trains to Bangarpet and buses too, from Bangalore **A brief description of organic**

activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) Involved in organic agriculture and vermi compost apart from making herbal organic cosmetic making organic pancha kavya , weeding, building new organic medicinal garden. Its about 5 acres with few papaya, lemon, mango, gooseberry trees **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Past 9 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Ecocert **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** As many days as they wish to work in the farm. its up to the volunteers to find their duration to stay. We are happy if they stay at least a week. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** Wecan accommodate 4 at one time. One double room and one dormitory with toilet. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** painting the farm house building, fencing etc **Expectations of work for volunteers** Help in making vermi compost, planting new trees, preparing panch kavya etc. **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languagesspoken** English and Kanada **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Yes Ragi (Millets) ball and porridge **And any other specifics for your farm** 3 km from the farm is Hyder Ali birth place and within 6 km is a huge dam

IND 250 **Farm Name** Satya dhaam farms **Contact Name** Mr Sharat Chaudhary (MICKEY**Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** Satya Dhaam farms is located in district Bulandshahr. State Uttar Pradesh near Simbhaoli sugar factory main on National Highway 24.. Near by railway station are Simbhaoli 9 km, Garhmukteshwar 15 km.**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc)** Satya dhaam farms is an initiative to call all galactic souls around the world who feel to promote organic farming in a practical way. The farms is 2 hectares in size and the major crops cultivated are seasonal vegetables for example bottle gourd, tomatoes, brinjal, chilies, papaya, banana, cucumber etc. Satya dhaam farms is taken care an NGO Ek prayas welfare society. At Satya dhaam farms an opportunity to experience and exchange ideas practically done to promote organic ways for farming **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Approximately since 10 years we have been practicing organic farming. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Practically we have been doing organic farming since 10 yrs but we have never taken step to be on paper for certification **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** WOOFERs can stay for a month and extra days according to his/her situation **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** 10 people can accommodate by sharing basis of rooms and cleaning of bed's and baggage is off course their duty of being human. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Along with an opportunity to exchange culture with village people. WOOFERs can teach village children English and other languages and also teach and learn local techniques for daily living in a best manner. Preparing natural fences, painting and carpenter work is optional work. Helping in kitchen is mandatory as a taste of food develops by cooperation. **Expectations of work for volunteers** At farm volunteers family must take care about vegetables plants weeding , picking up mature vegetables , washing and packaging . Along with helping in kitchen and personally cleaning there bed and baggage. **Is transportation available?** Farm vehicles can be used for day to day local market. Off course picnics arranged to River ganga which is 15 kms can be done along with many places to explore. **Languages spoken** English is common communication tool to be used along with we can teach each other thy languages as a nice learning and taught. **Can you host children or pets** Children are precious gift of god and are always welcome along with pets are true friends of human. **Special diets** North Indian traditional food along with village traditional foods . raw food from farms is utilized as to eat totally organic .Bread :Stuffed vegetable paratha , puri , chapati made by organic wheat flour. Curries : seasonal vegetables curries made by fresh organic indian spices. organic rice even depends on rotation of food according to volunteers taste , Sweets Depends on taste of volunteers twice a week. On weekends we can all try to make our own recipes for inter cultural exchange. **And any other specifics for your farm** Satya dhaam farms is a place of happiness, teach and taught about balancing 5 elements of life by promoting Organic farming and culture exchange among all caste and communities It is 2 hrs away from new Delhi. Nearest among

most of organic farms towards Delhi. So waiting for what? Come be a part of family.

IND 251 Farm Name Bhikshu farm **Contact Name** Raj Surana **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** 32 km from Secunderabad railway station on the Medchal highway. District Medak .Andhra Pradesh enroute can take shuttle auto from Medchal that's 7 km away from farm .**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** The goal is to be self reliant n produce n consume farm produce vegetables for family friends n volunteers. The farm is about 4.5 acres .We have around 18 varieties of mango trees of 10 years, Gauva and Chikoo trees .Organic farming for vegetables is in process and progressing **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Just started **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Not yet **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum 1 week **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** 4 to 5 We have very good rooms to stay with attached bathrooms **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Games , sports , work in fruits and mango orchards **Expectations of work for volunteers** Know how to do organic farming ,interaction , sharing ideas and methodology and any farm work they would be interested in .**Is transportation available** Yes **Languages spoken** Hindi and English **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Vegetarian food like Alu , bhindi , mixed vegetable, salad roti rice and dal. **And any other specifics for your farm** Dhola ri Dhani a Rajasthani village concept is on the way and a Jain temple

IND 252 Farm Name Chilla Mafi Organic farm **Contact Name** Varun Aswathi **email** **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** Chitrakoot in Uttar Pradesh. The nearest train station is Karvi-Chitrakoot. From Ram Ghat we can arrange pick up we have a farm and about 10 hectares of cultivated land. We recently started to plant 300 lemon trees, papaya trees and bamboo organically. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We are now starting a project in the village of Chilla Mafi, which we want to turn as a pilot village for the area and set up a program for self sustainability. We are willing to turn to organic farming as much as possible. We have thousand of non-gmo seeds to plant and need help to do it wisely. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** We have just started **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Depending on the work the volunteers want to be involved with, they are welcome to stay from a week to a long period. We are very happy if people want to be involved on a long term. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** Volunteers will stay in the village of Chilla Mafi in our old farm that we are willing to use for volunteers and also as a resource centre for villagers. Many rooms are there where we can place upto 10 persons. Place is very basic but villagers will make you feel home very fast **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Many non-farming opportunities as you are right in the village so we are welcoming any sort of skills you may want to share but also needs are in translation support help villagers with restoration, creative workshops for kids, artistic activities, solar/ alternative energy, green house construction, irrigation issues **Expectations of work for volunteers** We are in the process of making a survey in the village and with the farmers so that we can prioritize better the work but we can already list some possible activities as : field related activities, organization of compost, set up of bank seeds, kitchen garden with women, animals maintenance **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** Hindi, English, French and basic German and Spanish. **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Pure vegetarian **And any other specifics for your farm** Chilla Mafi is a village in remote Bunkelhand area. The best village life is offered to volunteers willing to go for such an experience. We are really hoping to connect with people having good knowledge to help us to make first steps towards organic farming and also set up a program for the community. Discover Holi pilgrim place of chitrakoot with many attractions through the year and beautiful ghats. Lots of places are worth visiting like Hanuman Dhara, Janki Kund, Sarbhanga ashram, or even Kalinjar fort. Also Khajuraho is 5 hours away and Varanasi is easily accessible by train and bus.

IND 253 Farm Name MAYA VADI **Contact Name** POOBALA KRISHNAN **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** Village Chikarayannahalli. Near Nandi hills, 10 km from Devanahalli Bangalore international airport. Karnataka.. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Exotic fruit farm, Natural farming, Vedic garden, Medical & rare varieties of all sphere of plants. Farm is just one acre. Have planted lime, coconut & fruit varieties. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 3 yrs **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Entirely depends on the volunteer. Minimum stay 1 week. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** 4 to 6 .We have 2 permanent tent & also a big room which can accommodate 4 to 6 people. Attached bathroom & toilet. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Alternative construction, Landscaping, Set up an art cafe. Open Kitchen , bamboo house. vedic garden. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Weeding, planting, simple cooking, maintaining the farm. Involve in construction of open kitchen & bamboo or cob house.**Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** English, Kannada, hindi, tamil, telegu & german if my partner is present. **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Simple veg food, Rice & sambar, vegetable rice, fried rice. Will also have varies option once we visit bangalore. **And any other specifics for your farm** Tippu's birth place, Nandi hills, Mysore, Sai baba ashram, Muddenahalli. Skandagiri hills, Coorg, Bangalore, Bhoganandi temple. Many option for trekking..

IND 254 Farm name Mrittika Natural Farm **Contact name** Abhijit Das **Location (address and description of land)** **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Mrittika Natural Farm is a farm in which all (or mostly all) inputs are from within the farm itself. We use vedic practices to improve the soil. In fact, Mrittika means 'soil' in Sanskrit. We keep some areas of the farm wild. Here, we gather mulch, compost, seed, leaves for bio-pesticide, wild food and medicine. Our main cash crop is organically grown and hand crafted/rolled green tea and orthodox black tea. We also grow seasonal vegetables. We are now planting intercropped orchards and working on our long-term food forest design. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Two years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** – Minimum two weeks. Maximum length of stay can be discussed. **Accommodations (number and type)** Two **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Can help in construction of huts if skilled. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Depends on the volunteer. We need WWOOFers who are interested in learning and respectful cultural exchange. They need to be caring, sharing, flexible, positive, adaptable, constructive, honest, responsible and have a sense of humour. **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, Bengali & Assamese **Can you host children or pets?** – No **Special diets** As per availability and requirement **And any other specifics for your farm** n/a

IND 255 Farm Name WAYBHASE FARMS **Contact Name** SANDEEP WAYBHASE **email** **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** District - Washim **State** : Maharashtra. Direct buses from Aurangabad to Risod or Pune to Wasim, get of at Risod .The land is marginal land where we sow and harvest soyabean and other rabi and kharif crops .we have our sustainable dam for the village providing irrigation facilities to the land. We are also trying to incorporate the modern techniques of farming and agriculture. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Green house projects , cultivation via drip irrigation ,Focus on organic farming .A 3 Acres farm land with Mango ,plum and Guava trees **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 2 Years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** . Talathi Karlayalaya gram panchayat. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 2 Weeks **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** Upto 15 people(Concrete house , well built toilets and bathroom with water supply **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative**

energy, etc.) Dam visit , bonfire activities , tent accommodation field trips . Fishing and eateries , basket making and sculpturing **Expectations of work for volunteers** Learning the core basics of farming, co-operative to people and have fun. Ploughing ,sowing ,plucking ripe mango fruits and gathering berries etc. **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** English , Hindi and Marathi **Can you host children or pets?** Yes. I have dog of my own. Spitz breed. **Special diets** Italian and continental Breakfast served. All types of pasta, porridge, bread and ham, bread butter, coffee, tea ,green tea, chamomile tea **And any other specifics for your farm** Greenery all around, cheery people, best stay facility and welcome atmosphere. One can visit Lonar cater , lake shirdi , Shani Shingnapur , Shegaon-Gajanan baba

IND 256 **Farm Name** Rasala **Contact Name** Venetia Kotamraju **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train),** Taluk Sakleshpur , District Hassan, State Karnataka. 220km from Bangalore and about 100km from Mangalore **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** 9 acres of robusta and arabica coffee interplanted with orange trees. plan to further intercrop the coffee as per Subhash Palekar's natural farming methods with banana, coconut, areca, gliricidia etc. We plan to plant a fruit forest of mango, chikkoo, guava, citrus fruits, jackfruit, papaya, banana, coconut etc. **How long you have being Organic Farming** Just started **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** One week **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** 2-3 tents that can accommodate 2 people each **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Earthbag construction, rainwater harvesting set up **Expectations of work for volunteers** Earthbag construction work, natural farming methods, planting of fruit forest, set up of kitchen vegetable garden, rainwater harvesting set up **Is transportation available?** At times **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, Kannada (little bit), Sanskrit **Can you host children or pets?** Yes we would love to host children and pets. We have a son who is almost 3 yrs old who is a keen volunteer on the farm **Special diets** We are vegetarian and cook simple vegetarian food (mainly vegan) with an emphasis on lots of fresh fruit and vegetables **And any other specifics for your farm** Sakleshpur is a hill station full of coffee and tea plantations and situated in the extremely rich biodiverse Western Ghats. As such it is a tourist destination for weekenders and trekkers. Not far away are the historic temples of Belur and Halebid, as well as the Jain site of Shravanabelagola. There are also several important living temples nearby which attract many pilgrims, including Dharmasthala and Kukke Subrahmanya.

IND 257 **Farm Name** Shodhan Farms **Contact Name** Dhanu **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** Taluk:- Kanakapura District:- Ramanagar State:- Karnataka Nearest Bus Stop:- Kanchanahalli (1Km) **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Organic Farm with Mango, Coconut, Teak and Silver Oak plantation. With more then 400 trees in 4 acres Farm. Planning Dairy Farming in coming months. **Major Crop:- Maize and potatoes** **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 6 Months **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Min 1 Week and Max 6 months **Accommodations(How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** 2 Sharing Tents with Eco friendly bathrooms and toilets. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Shed Construction, Check Dam Construction, Chick Coop, Pond, **Expectations of work for volunteers** Helping in day to day activity of farm , Construction work , feeding animals and birds. **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** English, Kannada, Tamil, Hindi, Telugu **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** South Indian Food:- Idli, Dosa, Rice, Sambar, chapati, Poori, Tea, Coffee **And any other specifics for your farm** Places of tourist interestNearby : Kabbalu Temple, Sangam, Kanakapura

IND 258 **Farm Name** Adarsh farm **Contact Name** Pragath **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** Village District Shimoga , State Karnataka. .

From Shimoga to farm it is well connected with bus or can arrange a vehicle from railway station to farm **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** The farm is around 11 acres where Arecanut , Coco ,Banana , Pepper and Mango is grown .**How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Our family into it since generation **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Yes , Karnataka agriculture department **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 15 days Volunteers can stay how long they wish, they can even stay for less days but it will be helpful if they stay till they finish the work they started **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** Upto 8 persons could be accommodated , we have 2 bed room farm house with attached bath room (well furnished) with a hall ,kitchen and dining .**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** We are looking for volunteer who is good at landscaping and architecture (who can help us in making a farm house and surrounding like a resort)help in planning to construct a swimming pool and a lake as well . **Expectations of work for volunteers** Looking for a people who can help and guide us to develop organic farming activities , they can enjoy their stay with helping the agriculture labour by guiding them and maintains accounts (which we can help) **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** English Kannada Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** We can provide healthy and hygienic Indian homemade food .We can also provide fully furnished kitchen they can make use of it as well . **And any other specifics for your farm** It is well connected to a town (4 kms) on the high way. It is in the western ghats which is notified by UNESCO , close to jog falls , reserve forest , Agumbe and Kodachadri hill stations good for Trekking as well . Badra back water is very close and Goa is around 300 kms.

IND 259 **Farm Name** Rural Agency for Social and Technological Advancement **Contact Name** Omana T.K. **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** Kambalakkad. P.O, Wayanad District. Kerala . Calicut main bus station. From bus station volunteers can catch a local bus to Mananthavadi. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** RASTA is registered NGO involved in number of organic farming projects in collaboration with local tribal communities in the Wayanad district. Our primary work with the Kattumaikka and Urali Kurumba tribes involves vegetable, banana and rice farming. RASTA has 2 acres of land being developed for the benefit of the tribal communities. We plan to establish an onsite organic community garden to serve as a holistic sustainable resource for common welfare and to enhance access to food and nutritional security for marginalized tribal families who often do not own sufficient land to achieve this independently. Other ongoing works include landscaping, planting (fruit trees, coffee, cardamon), organic compost production, and cultivating food crops (yams, vegetables etc). Our other crops include coffee, coconut, cardamon, pepper, banana, jackfruit tree and other food crops. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 20 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Not certified **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum 2 weeks . **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** 20 people, volunteers will be housed in our comfortable dormitory which has both Western and Indian bathroom facilities and access to filtered drinking water **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Construction, short film making, painting, cleaning, maintenance and repairs of building, office assistance, marketing, fundraising (social media etc), project proposals. **Expectations of work for volunteers** RASTA require assistance from volunteers to help maintain our 2 acres of land. Our goal is to clear plots of land in order to cultivate more organic food produce to use in our guesthouse for national and international guests and visitors, using natural and vermi compost. Volunteers can assist with developing organic compost, planting trees, expanding our vegetable garden, land leveling, watering etc .Minimum 6 hours work per day, Monday to Saturday..**Is transportation available?** Transportation is available at volunteer's own cost. **Languages spoken** English, Malayalam, Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** Children yes pets no **Special diets** Since we are working with tribal farmers who cannot afford to place volunteers in their houses we will place volunteers in our NGO guest House and volunteers are welcome

to purchase and prepare their own food in our communal kitchen for free. Alternatively, we can provide volunteers with up to 3 organic home cooked vegetarian meals for 280 INR per day Breakfast @ 80 INR, Lunch/Dinner @ 100 INR (cost negotiable depending on duration of stay and work). We can also offer unlimited tea, coffee and filtered water for free! Non-vegetarian available on request with some additional cost **And any other specifics for your farm** Sunday is free for volunteers to relax and explore local area .We want to develop an organic farm with sustainable practices which can be used as a model for surrounding villages to replicate.

IND 260 Farm Name Agri nest **Contact Name** S.K.Babu **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** Agri Nest organic Farms, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Herbal Demo Garden for the public and school children, integrated farming system inclusive of Indegenious Cows/Poultry/Ducks/Bee Keeping Etc.20 acres farm, coconut plantation, mango plantation, cocoa, areca nut, vegetable cultivation, farm animals are Desi cows ,hen, cock, ducks, pigeons **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 17 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Yes in Tamilnadu Organic Certification Department **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Up to one year . Minimum stay 1 week **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** 3 to 5 people Separate rooms , dormitory ,with attached bath etc) **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Making of Banana fibre crafts/pottery making/organic bio Pesticide making/Areca Leaf plates making /water shed management /Herbal plants identification, Organic Kitchen Garden, to create awareness for the public and school children .**Expectations of work for volunteers** Above mentioned sectors to teach about their culture and farm related activities and their language to localities **Is transportation available?** Yes Jeep and bikes**Languages spoken** Tamil, English **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Organically grown hygienic and millet based food and tender coconut (idly, dosa, uppuma, south indian Thali and non veg especially country chicken and mutton)**And any other specifics for your farm** River Based organic farm, plz visit www.agrinest.in and www.ecogreenunit.org (Anaimalai tiger reserve)

IND 261 Farm Name Outback India **Contact Name** Mahanya Sreedhar **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** The plot is located at the backwaters of the Manchenebale reservoir. We travel between Bangalore and our land very often so the best way to get here would be to hitch a ride with us. We will also most likely arrange for someone to pick you up. If you would like to come by yourself then option 2 is a better choice.The cellphone reception is very bad sometimes non existent. You will be completely be cut off most of the time. But once you get to the main road you would receive cellphone reception. We have no Internet also. Let us know when you get on the bus with departure time and we will wait at the bus stop to take you to the land. The bus makes only 2 - 3 roundtrips a day so if you've missed on then it would be a really long wait for the next one. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** At present this is a barren piece of land without even a single tree on it, surrounded by the backwaters on three side. The goal is to convert the entire plot of land into a partially self sustaining organic retreat over the next 5-10years all construction that would be undertaken would be using techniques used by villagers in the surroundings and materials from the bordering forests, no modern manufactured materials would be used. Immediate Goals: Fencing the property Construction of 1 bamboo and thatch common area 1 earthen room for storage Bamboo hut for accommodation Bio-Toilets Water catchment area Planting of trees and prepare the soil for farming and plant a small part of it **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** just started **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Volunteers are welcome to stay as long as or as least as they want or is mutually beneficial. But 7-10 days at a minimum would be appreciated. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** At the moment We only have tented accommodation and we can accommodate at least 5 people at a time. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/**

restoration project, alternative energy, etc.) Converting a barren piece of land into a self sustaining commune Alternative construction, alternative energy. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Since this not an already established farm, A majority of the work would be in construction and preparing the plot for farming and community living. Cooking, farming, construction, planning, doing supply runs, fishing, chopping wood, stomping on mud/clay mixtures for use in construction **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, Kannada, Tamil **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Idly, Dosa, Akki Roti, Rice with local curries and pickles. We would take turns cooking the person cooking makes whatever he wants to generally. We also cook meat as and when we want. Generally only chicken and fish since they locally available. An individual is free to catch fish from the lake and cook. And sometimes head in to the village to just buy food from a small family owned hotel. No restrictions on food whatsoever. **And any other specifics for your farm** This is located on fringes of the forest around 500 meters from the border, so we have plenty of wildlife in the vicinity, Elephants pass close by the property occasionally There are also leopards and bears in the surrounding hills. Early morning wake ups are mostly to peacock calls. Savandurga Range forest, Asias largest monolith rocks at around 400+ meters. Hiking and rock Climbing. We have a few bolted routes and a few multi pitch climbs. One can trek to the hill from our campsite and then hike up the monolith should take the better part of the day to go and come back. Keme Gowdas Fort this is in Magadi about 20 km away. Mysore City, Sakleshpur, Bandipur, Nagarhole, Coorg etc

IND 262 **Farm name** The Mushan Gaon Project **Contact name** Vinay **Location (address and description of land)** The farm is about 4 acre land in a village called mushaan gaon. To reach there one needs to get down at kirtinagar on rishikesh-badrinath highway. From kirtinagar one can get shared cabs which takes about 1 hour to reach Mushaan Gaon. , District - Tehri, State -Uttarakhand **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** TMGP first priority will be to stabilize the the water level. For this in phase one we will be working on rain water harvesting. We will start with digging reservoir and swails. Making compost to grow the microbes in the soil and planting indigenous variety of trees. In second phase we will be working on getting the volunteers to work in the village. We will also work on renovating the old abandoned houses in the village. Phase three will emphasize mainly on working with the soil and villagers. This will include mulching, growing green cover for the soil. Planting some fruit trees like mangoes, olive, figs and other. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** I have been working in natural farms for one year. The land we are working on have been abandoned for over a decade. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** The farm is not certified yet but chemical have never been used in land or rather in the entire village. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum stay is one week. **Accommodations (number and type)** The accommodation is village houses with all the basic facilities. We have two houses thatcan accommodate 15 volunteers comfortably. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)**It includes restoring the old abandoned houses in the village, sharing your skills with the villagers. We are planning to start construction of a community kitchen and a meditation/yoga hall soon. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Volunteers are expected to respect the locals and their culture. Be mindful about their action. Drugs are strictly prohibited **Is transportation available?** There are shared cabs going timely through the village. If need then private cabs can be called for. **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, Gharwali **Can you host children or pets?**No **Special diets** The food is vegetarian and optional vegan. **And any other specifics for your farm** Unfortunately since we are still not self sustainable in terms of food The project is at a nascent stage and lot of investment is needed thus a little contribution towards volunteer food would be much appreciated

IND 263 **Farm Name** Vana, Dehradun, India **Contact Name** Manu Narang **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** Vana, Malsi Estate Mussoorie Road, Dehradun 248001, India **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** While we are looking for volunteers to focus on farming and

horticulture aspects of Vana, we are also open to looking at volunteers assigned to the Cuisine or our Wellness Team, while assuring that there is still involvement in aspects of farming, produce and nature. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since our inception. We have been practicing organic farming for two years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency**We are in the first year of our organic certification towards conversion. The certification is being done by Uttaranchal State Organic Certificate Agency (USOCA) **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum 4 weeks, maximum 3 months. **Accommodations** We can accommodate two WWOOFers at a time. Depending on the skill and background of the WWOOFer, they would stay either at the retreat itself or in a comfortable home-stay nearby. We may also look into accommodating volunteers with Vana team members in their apartments. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Interacting with and learning from all the different members of Team Vana, spanning across Wellness, Cuisine, Projects and Design, Horticulture, Procurement and Vana Guests. • Participation in Team Wellbeing Activities that include yoga, raag therapy etc. • Access to the team gym and other team spaces. • Accompanying guests for half day excursions to hikes, the Arti in Rishikesh, the Jabarkhet Nature Reserve trail. **Expectations of work for volunteers** While we are looking for volunteers to focus on farming and horticulture aspects of Vana, we are also open to looking at volunteers assigned to the Cuisine or our Wellness Team, while assuring that there is still involvement in aspects of farming, produce and nature. **Is transportation available?** Yes, transportation will be provided at arrival and departure from Dehradun as well as daily transportation, if not staying in the retreat. **Languages spoken** English, Hindi and other languages of India. Certain team members at Vana also speak Japanese, German, Spanish, French and Italian in a very limited amount. **Can you host children or pets?**We are unable to host children or pets. **Special diets** This depends whether a WWOOFer stays at Vana or outside Vana. Our cuisine is of high standard and focused around wellbeing. We serve food from different regions of India. **And any other specifics for your farm** We are a Wellness Retreat for guests who wish to be 'on retreat' and experience wellbeing. It is important for the volunteers to follow guidelines and rules, and respect sanctity of guests at Vana. One can learn more about Vana through our website www.vana.co.in

IND 264 **Farm Name** Karri Organic Farm **Contact Name** K Prasanna **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** Achutapyram, Vishakapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Have planted 168 coconut trees and tried Water melon , the seeds were faulty. Now planning to grow millets. 6 Acres **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 6 Months **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency**Food Cert **Suggested length of stay for volunteers**1 Week, 2 Week **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** 4 - Shed with two rooms.One room for accommodation and the other for storage.Toilets still to be constructed. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** My farm runs on Solar alone, Need some help in construction of shed for cattle, planning to buy two desi cows **Expectations of work for volunteers** Helping hand in my work, Planning to automate irrigation process with timers. Helping hand in irrigating and weeding and shed construction. and any automated ideas. **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, Telugu, Can use Google Translator **Can you host children or pets?** No **Special diets**No Andhra Chicken curry, Pickles, Rasam. **And any other specifics for your farm** Kondakarla Lovva, Pancadarla Temple

IND 265 **Farm name** : BC Farms **Contact Name:** Supreeth Chandrashekar **Location Village, Post , District, State (How to reach by bus or train):** Kennalu Village Pandavpura Taluk, Mandya District, Karnataka. To get here, the nearest international airport is at Bengaluru. From the airport Buses ply to **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.):** The Current farm and retail are in 2 locations. The farm is located about 500 meters from Pandavpura Railway Station in Kennalu. The farm has a pottery factory and a Nursery that grows a variety of ornamental, foliage, indoor, and fruit

variety of plants. Local cow, poultry farms, vermicompost and Bio-Dynamic Compost are the source of most of the fertilization. Neem oil, BD and a host of other biopesticides are used for IPM. Weed management is a major issue due to the land being irrigated. Tractors and brush cutters are used to keep up along with manual weeding. A fruit orchard is planned and planted around the nursery recently, which needs periodic weed management in order for the saplings to be established. All product produced at the farm is sent to our retail location 20 minutes from the farm to Mysore City. The retail location sells Organic foods like heirloom rice, jaggery spices, etc., organically grown plants, terracotta, fiber, and cement pottery that pair with the plants. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming:** Since 2016 **Whether the farm is certified** Was previously certified by Eco Cert and Karnataka State Organic Cert. Currently not certifying, but plans are to do so in the future. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** Long-term stays are preferable, the ideal would be a month to 3 months. But we welcome guests who want to try it out for a week. **Accommodations (How many volunteers you can accommodate at one time):** A Dormitory that can sleep 10 and Common but separate men's and women's bathrooms will be available. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.):** As we have a retail location in Mysore City that is currently setting up a café, more diverse work will be available like sales, customer service or other works like carpentry, masonry, fabrication that are part of the projects like the café. We are also working on a farm stay and volunteers can participate in building that as well. **Expectations of work for volunteers:** 5 days of 5 hours per day work. All farm-related work like weeding, feeding, preventive pest management, and propagation of nursery plants are just some of the tasks and cooking can be one of them. Volunteers will be assigned to more experienced people to work with in order to improve the efficiency of work so all skill levels are welcome. **Is transportation available?** : Bike rides, pickup, and drop off at the Pandavapura train station. The train station is connected by 17 trains to Bengaluru and Mysuru all through the day starting at 7 am to 10 pm **Languages spoken:** Kannada, English, Bit of French **Can you host children or pets?** : Yes, but with prior approval. **Special diets** The local staples are Raagi balls, Rice, Chapatis / Roti, dals and vegetable sides, yogurt, tea and coffee **And any other specifics for your farm** , Mysuru is a historic city with a plethora of heritage buildings, palaces, gardens and wild life sanctuaries (about an hour away from the city) The city is about 30 minutes from the farm. Bengaluru is a world class city within 2 hours of the farm.

IND 266 **Farm Name** The Silent Valley **Contact Name** Amit Upreti **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** Bhimtal, District-Nainital. Uttarakhand **Nearest Railway station-** Kathgodam, Buses are available from Haldwani. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** It is 4 acres farm and we grow potato, peas, turmeric, cabbage, french beans, garlic, onion etc. We too have livestock, compost and vermicompost is used on our organic farms. Dry leaves of oak and pine trees used for compost fertilizer. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** We have been doing organic farming since many generations). **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 1 week. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** We would like to initially start with 2 volunteer, however we can accommodate more. We have proper rooms with double bed with mattresses, chairs, table and both Indian western style toilets with hot water facility, 24 hours power back-up. Each room will accommodate 2 people. Please find attached photos of accommodation. **Non -farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Tree plantation, Cooking, House Painting, General Maintenance, Fencing. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Weeding, Tree plantation, Cooking, House Painting, General Maintenance, Fencing. **Is transportation available?** Yes. **Languages spoken** Hindi, English, Kumaoni **Can you host children or pets?** Yes. **Special diets** Organic healthy vegetarian meals, milk products **And any other specifics for your farm** We too have bee families. Bhimtal (8Km) is the nearest tourist spot from this location. Nainital, Sattal, Naukuchiatal and Mukteshwar all are nearby tourist spots.

IND 267 Farm Name Palamatam Farm **Contact Name** Motty J. Mathew **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)**, Palamatam- Kerela 686691. undulating and at sea level. From Kochi you can reach by bus to Palamatam town via Kothamangalam **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Pineapple, banana. mango, goose berry, blue apple, jack fruit, rumbutan , litchi, chickoo, custard apple, cherry, cashew, garcinea cambogia, cloves cinnamon. pepper, vanilla, ginger, turmeric, beetle nut, coconut, cocoa, thippali, arrow root, jethropha rubber etc The farm is 80 acres, out of which 30 acres is organic and 50 acres is for natural rubber. We are part of the first rubber plantation in India planted by the British in 1902. Apart from rubber multi crop also. We have no farm animals except for 2 dogs **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** For the last 15 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Yes, Indocert **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Ten days and more(depends) **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** Maximum two. I can spare one room in the house with 2 independent cots, with separate toilets. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction / restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** No non farm activities **Expectations of work for volunteers** Day to day farm activities. Depending on the season it can vary from de-weeding, mulching, applying fertilizers, insecticides etc **Is transportation available?** Yes, bus and tuk tuk **Languages spoken** English and Malayalam **Can you host children or pets?** Children yes but no pets **Special diets** We can provide a continental breakfast of bread toast, butter jam, honey, omelette, coffee/tea, apart from this local cuisine such as puttu & kadala, idili/ dosa with chutney/ sambar, appam &stew, idiappam/ uppumavu and boiled banana. Rest of the meals will include rice /chapatti, seasonal vegetables, salad, Sambar, chicken/fish /beef **And any other specifics for your farm** Please be helpful in the kitchen and in the house, please be clean-spic and span, neat and tidy. This farm is on the fringes of the Thattekkad Bird Sanctuary.

IND 268 Farm Name Prithwe **Contact Name** Mayank Barjatya **(address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** Pune Station Taloka, Bhor, City Pune Maharastra **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)**We are now planning to increase our organic farming activity and utilize all 8 acres of land to grow food, vegetables, fruits etc. (Pulses, Rice, Jwar, Bajra, Macca, Sugercane , Mango, Chiku, Cashew, Coconut, Supari, Awala, Jamun 50 trees each on areas of 15 acres) **How long you have been doing Organic Farming**10 years for personal use only **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 1 week minimum 15 **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** Basic twin and 3 sharing rooms, we can have 6 volunteers (brick made cement sheet, thatch cottages **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Rammed earth , bamboo, stone construction, ecological sanitation, rain water harvesting, bio-gas **Expectations of work for volunteers** We would like volunteers to work in a team and take the task of managing organic farming from start to finish, sound knowledge, hard working and dedicated with target and result orientated approach is expected. (making pits, ploughing, soil preparation for planation, manure making, watering of plants, organic pest control, harvesting) **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** Marathi, Hindi & English **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Indian food, Wheat or Zwar Chapati, Rice, vegetables, dal, salads etc **And any other specifics for your farm** Rajgad Fort, Rajwada at Bhor, Pune City, Tirupati Temple at Kapurhole are nearby places of tourist interest

IND 269 Farm Name Raziya Farm **Contact Name** Jiten **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** Raziya Farm, Pakshirajpura, Next to ITC Guest house, Hunsur, Karnataka 571105. You can reach Hunsur Town by bus/Road from Mysore (Mysore-Hunsur is around 45 Kms), You can be picked up from Hunsur Bus Stop by the farm manager in a vehicle . **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We have been running a fruit orchard for the last twenty years.The farm is spread over 30 acres and has fruit plantation of Coconut (400 trees), Mango (350 trees), Chikoo (Sapota) trees (350 trees). We also grow Ginger, Banana, Vegetables etc. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Twenty years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** One Week **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** The Farmhouse is a concrete building with two bedrooms, attached western style toilets and running showers, hall, terrace and kitchen. we can accommodate four-six volunteers at one time . Volunteers will be housed in one bedroom, with separate cots, in the main farmhouse with attached bathroom. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** We also have six dogs, cows, ducks, pheasants, rabbits which require taking care of **Expectations of work for volunteers** Expected to help out in the weeding pruning of the fruit plantation trees along with ancilliary farm work. **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, Kannada **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** South Indian Cuisine mostly and Eggs and Bread for breakfast if requested. **And any other specifics for your farm** The Farm is located close to the Nagarhole Tiger Sanctuary (A.K.A The Rajiv Gandhi National Park); Coorg is around an hours drive away. Mysore is one hour drive away.Bylakuppe/Kushalnagar is one hours drive/bus ride away.

IND 270 Farm Name Agartha **Contact Name** Fez **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** Theni district, Tamil nadu can by bus to munnar and then another to top station and a 45 min trek downhill **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Foodforest Registered area is 2 acres, but it being within a forest area can very well be 1000s of acres. Slowly converting it to a food forest. I have flowing water, natural springs, 5 types of clay, some bamboo, lot of silk cotton trees, 300 pepper, 600 coffee, 150 lemon, 50 curry leaf and few of amala guava mango pomegranate etc. all naturally grown and no pesticide or herbicide ever used if at all only 15 years before for coffee alone. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 4 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum 2 weeks **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** Room to fit 15 person with kitchen and utensils to support the same. Everything including permanent shelter and bathrooms have to be built. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Construction, alternative energy. **Expectations of work for volunteers** 3 hrs a day , the idea is to restore the land to its natural way of food production if man did not play his hand n its domestication destruction and pollution. All fruits of land first for its inhabitants the animals and only then to humans preferably for free. **Is transportation available?** Yes I have an offroader. **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, Tamil, Malayalam. **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** All food will be prepared by us and it is vegetarian, or have to walk 6 km and take a bus 16km to bodinayakanur to find restaurants. There you can find almost any local dishes veg or non veg **And any other specifics for your farm** N.A

IND 271 The Goat Village has three farms at different locations ; **Location 1 :Farm Name** The Goat Village **Contact Name** Mani Mahesh Arora **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** Nag Tibba Trek, Distt. Tehri, Uttarakhand. Three-hour-drive from Dehradun. Public transport also functional from Dehradun to Pantwari. The hike to The Goat Village begins from Pantwari. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We, as an organisation called 'Green People', are working towards reverse migration of farmers in the mid Himalayan region of rural Uttarakhand. We are helping boost rural economy with our natural himalyan produce called 'Bakri Chhap'. With a diversified product portfolio, our farmers are creating a nutritious and diversified platter of usual derivations of wheat and rice paired with almost extinct (due to lack of good price and market) food grains and pulses like Mandua, Zhangoora, Gahat, Sunta, Bajranga, Bhatt, Rare Rajma, etc, with no inorganic chemicals. In the total area of the farm at The Goat Village and Pantwari, we have around 8-10 men and women involved who help us cooking, cleaning, transportation, working in farms and poultry, collection, packing and distribution of crops and grains to villagers and visitors and other similar activities. Apart from these, we have our regular guests (mostly travellers and trekkers to the Nag Tibba site) who come and stay with us for couple of days. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** For around two years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** We are a natural Himalayan farm nestled in the forested areas of Gharwal, Uttarakhand. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 2 weeks to 1 year **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** 12 volunteers We have our farm retreat dorms and cottages, all built in traditional Gharwali style and designed to cover the basics and provide for a fine and comfortable living. All of these have attached baths and western toilets. Apart from these, we can provide accommodation in local mud huts, home stays and tents, depending upon the availability and weather conditions. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Weeding, tree planting, house painting, cooking, general maintenance, fencing, office work, help with building, language tuition etc. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Usually 5 hours of work everyday; 5 days a week. Non farming work may include tree planting, house painting, cooking, general maintenance, fencing, office work, help with building, packing of crops and grains, digital promotions, etc. **Is transportation available?** Yes. Both private and public transportation can be availed. Volunteers will have to bear the transportation cost. **Languages spoken** Hindi, English, Gharwali (local language) **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Can be availed as per the requirements. We specialise in creating a nutritious and diversified platter of usual derivations of wheat and rice paired with almost extinct (due to lack of good price and market) food grains and pulses like Mandua, Zhangoora, Gahat, Sunta, Bajranga, Bhatt, Rare Rajma, etc. Apart from these, we serve home grown and wholesome veggies and fruits such as cauliflower, broccoli, tomatoes, ladyfinger, capsicum, potatoes, pumpkin, cucumber, maize, strawberries, pears, apples, etc. Milk and eggs can also be availed. **And any other specifics for your farm** At an altitude of around 2,000 metres, The Goat Village is located on way to the popular Nag Tibba trek and is just 28 kms from Mussoorie. So some of the main nearby tourist attractions include Nag Tibba Temple, Jhandi Trek, 500-year-old Kandi village, The Goat Village Raithal (our another property in Uttar Kashi), Dyara Bugyal Trek, etc.

Location 2 : Farm name :The Goat Village, Kanatal**Contact Name** :Mani Mahesh**Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** :Village Thangdhar, Kanatal, Uttarakhand, India**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** :The Goat Village farms act as laboratories for the volunteers and nearby farmers to test and grow local as well as cash crops like exotic herbs and vegetables.**How long you have been doing Organic Farming** :2 years**Suggested length of stay for volunteers** :3 weeks**Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** :3-4**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :Depends on time and need basis.**Expectations of work for volunteers** :Dedication towards work, open to learning and

adjusting, conscious of environment and mother nature, respectful to local communities.**Is transportation available?** :Yes. Both public & private**Languages spoken** :English/Hindi**Can you host children or pets?** :Yes**Special diets** :Yes

Location 3 Farm name :The Goat Village, Dayara Bugyal**Contact Name** :Mani Mahesh**Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** :Village Raithal, En Route Dayara Bugyal Trek, Uttarkashi**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** :At Green People, we are trying to revive abandoned farm lands in the lower & middle Himalayas, protect micro-cultures of these places and setting a trend of reverse-migration.Educating farmers and using the goat village farms as laboratories to test and grow seasonal and local crops to cash crops like exotic herbs and vegetables.**How long you have been doing Organic Farming** :2 years**Suggested length of stay for volunteers** :3 weeks**Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** :3-4**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :Varies time to time and on need-basis.**Expectations of work for volunteers** :Dedication towards work, open to learning and adjusting, conscious of environment and mother nature, respectful to local communities.**Is transportation available?** :Yes. Both public & private**Languages spoken** :English/Hindi**Can you host children or pets?** :Yes**Special diets** :Can be arranged

IND 272 Farm Name Adarsh **Contact Name** Pragath **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)**,Shimoga , Karnataka **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Major crops we grow are Arecanut, Coconut ,Pepper and Coco in 10 acres as a inter crop (mixed crop) in 5 acres we have a farm house which is surrounded by mango trees and a labour quarters .Major work we prefer is guiding labours and also can work with them if interested in the field to get a firsthand experience .I want part of my agriculture land to be developed as private place for family n friends get to gather , so mainly looking for garden landscaping work n construction of cottages and swimming pool in the farm . Looking for people who has experience in it and who can share ideas , plans and can help in implementing the ideas **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 8 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** It is certified by Karnataka state government **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Depends on the work, we prefer at least one week because to less days will not help them learn anything nor we are benefited with their help.**Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** We have a beautiful 2 bed room house with western toilet and kitchen ,which is also minimum furnished , no one is staying there just constructed for friends and family outing 24/7 watch man and permanent labour work every day Maximum 6 persons could be accommodated . Hot water , drinking water also available .we have a space where u can put up tents as well and camp fire**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Yes would be looking for landscaping , construction of cottages and a swimming pool **Expectations of work for volunteers** . For agriculture related work we don't need any skilled labour , it is more of you r coming here to learn n experience .For other work as landscaping , construction of cottage and swimming pool we might need an civil engineer or architects . Or at least who has wonderful aesthetic sense and knowledge of architecture. Planning, accounting and follow up **Is transportation available?** Yes there is a rail n bus connect to farm n also can help with own vehicle **Languages spoken** English Hindi Kannada **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Veg or non veg both can be cooked . Will be provided local dish like rice roti , idli, dosa , poori and many more . Rice also available with both veg and non veg curries also provide bread and eggs .If u want cook yourself we will provide gas , vegetables and other ingredients .**And any other specifics for your farm** Tourist places nearby Jog falls one of the highest water fall in India 60kms1hr drive Agumbe - it is called has western ghat known for sunset , thick forest n animals .. It is also listed by unesco 60kms1hr driveKodchadri :

40km is again a hill known for trucking and four wheel drive!1hr drive Sringeri: 45 kms ancient temple built by Hoysala kingdom.1hr drive. Badra reserve forest : 20km 15 mins drive .Belaru n halebidu 2.30 mid drive Hampi- 3.30 hrs driveGokarna -3.30 hrs drive Goa - 6hrs drive

IND 273 Farm Name STHALAA , AGUMBE **Contact Name** Jassim Ali **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** Thirthahalli Taluk, Shimoga Dist. , Karnataka, PIN 577411 (Closest railway stations are Udupi and Shimoga), Frequent buses during day time from Mangalore, Udupi, Manipal and Shimoga. 1 bus everyday to and from Bangalore. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Raising a sustainable micro Organic farm, using rapidly disappearing eco friendly farming methods and local living to then use this as a model approach to farming and life to propagate other farmers adopt this. To help them understand that this nature friendly methods are feasible and sustainable. Ever since we started in 2014, by collecting cow dung manure found in public areas around the village we have had a great journey with successful micro harvests of endemic rice, vegetables, fruits, spices, arecanuts, Sugar cane, turmeric and ginger and beekeeping. We have added, few local breed of cows, as live stock and chickn. We plan to add goats & rabbits soon. The farm is located in Agumbe (a small town in Western ghats), often called the Cherrapunji of southern India, for the maximum rainfall it receives. In the heart of a dense biodiverse forest, we have 2.5 acre fields on the banks of a rivulet where farming happens, and about an acre of areca plantations adjacent to dense wild forest land. We have started our veg restaurant with farm to table idea this year. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 6 Years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum 3 weeks. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** minimum 4 volunteers can be accommodated at a given time. . Currently We are using camping tents for volunteers in the field along with bedding. we are open to the idea of building new structures with the help of volunteers. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Alternate construction methods to build structures around the place. Alternative energy. We have been filming the whole process of creating this organic farm from grass roots, to make it as a documentary for screening in schools/agriculture colleges. People interested in supporting camera work/ editing or tech support. Would be of help in Artist residency for musicians/ writers/ film makers. Research and cultivation of endemic medicinal plants. **Expectations of work for volunteers** **Daily Farming activities** - Ranges from maintaining fences, land preparation, irrigation, planting, cultivation and travelling to other farms to source seeds and saplings. Harvest and processing of seasonal crops which involves boiling and sun drying of the yield. Feeding and grazing the live stock .We welcome help on setting up eco friendly, endemic shelters for volunteers and guests. Building slurry tank, irrigation channel, composting, liquid manuring.Help in maintaining and running the restaurant. **Is transportation available?** We use public transport currently. **Languages spoken** Hindi, English, Kannada, Tulegu. **Can you host children or**

pets? No. **Special diets** Strictly vegetarian South Indian and world cuisine. Strictly no alcoholic beverages. **And any other specifics for your farm** Sthalaa was conceived by three artists, coming from various backgrounds, bound together by our passion for ancient, back to roots, way of life around the core- farming. Jassim , a musician, has been on the forefront driving this and living it for the last five years. Apart from being part of the tribe in building and propagating organic farming, and sustainable living, one can learn/enjoy local cuisines, quite lifestyle, and experience raw nature. Agumbe, being in the heart of western ghats, a thick forest land known for its biodiversity, and the land of snakes, it has been named as a UNESCO heritage site, allows one to explore and have various types of experiences. Lots of places of tourist interest and many virgin spots to explore. Kundadri Hill - a monolithic rock housing a 3000 year old Jain temple, is juts about 10 miles away. Houses which are 300 years old, alive, and have been made famous by few television series, is less than 5 kms away. Known for its highest rainfall history, it is scenic through out the year, with varied landscapes, and dotted with various spots for sunset viewing. Lots of virgin spots inside the forests suitable for trekking with wildlife and leeches for company. few water falls, some well known and others virgin inside the deep forests, worth exploring. King Cobra research centre close by. Sakkarebail, an elephant camp is about 2 hours by public transport. Mandgadde bird sanctuary, home for migratory birds from Siberia amongst others, is again 2 hours by bus. Sringeri Mutt, an ancient temple and also a historical site - is 30 kms away from our farm. The famous Jog Falls - the highest water fall in India and the Tavare Koppa tiger reserve is 2.5 hour drive away. Also near by within few miles we have old ancient historical forts. Apart from sightseeing and trekking, time off can be spent with books and musical instruments to keep oneself busy. Or just chill by the stream. We could have occasional campfire cooking and music and sky gazing. We also encourage volunteers to take up cooking and cleaning as part of daily farm activities.

IND 274 **Farm Name** SIDDHAGIRI ORGANIC PROJECTS **Contact Name** SHREEDHAR TERADAL ,TANAJI NIKKAM **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)**, KOLHAPUR , MAHARASHTRA . kolhapur has both rail and bus services, our organisation is located at after reaching kolhapur every half an hour there will be busses which are connecting to math if anybody prefer to to reach by air belagavi airport has two connecting flights every day one from mumbai and another Bangalore. Note: Miraj station has best connectivity of rails from north to south. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Currently we have 300 acre land and in terms of major crops we are focusing on fodder for the cows in goshala, and mango, safota, banana, wheat, Under millionaire farming project or lakhapati keti project helps people to grow more variety of crops (180) in one acre land. Every year we provide training to local farmers on on our millionaire farming projects. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** More than 250 years we have been into organic and natural farming projects **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Volunteers can stay for 8 to 10 days in our farms... **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** 8 to 10 volunteers at time We have 30 rooms with attached bath and 24 hrs hot water facility. Every room has four beds, every time at least 8 days before/ advance booking is required from every volunteer. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** We work with different sectors like education , livelihood, agriculture, livestock (we have more than 1000 Indian cow breeds in our goshala) ,Healthcare Ayurveda , Gurukulam, etc **Expectations of work for volunteers** Volunteers can work in our farms, goshalas, jaggery making units, hydophinic unity or azolla units and if they are interested they can teach English to our students and they can work on photography and documentary making of our activities. Volunteers can work in our farms and goshalas. they can make documentary of our projects. **Is transportation available?** NO **Languages spoken** ENGLISH, HINDI, MARATHI, KANNADA **Can you host children or pets?** NO **Special diets** Every day they will get breakfast like poha, upma, and pulav Lunch - Roti/ Chapati and sweet, vegetable curry ,rice and Dal . Dinner Roti/ chapati and vegetable curry, rice and Dal **And any other specifics for your farm** Kolhapur it self is the Heritage city and near by we

have Forts, and Radhanagari wild life sanctuary and water reservoirs.. etc Siddhagiri math has museum and Prerana park. aarogya udyan, Maya mahal etc

IND 275 Farm Name : Smell of the Earth **Contact Name :** Aparajita Sengupta/ Debal Mazumder **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train):** Smell of the Earth is a 2 acre family farm growing rice, pulses, vegetables, oilseed and some fruits. It supports a family of three. The farm is located near Birbhum, West Bengal. **Previous experience of organic farming / activities if any:** Smell of the Earth has been growing all its food for the last 2 years. Before starting the farm, the owners also ran a community supported agriculture farm in Kolkata, and volunteered to set up an organic farmers' market in the city. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.):** The aim of the farm is to grow all the food that is needed by the residents, and sell the excess locally. Crops grown include 4-5 varieties of rice, potatoes, onion, mustard, jowar, seasonal vegetables, 3-4 varieties of pulses. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming :** 4 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** No. Owners do not support certification. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers :** 7 days at least **Accommodations:** (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time): 4-5 volunteers at one time. Volunteers stay in a stand-alone cottage with its own bathroom, kitchen, electricity and running water. Thatch roof, palm-leaf walls. One large bedroom with wooden floors. Mattress and pillows provided. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/restoration project, alternative energy, etc.) :** Alternative constructions including stoves and ovens, animal shelters, food preservation. Drama workshops for local children. **Expectations of work for volunteers:** 4-5 hours a days. Basic farm work including clearing/cutting hedges, orchard maintenance, planting/ harvesting/ mulching/ composting. Rice-planting in late July, and harvesting in October/November are good opportunities to learn about several varieties of native-seed rice cultivation methods. Post-harvesting processing of pulses, mustard and millet in February/March. **Transportation available?** Bicycles for local travel available from the farm. Buses to the city available 4/5 times a day. Autorickshaws available from Rs. 150 onward. **Languages spoken :** English, Bengali, Hindi. Owners have stayed in the United States in the past for several years. **Can you host children or pets?** Children are welcome. We are a family farm. Pets are welcome if they can get along with our dog and two cats. **Special diets :** We provide vegetarian food from the farm, and fish when available. Vegans are welcome. Food is simple vegetarian fare. Preparations include Bengali dishes made with various local greens, banana stem and flowers, as well as Asian and continental cottage cooking. We have just started baking in our cob barrel oven. **And any other specifics for your farm:** Summers are super hot here. Winter and monsoon are pleasant times. The farm is 6 Kms from Santiniketan, the university town founded by Rabindranath Tagore. The university and its surroundings are popular tourist attractions owing to its sprawling campus and historic buildings and sculptures. Santiniketan is also famous for its various local crafts, ceramic studios, baul music, Saturday Market and scenic bicycle routes.

IND 276 **Farm Name** Nandhavana Tottam **Contact Name** Saroja Kumar **Phone** Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train) Post Office : Lingamanayakkanpatti , Via Pallapatti, Aravakurichi Taluk , Karur District, Tamil Nadu. Karur can be reached by Train or bus from Chennai or any part of India and from Karur, our farm can be reached by bus through NH7. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Farm land covers about 20 acres. Local breed of cows with young ones (totally 12 in number) are there. I and my co-workers look after them. 100 coconut trees are there and 50 palm trees too. I'm planting other trees along with drumstick and other vegetables Practicing permaculture. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** For 5 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** not yet **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** As they wish, It is the choice of the volunteers. minimum 5 days is the suggestion **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** Five, (5) The volunteers can stay with us. In the garden itself, there is a big house. There are separate rooms and dormitory too. There is one common toilet. Two attached bathrooms. My children are living in Chennai and when they come to visit the farm, they use the attached bathrooms. If the volunteers are women, I can have them stay with me in my house itself (I'm a woman); If they are male, then they can stay in separate rooms. There are two individual houses other than the big house. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** looking after the livestock, marketing the vegetables in nearby villages, restoration works like planting palm trees etc. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Collecting vegetables from the garden, weeding, watering the plants, transferring young saplings from the nursery to the fields etc **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** Tamil, English and Telugu **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Vegetarian, depends on the requirement of the volunteers . We provide ordinary South Indian meals. Along with that, we have idli, dosa with chutney and sambar. In addition we have many recipies having millets like bajra, ragi and maize, as their main ingredients. Chapatis too with potato side dish or dhal are available here. **And any other specifics for your farm** Sharing the experience in our farm will be a good experience for the My farm land is one kilometer away from the nearby town Pallapatti. Near Pallapatti is situated the famous ancient city Madurai. It is 100km from our town. Many people visit Madurai for its Meenakshi temple. Trichy is another tourist spot near our town. From Madurai people go to Kanyakumari and Rameshwaram. You can have a glance at Google to know the importance of these places. Kodaikana and Ooty are the nearest hill stations from our town.

IND 277 **Farm Name** Hridayesh Organics **Contact Name** Sanjeev Kumar Sharma **Location** (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train) The Hridayesh Spa Wilderness Resort Corbett National Park Distt. Nainital Uttarakhand Pin 244715. About 08 Km from Ramnagar Bus Stand. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Activities of WWOOFers are as Follows:- 1. Currently About 700 Mango/ Fruit Trees of 20 Years Age Producing Fruit The promoters want to set up a model farm that will encapsulate all forms of farming possible in the Himalayan regions of Uttarakhand. the Farm will supply equipment , technical know how to the farmers and give a buy back guarantee of the produce grow. There is an existing dairy with 15 cattle and the promoters want to start manufacturing Cheese and other milk products for local consumption. Bio culture foliar Sprays Like Jivamruth are Applied Once every 15 Days Preparation of Biodynamic 500 and 501, Panchagavya, Dashagavya, Jivamruth, Sanjivak, and Amirthpani. Vermicomposting with food Residues, glyricidia loppings and cowdung Slurry. 2. The farm adjoins a Resort and a Hotel also owned by the promoters which is the main consumer for all the farm products. Thus, we are looking at volunteers who could also assist us in Carpentry , Baking , Cooking and other creative works that would allow the guest and other people visiting the farm value system that we are trying to imbibe. 3. We are also planning to set up a Bio Briquetting since there is an over abundance of Bio Fuel in the area which the government wants eradicated. The Hotel and Resort generate enough bio degradable waste every day, that we need to set up a Waste to Compost Unit at a DIY level. **How long**

you have been doing Organic Farming For the past 03 Years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Under Process Suggested length of stay for volunteers Minimum of a Week, Long Term Volunteers (3 to 6 Months) are Preferred.**Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)**Currently Accomodation for 4 to 6 Volunteers is available. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Cheese, Wine, Chocolates, Carpentry, Art, Handicraft& Dry Walls. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Our Volunteers are Like Family. We Share our Resources in Exchange for 5 Hours of Work a day a week.**Is transportation available ?** Public Transport is Available. **Languages spoken** Hindi, English, Urdu,Punjabi and Basic Italian by the Main Host.Staff are able to Communicate in Hindi,Urdu,Punjabi & some Basic English.**Can you host children or pets?** Yes.**Special diets** Vegeterian food Mainly, Morning, Afternoon and Night.All Ingredients will be provided by the host in the event Volunteers would like to cook Western Cuisine. **And any other specifics for your farm :** We Would love for all Our Volunteers to get involved in any activities that our Staff Performs.Training can Be Provided to those who need it. Place of Tourist intrest near by:- Jim Corbett National Park,Garjia Temple,Nainital are worth a Visit.

IND 278 **Farm Name** Panchavati **Contact Name** Madhu Iyengar & Sreevidya **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** Chikkakereyuru, HD Kote, Mysore. Karnataka **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** It's a 4.5 acre organic/natural farm with mostly horticultural crops. Major crop as of now Banana. Still a young farm with lots of diversity growing! **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 6.5 Years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 2days. Preferably Weekends**Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** 2-4 Shared toilet with one room **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Not always there but conduction of small rooms, shed, irrigation etc **Expectations of work for volunteers** Help out in day to day farm activities. weeding, watering, plating new plants, pruning, making vegetable beds, applying manure **Is transportation available?** well connected by road. **Languages spoken** Kannada, English, Hindi, Tamil **Can you host children or pets?** Children ok but no pets **Special diets** Only Vegetarian - Southern Indian food like rasam,idli, dosa ,rice, greens etc **And any other specifics for your farm** No alcohol or Cigarettes or any other banned stuff allowed.. call or mail before you plan. - Kabini dam(23kms), nagarahole nazionale forest (23kms),nugu dam(30kms), lots of lakes, Mysore (45kms). Many more (water falls,jungle safari etc)you can cover in one day (within 100kms)

IND 279 **Farm Name** Organic Farming Training Centre Ratnagiri **Contact Name** Arif Shahemail oftcratnagiri@gmail.com**Phone** 9422508086 **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** Sabera Residency,898 Hanuman Nagar, Padawewadi, Mirjole Ratnagiri Maharashtra. Konkan Railway Trains available from Mumbai for Ratnagiri , Ratnagiri is nearest bus station **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Training Farmers regarding organic package of practices. Crops like Mango, Cashew, Paddy, Spices are grown organically. The farm is of 5ha. Cahew is grown on 2ha and 3ha. Mixed cropping of Mango, Lemon, Banana, Cardamum and Moringa. Our training centre have 1400 organic farmers attached to it. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 15 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** PGS certification first year **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 1- 2 week minimum however we prefer long term volunteers upto 6 months **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** 2 to 3 volunteers . We have accommodation with attached bath at our training centre and also farmhouse at our farm **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Soil and water conservation activities**Expectations of work for volunteers** Preparation of organic manures, botanicals and all farm work. Farm work includes operation like Weeding, Intercultural operations with

the help of machinery, Harvesting of fruits, spraying and application of organic manures. **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** English, Hindi and Marathi **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Konkani and Maharashtra food **And any other specifics for your farm** Training is imparted to the farmers at the training centre and demonstrations are organised on the farm which is located in the beautiful mountains of sahyadri Ratnagiri itself is a big tourist destination with beaches like Ganpatipule, bhatye etc. Goa is 250 KMS from Ratnagiri and Kolhapur is 120 KMS , Mumbai and Pune is 300kms

IND 280 Farm name Aranya Ecovillage **Contact name** Rajnish Kumar **Location (address and description of land)** near local town Berigai in Tamil Nadu. post Mudugurki, Taluk Shoolagiri, district Rishagiri, state Tamil Nadu, Our farm is nearby a forest, gentle hills, and anchetti forest. There is a Reservoir Project, Rayakottah, and Krishnagiri Fort. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** The farm has been constructed following the principles of permaculture design using simple technology and working in harmony with nature rather than against it. It is our aim to promote environmental sustainability through water conservation and chemical-free agriculture. Compassion and harmony are at the core of what we do. Our farm has many animals, from buffaloes to chickens. The main crop is millet, but also we grow a variety of fruits and vegetables. The farm is part of a larger green village project. We are involved in seed production, natural building, alternative building, alternative energy, alternative education, waste management, Our goal is to create an easily replaceable model of sustainable living in order to inspire more people to adopt an eco-friendly life style. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 4 years. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Our farm is not certified. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum stay: 2 weeks. Maximum stay: as long as you want **Accommodations (number and type)** Volunteers are welcome to stay in our tents but encouraged to bring their own if possible. It is also possible for a large group to stay with a village family. It is recommended to bring some bedding. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Build houses with mud (methods of building cob, local village mud building, stone house, rammed earth) recycling waste materials and create House help village kids with English, math or science wood work **Is transportation available?** To reach the farm from Hosur, you can use a small transport company (call 9600713619) or use village buses 31, 2, 2a, PNMB. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Volunteers are asked to help with general crop care, eco building, and maintaining the eco farm. It is hoped that volunteers can be flexible about their work time with an average of 5 hours a day for a minimum of 5 days. Occasionally projects need to be finished before night fall, so a longer work day would be most helpful, but this is rewarded with extra rest and relaxation. No experience is necessary, only a commitment to working harmoniously with nature and nature and each other. Families and volunteers of all ages are welcome. **Languages spoken** English, Telugu, Hindi. **Can you host children or pets?** Yes, we can host kids and pets. **Special diets** Food at the farm is mostly vegetarian, and we can accommodate for special diets (vegan, etc.). **Any other specifics of farm** Our farm is nearby a forest, gentle hills, and anchetti forest. There is a Reservoir Project, Rayakottah, and Krishnagiri Fort.

IND 281 Farm Name : Organiguuly Farm **Contact Name :** Kuldeep Singh Chundawat **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train) : Nearest City:** Udaipur (90 km) **Railway Station:** Udaipur City Railway Station **Nearest Airport:** Maharana Pratap Airport, Udaipur It is in Amet, Rajsamand, Rajasthan. As we have already arranged, we provide transportation from Udaipur to Amet for volunteers. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :** I have hands-on experience in organic farming, including cultivating various crops like papaya, broccoli, and bird's eye chili.

Additionally, I've been involved in sustainable farming practices, permaculture techniques, and initiatives like groundwater recharge and tree plantation campaigns. My efforts include managing a farm-to-fork model through Organigully and promoting organic farming in local communities. At Organigully, we focus on sustainable and organic farming practices across our 5-acre farm in Aamet, Rajasthan. The farm is designed to integrate diverse crops, sustainable practices, and community-focused projects.

Crops Grown and Farming Goals
We cultivate a variety of crops, including: Fruits: Papaya, guava, and bananas. Vegetables: Broccoli, spinach, brinjal, and seasonal greens. Specialty Crops: Bird's eye chili, coriander, and turmeric. Grains and Pulses: Lentils and millet, focusing on traditional Rajasthani varieties. Our goal is to create a self-sustaining farm that contributes to the community through organic produce and environmental conservation while showcasing sustainable practices to inspire others.

Why and How We Started Organigully
was started to combat the ill effects of chemical farming and promote health and sustainability. Our vision is to bridge the gap between consumers and farms by offering authentic organic produce. We aim to revitalize the soil, conserve water, and reduce carbon footprints by adopting natural farming methods. The farm also serves as a learning center for the community and volunteers who wish to explore sustainable agriculture.

Fertilization and Pest Control
Fertilization: We use homemade organic compost and bio-fertilizers such as: Vermicompost: Made from farm waste and cow dung. Jeevamrut and Beejamrut: Indian traditional liquid fertilizers made with cow-based ingredients. Green Manure: From leguminous crops and mulching to enhance soil fertility. Pest Control: We rely on natural methods to manage pests, such as: Neem oil spray for insect deterrence. Intercropping to prevent pest spread. Using fermented buttermilk (chaach) and garlic sprays. Companion planting, like marigold, to repel specific insects.

Community and Environmental Projects
Tree Plantation Campaign: We're running a campaign to plant and save one million trees in the Aamet region to combat deforestation and improve groundwater levels. Groundwater Recharge: Our farm implements permaculture techniques to retain rainwater and replenish underground aquifers. Wildlife and Biodiversity Conservation: We aim to create a farm with fruit orchards, native trees, and spaces for birds and bees to thrive. Volunteer Participation: Volunteers can participate in various projects, from planting trees to learning organic farming techniques and soil management.

Organic Product Marketing
Our farm-to-fork model delivers fresh produce directly to customers. Local Markets: We supply vegetables and fruits to nearby towns, including Rajsamand and Udaipur. Brand Collaborations: We collaborate with brands to grow specific herbs and spices tailored to their needs. Gift Hampers: Organic gift boxes, especially during festivals, help us promote our produce creatively.

Why Join Us?
As a volunteer, you'll experience hands-on organic farming, learn sustainable practices, and contribute to impactful environmental initiatives. The farm provides an immersive environment to live and learn with nature while making a difference in the local community.

We have been actively engaged in organic farming for over 3 years. During this time, we have implemented sustainable practices, experimented with diverse crops, and focused on developing a farm-to-fork model. Our journey began with the vision of creating a chemical-free environment and promoting health through organic produce while restoring soil health and biodiversity.

How long you have been doing Organic Farming : Since 2021

Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency : Our farm is currently not certified, but we strictly adhere to organic farming practices based on natural and sustainable methods. We are in the process of exploring certification options to validate our efforts, such as the India Organic certification or similar recognized agencies

Suggested length of stay for volunteers : We recommend a minimum stay of 4-5 days for volunteers. This duration allows them to meaningfully contribute to farm activities while experiencing the essence of organic farming. Volunteers can participate in daily farm tasks, learn sustainable practices, and engage in environmental initiatives like tree plantation and compost preparation. For those with more time, a longer stay is welcome, offering opportunities to immerse in advanced projects, such as permaculture design, crop planning, and natural pest control techniques. We also provide flexible schedules, ensuring volunteers can explore nearby attractions while contributing to the farm.

Accommodations (How many volunteer

you can accommodate at one time) : We can currently accommodate up to 10 volunteers at a time in a mix of comfortable and eco-friendly setups: Private Rooms with Attached Bathrooms Suitable for 2-3 people per room. Equipped with basic amenities for a comfortable stay. Dormitory-Style Accommodation Shared space with separate beds. Ideal for group stays or individual volunteers seeking community interaction. Eco-Tents (Seasonal Availability) Outdoor tent accommodations amidst nature. Perfect for those seeking a rustic, immersive farm experience. Each type of accommodation is clean, well-maintained, and designed to provide a blend of comfort and connection to nature. Volunteers also have access to common areas, including a kitchen, dining space, and outdoor seating areas.

Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.) : 1. Alternative Construction & Restoration Projects Pond Restoration: Cleaning, landscaping, and improving the farm pond area to enhance water conservation. Eco-Friendly Structures: Building mud huts, bamboo sheds, or treehouses for accommodation and recreational spaces. Pathway Development: Designing and constructing stone or natural pathways within the farm. Skills Required: Basic construction knowledge, creativity, or interest in learning eco-construction methods. 2. Permaculture and Sustainability Projects Rainwater Harvesting: Setting up rainwater collection systems and improving groundwater recharge methods. Composting Systems: Designing better compost bins and systems to manage organic waste efficiently. Soil Health Projects: Assisting in soil testing, mulching, and improving soil fertility. Skills Required: Interest in environmental sustainability or hands-on learning; prior knowledge of permaculture is a bonus but not mandatory. 3. Art and Community Engagement Farm Aesthetics: Painting murals, creating signboards, and decorating communal areas. Educational Workshops: Helping design and conduct workshops on sustainability for local school children. Community Campaigns: Assisting with tree plantation drives and awareness events in the surrounding villages. Skills Required: Artistic skills, teaching abilities, or a passion for working with communities. 4. Renewable Energy Projects Solar Energy Setup: Supporting the installation and maintenance of solar panels for farm energy needs. Biogas Units: Assisting in developing a small biogas system to utilize animal waste for cooking or energy. Skills Required: Technical skills or a willingness to learn alternative energy concepts. 5. Content Creation and Marketing Photography & Videography: Capturing daily farm life and activities to promote on social media. Blogging & Writing: Helping draft blogs, stories, and updates about the farm's journey. Social Media: Assisting with the farm's online presence through Instagram, Facebook, and other platforms. Skills Required: Photography, writing, or social media marketing skills. Why These Activities Matter These projects allow volunteers to contribute in ways beyond farming, utilize their unique skills, and leave a lasting impact on the farm. No prior experience is necessary for most activities; only enthusiasm and a willingness to learn are required!

Expectations of work for volunteers

1. Crop Care and Management Sowing and Planting: Preparing beds, planting seeds, and transplanting seedlings. Weeding and Mulching: Keeping the farm weed-free and adding organic mulch to protect soil health. Harvesting: Picking fruits, vegetables, and herbs at the right time and handling them carefully. Skills Required: No prior experience; on-site training provided.

2. Organic Fertilization and Composting Compost Preparation: Learning to create vermicompost, green manure, and liquid fertilizers like Jeevamrut. Fertilization: Applying organic fertilizers to plants while ensuring the right balance for crop growth. Skills Required: Interest in sustainable farming; basic understanding of natural processes is helpful.

3. Pest and Disease Management Natural Pest Control: Preparing and applying organic pest repellents like neem oil spray or fermented solutions. Companion Planting: Assisting in planting crops that deter pests naturally. Skills Required: Willingness to learn natural farming techniques; keen observation skills are a plus.

4. Irrigation and Water Management Drip Irrigation Setup: Assisting with setting up or maintaining irrigation systems. Manual Watering: Ensuring plants receive adequate water, especially during dry seasons. Skills Required: Basic understanding of watering needs; physical fitness for field tasks.

5. Greenhouse and Nursery Maintenance Nursery Work: Seedling preparation, potting, and transplanting young plants. Greenhouse Monitoring: Managing temperature, humidity, and pests inside the greenhouse. Skills

Required: Interest in plant care; attention to detail. 6. Farm Beautification Planting Trees and Flowers: Adding aesthetic and biodiversity value to the farm. Landscaping: Designing and maintaining green spaces within the farm. Skills Required: Creativity and an interest in beautifying natural spaces. Daily Expectations for Volunteers Work for 4-5 hours per day. Tasks are rotated to provide a diverse experience. Volunteers are expected to work as part of a team and communicate openly with the farm team. Why Volunteers Will Enjoy This Work This hands-on experience connects volunteers with nature, teaches sustainable practices, and provides a sense of fulfillment through visible contributions to the farm's growth. Whether it's planting crops or creating organic fertilizers, every activity plays a vital role in our farm's ecosystem. **Is transportation available?:** Yes, transportation is available at our farm for emergencies. On-Site Vehicle: We have a farm vehicle (car or jeep) that can be used in case of medical or other urgent needs. Local Transport Options: Auto-Rickshaws and Taxis: Readily available within a short distance from the farm. Public Transport: Buses and shared autos frequently connect the farm area to nearby towns like Rajsamand and Udaipur. Proximity to Medical Facilities: The nearest hospital or clinic is approximately 2-3 km from the farm, ensuring timely assistance when needed. Volunteers are also welcome to use their own vehicles or arrange private transport if preferred. We ensure that emergency support is always a priority- **Languages spoken :** At Organigully, the primary languages spoken are: Hindi: Widely spoken and understood across Rajasthan and the rest of India. Most farm-related communication and daily interactions will take place in Hindi. Rajasthani: A local dialect spoken by many people in the region, especially in rural areas. Volunteers might hear this language spoken by local farm workers and villagers, though it's not commonly used in formal settings. English: English is spoken to varying degrees by the farm team, especially when interacting with international volunteers. Most of the farm's documentation, signage, and detailed instructions are provided in English, and we encourage communication in English with international guests. Marwari: A local dialect from the Marwar region of Rajasthan, spoken by some of the older generation in Aamet and surrounding areas. Volunteers who speak English, Hindi, or a basic understanding of Rajasthani will find it easy to communicate with the team and the local community. For those unfamiliar with Hindi, the farm team will assist in translating key farm-related tasks. **Can you host children or pets :** Yes, we can host both children and pets, but with some considerations: For Children Age Suitability: Activities are most suitable for children aged 8 and above, as they can engage in light tasks like planting, watering, or learning about farm animals. Supervision: Parents or guardians must supervise children at all times. We encourage family participation to ensure safety and enjoyment. Activities for Kids: Nature walks and tree planting. Learning about crops, composting, and farm life. Interaction with farm animals. For Pets Pet-Friendly Space: The farm welcomes pets as long as they are well-behaved and do not disrupt farm activities or animals. Requirements for Pets: Pets must remain under the owner's supervision. Owners should bring their pet's food and bedding. Vaccination records may be requested for safety. Pet Activities: Ample open spaces for pets to explore and play. Additional Notes Our farm environment is natural and semi-rural, so visitors with children or pets should be mindful of open spaces, farm animals, and ongoing work activities. Advanced notice is required to make suitable arrangements. **Special diets :** At Organigully, we prioritize organic and local cuisine, offering volunteers a taste of Rajasthan's rich culinary heritage. Volunteers will be served wholesome, vegetarian meals made from fresh farm produce, including local dishes that showcase the flavors of the region. Here are some local Rajasthani dishes that will be served: 1. Dal Baati Churma A classic Rajasthani dish, Dal Baati consists of baked wheat flour balls (baati) served with dal (lentil curry) and a side of churma, a sweet dish made from crushed baati, jaggery, and ghee. It's a staple comfort food. 2. Gatte Ki Sabzi A flavorful curry made from gram flour (besan) dumplings, called gatte, cooked in a spicy, tangy yogurt-based gravy. It's a popular dish in Rajasthani cuisine. 3. Ker Sangri A traditional desert dish made from ker (a wild berry) and sangri (a type of bean), cooked with spices. This dish reflects the region's ability to make the most of desert-grown ingredients. 4. Laal Maas A spicy, slow-cooked mutton curry, Laal Maas is a fiery dish made with red chilies and other traditional spices. Although

this is a meat-based dish, vegetarian alternatives like Laal Maas with Tofu can be offered to volunteers upon request. 5. Bajre Ki Roti with Lehsun Chutney Made from bajra (pearl millet), this flatbread is commonly served with a garlic chutney that adds a pungent kick to the meal. It's especially popular during winters and goes well with curd or a vegetable curry. 6. Pyaaz Kachori A popular snack, Pyaaz Kachori is a deep-fried pastry filled with spiced onion stuffing. It's crunchy on the outside and flavorful on the inside, often served with chutneys. 7. Methi Thepla A healthy flatbread made from fenugreek leaves (methi), wheat flour, and spices. It's typically served with yogurt or pickle and makes for a great breakfast or snack. 8. Dhokla (Rajasthani style) A savory steamed cake made from gram flour (besan), this dish is soft, fluffy, and flavored with mustard seeds, curry leaves, and green chilies. 9. Aloo Gobi (Rajasthani Style) A dish made with potatoes and cauliflower, cooked with local spices, ginger, and garlic, often served with chapati or bajra roti. 10. Sweet Dishes: Ghevar: A traditional sweet, especially popular during festivals, made from flour, ghee, and sugar syrup, with a crisp texture. Malai Ghevar: A rich, creamy version of Ghevar, topped with thick cream. Beverages: Chaas (Buttermilk): A cooling, savory drink made from yogurt, perfect for the hot weather. Lassi: A refreshing drink made from yogurt, often served sweet or salted. Mint Lemonade: A refreshing drink made with fresh lemon and mint, ideal for summers. These traditional and wholesome dishes provide a true taste of Rajasthan, with an emphasis on locally grown ingredients and farm-to-table dining. Volunteers will enjoy a variety of fresh, flavorful meals that reflect the region's unique culinary traditions. Special dietary requests can be accommodated with prior notice. **And any other specifics for your farm** Nearby Tourist Attractions Kumbhalgarh Fort (50 km) A UNESCO World Heritage Site, this majestic fort is known for its massive walls, second only to the Great Wall of China. Visitors can explore its historic architecture, temples, and panoramic views. Ranakpur Jain Temple (45 km) An architectural marvel dedicated to Tirthankara Adinatha, this 15th-century temple is famous for its intricate carvings and stunning marble construction. Sajjargarh Monsoon Palace (80 km) Perched on a hilltop near Udaipur, the palace offers breathtaking views of the surrounding lakes and mountains, especially during the monsoon season. Lake Pichola and City Palace (90 km) In Udaipur, the serene Lake Pichola is surrounded by royal palaces, including the famous City Palace, known for its grandeur and stunning views. Nathdwara Temple (70 km) A renowned pilgrimage site dedicated to Krishna, the temple is famous for its religious significance and vibrant surroundings. Haldi Ghati (50 km) A historic battlefield known for the Battle of Haldi Ghati, this site offers a glimpse into Rajasthan's warrior past and scenic landscapes. Fateh Sagar Lake (90 km) Another picturesque lake in Udaipur, ideal for boating and enjoying a relaxed day surrounded by nature. Amet A small town known for its scenic beauty, peaceful surroundings, and historical temples. Volunteers can explore local culture and heritage. Other Farm-Specific Considerations Communication: We have good mobile network connectivity, but internet speed may vary in remote areas. Food: Volunteers are provided organic, farm-fresh meals, with vegetarian options. Special dietary requirements can be discussed in advance. Weather: Amet enjoys a semi-arid climate, with hot summers and pleasant winters. Monsoon season brings rain, which helps replenish water sources and soil. Conclusion Organigully offers a unique blend of farm life and tourism, allowing volunteers to experience organic farming and rural living while being close to some of Rajasthan's most iconic landmarks. Whether you're interested in nature, history, or culture, there's plenty to explore during your stay.

IND 282 **Farm Name** Jaivik Vigyan Kendra , Nayna Bagh **Contact Name** Vijay Bahadur Singh **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** Post Office : Rajpur , District Rohtas , State Bihar Pin Code -802219, 32KM from Sasaram **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Vijay Bahadur Singh, an innovative farmer of Sabeyan village, Rajpur block of Rohtas district has developed a patch of nearly 2. 0 ha in an exhibitivive form through integrated land and water management practices. He has sensitised for managing this sandy barren land by the scientists of KVK, Rohtas. He planned to grow horticultural crops in this field in consultation with scientists. Production and use of Vermi compost, use of organic and inorganic mulch, adoption of latest methods of water application and selective use of crop rotation has improved the soil quality

and productivity of land many fold in a short time span of 3 years. Growing crops in barren land was his prime motto. He started production of Vermicompost from 2010 to meet the organic input demand of the land as per recommendation of scientists. Initially he started growing vegetable crops in rainy season and got benefited by proper use of Vermicompost and organic mulch. He received a remunerative price return from his first endeavour because availability of vegetable in Rice Wheat cropping system dominating district is very poor in this season. Higher cost of vegetable in this season encouraged him for growing crops through the season in same patch of land. Since the land was upland and sandy, the conventional method of irrigation was not suitable for it; so he adopted the advance methods of irrigation and started using drip irrigation, micro sprinkler, sprinkler and raingun method of irrigation for different crops. He converted his barren land into a more profitable patch through integrated use of available natural recourses. Now he is fetching a handsome return from his land and became popular not only among the farming community but also in scientific community due to his sincerity, hardworking and innovative nature. Apart from these major crops, he has satisfactorily tried okra, cucumber, brinjal, spinach, fenugreek, gram, onion, garlic, mustard, strawberry, beat, radish, carrot, cabbage, cauliflower etc. in his field. Along with these he is earning about 2.5 to 3.0 lakhs from selling of worms. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 8 Years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Krishi Vigyan Kendra , Bikram Ganj **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum 5 Days **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** 5 people (Attached Bathroom , Brick house , with filtered water **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Wood Construction , Fence repairing , Repairing and gardening **Expectations of work for volunteers** Plant Mulching ,Training and pruning , Fruit harvesting , Packaging , Vegetable growing , Seed planting , Nadep Compost and Vermicomposting **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** Hindi , English and Bhojpori **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Fruits ,Vegetables and Organic food **And any other specifics for your farm** Farming on typical sandy upland on village increase the biodiversity on his farm and also encourage the villagers for organic farming. Use the vermi compost and increase the fertilising power of barren land. Also planted the high density plantation more than twenty thousand which helps in preventing soil conservation also helps in a little bit effort for balancing the biodiversity. With the use of vermi compost and vermi wash converted the barren land into the fertile land. Not only the fellow farmers but also the neighbouring states farmers also impressed and getting training from farm and using the same and increasing their soil power. Also using the organic pesticides and fungicides instead of chemical fertilisers which helps to keep binding of soil fertilising power. Tourist places nearby are shersah tomb , Tarachandi dham , Mundeshawari Temple. Rohtas fort , Indrapuri Bridge , Bodhgaya , Gupta dham , Shergadh fort .

IND 283 Farm Name Royal Palm **Contact Name** Ashok**Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** Survey Taluka: Bhuj, District : Kutch , State Gujarat. **Occupation** Agriculture & Resort **Previous experience of organic farming / activities if any** Organic dairy of Gir cows **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Israeli dates, vegetables in net house & fodder for organic dairy. We have 54 acres of land under cultivation .We are the pioneers in Israeli Barhi dates here in Kutch region and we have a major production of these Israeli Barhi dates which we even export to other countries of the world. Besides this, we have huge net houses where we grow many commercial fruits and vegetables such as Tomatoes, Okra, Brinjals, Chillies, Bottle Gourd, Coriander, Capsicum, Water Melons etc. We also have our own dairy farm with around 30 cows and we grow 100 % organic fodder for these cows at our own farms itself. We grow various types of fodder for our cows and have a very scientific approach towards agricultural as well as dairy farming at our state-of-the-art farm. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since one year **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 4 to 12 weeks We needvolunteers who are serious about farming and want to learn good farming techniques or

are willing to impart their knowledge and hence we need volunteers to stay with us for a minimum of 4 to a maximum of 12 weeks. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** 2 to 4 volunteers in our 54 acres farm there is a good guest house with 1 Bedroom with 1 Double Bed, Attached Modern Western Toilet, Cupboard, Television and there is also a furnished Drawing Hall, Dining, and Kitchen with LPG gas. We can call it a good 3 star level accommodation. This guest house is normally used for our VIP guests. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Dairy we are only interested in bio-dynamic, organic agriculture / horticulture / fodder / vegetable and dairy activities only **Expectations of work for volunteers** Organic milk Dairy/fodder To share, learn and teach farming and dairy activities. **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** Hindi, Gujarati, English **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Vegetarian Good vegetarian food - Gujarati / Public cuisine such as Roti-Subzi, Daal-Chawal, Kadhi-Khichdi, Green Salad, Curd, Buttermilk etc. **And any other specifics for your farm** Dates palm Orchid World Famous White Rann of Kutch advertised by Shri Amitabh Bachchan, Rann Utsav (Desert Festival) during November - March, Mandvi Beach, local Handicrafts, Palace, Temples & museums of Bhuj.

IND 284 **Farm Name** Halwal Farm **Contact Name** Shruti Pandit **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** Halwal, Kankavli-416602, Maharashtra, India **Description:** Panditwadi is blessed with the natural aspect on all its side and lies on the rich bio diverse Western Ghats of India. Its surrounded by hills on one side and River on other side. **How to Reach:** Kankavli station is the nearest Railway station. 20 minutes by walk and 10 minutes by rickshaw. Kankavli bus station is the nearest bus station. 5 minutes by Auto and 10 minutes by Walk. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Rice is the Pre-dominantly Grown during monsoon time. Along with rice we grow seasonal vegetables. **Goals:** To grow more seasonal vegetables in organic manner, natural building store and shed for goats **Farm Area** is 3.5 Acres. Crop sown Different varieties of Rice. Few seasonal crops like some gourds, groundnuts, green vegetables etc I am planning develop the land on basis of Permaculture principles. Apart from Growing food, planning to build small pond and some rainwater harvesting strategies to harvest rainwater, building animal shed with local and natural building materials. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** We have been doing farming from generations in organic manner **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** no **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 1 week to 15 days or more **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** Around 8 to 10 volunteers. **Accommodation available:** 3 rooms with attached bath (each room can host 2-3) and dormitory space with bath can host 5-6. **Non-farming opportunities/activities (alternative construction / restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Non farming opportunities: construction of Store shed and Animal shed by Natural building materials and locally available in traditional manner, some rainwater harvesting systems and developing the farm on permaculture principles. **Expectations of work for volunteers** To help us in farming and building the shed. and respecting the local culture. They would be engaged setting up the new area for vegetable farming beds, Rice farming time - sowing, transplanting and harvesting, building up the water pond and building up the store shed and animal shed house. **Skill required** would be basic tools using skills required for farming, innovative ideas for making the animal shed house etc (More details about farm work they will be engaged in , skill required etc) **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** Marathi is the local language spoken here. Most of the people can speak Hindi and English. **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Local Food consist of Rice, Fish curry, sol kadi, vegetables and Roti/local bread. If any specific requirements can be catered which is in our capacity. **And any other specifics for your farm** Farm is rich with its own bio-diversity. Ground water quality is good and healthy. Major Tourist Places nearby is Sindhudurg fort, Malvan and Tarkali beach-adventurous activities and 2 hours drive to Goa

IND 285 **Farm Name** Geeli Mitti Farms **Contact Name** Shagun Singh email **Location** (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train) Nainital, Uttarakhand. Nearest train station - Kathgodam. Nearest bus stop – Nainital **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Geeli Mitti is the start of a long held dream of mine, a longing for the earth, a calling to go back to our roots, an affirmation towards earth care and repair. It isn't much right now but I invite you to join in as we together build it up. It aspires to be: - a Permaculture Farm serving as my home and an eco community - a homestay with unique natural structures that use the sun, wind, water and science to function better - a homestead that believes in growing your own food organically, milking your own cows, picking fresh eggs, making your own breads, jams, jellies, sauces, pickles, pizzas... - an educational hub to learn how to build your own houses through different technologies such as Earthbags, Cob, Earthship, Stone formwork, Rammed earth, Logs... natural, efficient and sustainable - a learning centre for canning, preserving, baking, organic farming at all scales, yoga, martial arts, heck I don't know what all's gonna come up as we go along - a gorgeous place to just unwind amidst nature, gurgling streams, food forest, stunning exotic birds and lovely hiking trails. But above all, GeeliMitti yearns to be the inspiration for the neighboring villages, their training and demo centre so the ecologically destructive practices and impractical cement houses can be stopped. We are currently putting in the finishing touches of our Earthbag Cottage that we built with volunteers with a reciprocal thatch roof. It has a semi open kitchen and a shower and toilet. And now we are looking for volunteers to join us for a unique Cob House Build with a car as the roof. Experience in living roofs, lime plastering, earthen floors and woodworking would be great but irrespective, we'd love to have you join the gang as we change the world, one house at a time, one meal at a time :) It is a small farm of about 1 acre meant to be a Homestead. We grow all seasonal vegetables and grains as per consumption needs. We will be planting about 300+ fruit trees for making organic preserves. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 2 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No, we have not taken any certification. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 7 - 45 days **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** 16 volunteers can be accommodated very comfortably. We also run training workshops on natural building and organic farming. Accommodation is in large luxurious Jungle Safari tents sleeping 4-6. One could also pitch their own tents if desired. Shared bathrooms with plumbing and showers with hot and cold water. **Non-farming opportunities/activities** Natural Building - Cob, Earthbag, Wattle and Daub etc. Social Media marketing. Videography. **Expectations of work for volunteers** 25 hours a week which could be decided as per the current need and your interest. We usually need help with natural building work, mud plastering, maintenance, painting, any creative DIY crafts with recycled materials, planting, watering, harvesting, animal care and feeding, social media, website updates, blog writing, photography and videography, volunteer management and so on. Skills in woodworking, mud sculptures, walpinis, vegetable farming, rocket stoves, digital marketing, professional video making, creative arts would all be helpful. **Is transportation available ?** Yes **Languages spoken** English, Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Vegetarian home cooked Indian food is available along with eggs. All meals are provided and well taken care of including morning tea, breakfast, lunch, evening tea and snacks, dinner. **And any other specifics for your farm** In the free time, one can go for hikes along the local hilly village trails, some beautiful temples, evening bonfire, movies on projector. One can also go sightseeing, shopping and boating to the hill town of Nainital nearby and a lot of other tourist spots. Pangot is also an international birding zone.

IND 286 **Farm name** :Vanvadi **Contact Name** :Bharat Mansata, Rishab Mansata **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** :30 minute ride - either auto rickshaw or local bus from Neral railway station. Vanvadi is a 20 minute walk , Maharashtra state . **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** :Much of the land is under forest regeneration. The Vanvadi 64 acre forest has over 120 traditionally useful species, including 52 species of uncultivated forest foods. The cultivated crops in the farmed area include various rainfed millets, rice, sesame; also irrigated vegetables, fruit, pulse legumes. Our aspirations- Spreading love and joy,encouraging creative expression, togetherness and living in simple harmony with nature, each other and ourselves **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** :Doing organic farming and forest regeneration at Vanvadi since 20 years. Have also been writing about organic farming and farmers since almost 30 years. Have authored 3 books: 'The Vision of Natural Farming', 'Organic Revolution', and 'The Great Agricultural Challenge, all published by Earthcare Books. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** :No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** :Minimum 1 week, no maximum limit **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** :The house is big enough to accommodate 30 people. Yet, we would like to keep a limit of 12 wwoofers at one time. The house is communal, and there are plenty of shaded spots for camping for those who like more privacy. We provide mattresses and pillows, but people will need to bring their own sheets or sleeping bags. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :Planting of rainfed forest species and live hedge; rainwater harvesting; earth house building, open fire cooking, foraging for forest food, learning from local Adivasi (tribal) families, tribal dance, carpentry/woodwork, non-formal education with local tribal children and visiting urban youth. A 6 day forest festival is hosted every year; also a variety of ecologically related workshops. **Expectations of work for volunteers** :4 hrs a day, 5 days a week is expected. But no pressure to conform to rigid rules. We don't see you as a wwoofer, but a conscious fellow family member of our forest collective. Cooking will be communal on a wood fire, where we all take turns to cook. Farm work will vary depending on the time of year/ season, and which projects we are working on. This could include - sowing, planting, harvesting, composting, mulching, maintaining kitchen garden, fencing and boundary work, building water harvesting infrastructure such as small check dams, clearing invasive non native plant species from the forest, **Is transportation available?** :No, but auto rickshaws and local buses are easily available from Neral Train Station, which is less than 2 hrs travel time from Mumbai. From Neral station, Vanvadi is a 30 minute ride away. **Languages spoken** :English, Hindi, Marathi, Bengali, Gujarati **Can you host children or pets?** :Yes **Special diets** :Vegetarian food provided, mostly vegan Wwoofers are expected to share cooking responsibilities. Meals in Vanvadi usually consist of fruits, finger millet (raagi) porridge, upma, pohe for breakfast, and salad, rice, dal, chappati and vegetables for lunch and dinner. Lots of lemongrass and tulsi tea to be enjoyed, both of which is grown on our land. At times, we also forage for wild, uncultivated edible forest foods. All our cooking is done on a wood fire (we have no gas). We also have a cobb oven to make breads, and the occasional pizzas. **And any other specifics for your farm** :Vanvadi is a 21 year old, 65 acre, collectively owned and regenerated bio-diverse forest, with about 2 acres under cultivated food crops (half rain-fed, half irrigated), and a few seasonal streams and water bodies. (The rock pool is very deep; only for swimmers.) We aspire to evolve as an ecological forest village community. Collective self-organisation with mutual sensitivity, help, and shared learning have been the guiding principles of our past activities and workshops, Simple vegetarian food is offered. There is no electricity, no piped water, and net connectivity is poor. But the natural ambience is delightful... lush forest, the calls of birds and insects, and a zillion glowing stars at night ... We also organise a variety of workshops and events throughout the year. Past events have included Seed Saving Workshop, Mudhouse building workshop, Sociocracy, Kitchen Gardening, Water Harvesting, Wild Food Foraging, Yoga, Music Sessions etc. Places of tourist interest nearby: Bhimashankar, Mathera

IND 287 **Farm name** South Hills farm treat **Contact Name** Augustine Jose **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : District Kottayam, State: Kerala. Nearest Railway station Kottayam (50KM from farm) ,Airport :Cochin : (70KM from farm) **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We do integrated farming ,permaculture and aquaponics in our farm. The farm is of 10 hectares , but we are started with 4 acres only due to non availability of funds and labours . What are the major organic crop grown area wise. We have started with Banana, coconuts and vegetables in 2 acres. we are planning for more spices ,jackfruit trees ,bamboo along with medicinal plants and pineapple (forest farming concept) **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 3 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 7 Days **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** 10 People . We have a farm house with 4 bedrooms , toilets and beds and kitchen inside. We have camping locations available in the farm with minimal facilities like toilets and cots. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Help inbuilding low cost houses , tree houses ,earth houses , trekking, hiking, rock climbing etc **Expectations of work for volunteers** The Volunteers shouldhelp us to set up forest farming We expect minimal skills .We need to dig pits for trees, clear the land ,cut the woods ,and build water storage areas , clear the hiking routes and help us to cultivate more vegetables ,set up the irrigation and fencing etc **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, Malayalam, Tamil **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** We can give organic vegetarian diets (north and south Indian food).we can arrange non vegetarian food as per request .**And any other specifics for your farm** : The farm is located near to tourist destinations like Vagamon (5KM),Munnar-(50KM),Thekkady(60KM),Kumarakom backwaters-(60KM),Gavi (30KM) and pligrim destinations like Sabarimala, famous churches and temples etc are nearby)

IND 288 **Farm name** : Dudhsagar Plantation **Contact Name** : Ashok Malkarnekar **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** District South Goa, Goa . Nearest Railway stations are Kulem (10km) and Madgaum (32 km). There are public buses as well as cabs available from both stations. Nearest stops for interstate buses would be Panjim and Madgaum, some buses from Karnataka may also pass through Molem which is about 16 km away.**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We farm organically out of conviction. Our main crops are coconut, arecanut, pepper, banana and cashew. That apart, we cultivate a large number of spices, herbs, fruits and vegetables. Total area 50 acres, about 25 acres under Cashew cultivation, 10 acres natural forest, 1-2 acres vegetables, 12-14 acres coconut grove (mixed with areca, banana, spices, fruits). **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** :30 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Cashew crop is certified under group certification scheme of local producer's cooperative. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : 2 weeks to 2 months. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : Max 2 volunteers, currently volunteers would be accommodated in an independent cottage on the plantation, with attached bathroom and a small verandah. In case of full occupancy of the farm stay, we will make alternate arrangements in our family house. Also, we will be having a room specially for volunteers soon. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :Rural tourism/farmstay. We also require help with marketing - a social media campaign, production of short video clips/photo sets and write ups about the farm, press notes, liaison with travel writers/bloggers, translation of materials into russian language, setting up of russian language social media accounts, documentation of recipes, taking care of guests, development of a healing garden, identification and labelling of medicinal plants, take care of a nature trail on the property and improve the same**Expectations of work for volunteers** : Horticulture - develop our vegetable garden, from concept to implementation --> identify suitable crop types, vegetables, salads etc, plan out the garden, sowing times/cropping cycle etc, start planting. For the agriculture related activities, volunteers with experience in tropical agriculture would be preferred. **Is**

transportation available? : Public transport is available. **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, Konkani, German **Can you host children or pets?** No. **Special diets** : We mostly cook local goan vegetarian food, sometimes fish curries, the volunteers would be having their food mostly together with members of the family and sometimes with guests. **And any other specifics for your farm** The plantation is a quiet place in the lap of nature. You can swim at the nearby river or our just completed natural pool, go for treks in the forest and in and around nearby villages. The nearest beach is Colva (about 35km). There are no restaurants nearby, so you would be eating with the family. This is not a place where you can expect to be going out or socialising, but public transport is available and you could go to the coast to spend some off-time. Places of tourist interest are Dudhsagar Waterfall, Bhagwan Mahaveer Wildlife Sanctuary, Salaulim Dam and botanical gardens, Churches at Old Goa, Temples at Mardol and Mangueshi, Colonial Mansions at Chandor, Tambdi Surla Temple.

IND 289 **Farm name** Shambhala Estate **Contact Name** Sreekesh Pathal **Phone Number** : +91-9567696203, 966594154274 **email** mailingsreekes@gmail.com **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : Village : Madenadu, P O Madikeri, District Coorg, State Karnataka Pin code 571201 . You can reach by bus from Madikeri bus stand and get down at Madenadu bus stop its on Mangalore- Coorg highway and farm is 2 Km from Bus stop. Either u can walk or take a rickshaw from bus stop. We can arrange pick up and drop from Madikeri bus station. Shambhala Estate is in Madikeri, a hill station town in Coorg Dist, Karnataka state, India. Also known as Mercara . Madikeri features a tropical highland climate as it has an elevation of 1170 metres (3838 feet). Madikeri lies in the Western Ghats and is a popular hill station. Madikeri lies on the Karnataka State Highway 88 that runs from Mangaluru to Mysuru. It is 120 km from Mysore and 136 km from Mangaluru. From Bangalore, Madikeri is at a distance of 252 km. Kasaragod, Kannur, Thalassery, Kanhangad and Uppala in Kerala state (each around 114 km away). **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Plantation of Rudraksha, Coffee, Black pepper, Food forest growing a wide variety of herbs, fruits and vegetables , beekeeping , Permaculture zone, Hugelkultur beds and much more. Our purpose is to build and maintain a sustainable way of life in which the well-being of our planet and all life that live upon it is of utmost importance. We want to heal the damages inflicted by our modern society of overconsumption, fossil fuel dependence and industrial agriculture. To achieve this, we are striving to become a leading permaculture demonstration and education center. Farm is 4 Acres (3 Acres coffee and black pepper) and 1 Acre of vegetables **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Last 5 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 1 week minimum stay **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** We can accommodate 10 Volunteers in Tents , dormitory made of bamboo. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Building eco lodges, Yoga retreats and aquaponics units. Upon special request we conduct cookery classes, Yoga classes, off-roading activities, bird watching hiking etc. In our Yoga & Meditation garden you can relax, meditate or practice yoga anytime. Surrounded by trees and the sounds of birds you will feel peaceful instantly. **Expectations of work for volunteers** : Upon the direction of our Volunteer Coordinator, participants are asked to contribute 5 hours of work each day 5 days a week. In addition, everyone is asked to perform daily chores maintaining the community house/kitchen, bath house and animal systems. The 5 hour work day will be focused in organic gardening, food forest maintenance, nursery care and plant propagation, fermentation and food preparation, irrigation, site improvements, animal care and more. Larger farm projects are regularly scheduled during work hours that are not limited to but may include: natural building and construction, community water project, animal breeding, wood collection, mushroom propagation, harvest processing, fertilizer production, pruning, mulching, animal feed production, beekeeping, planting and structural maintenance. We strive hard to give our volunteers the most well-rounded experience we can offer. Our

schedule is determined weekly by the Farm Director and Volunteer Coordinator and is based upon the timing and needs of each of our farm systems and structures. At the end of the day, chill out in the hammocks all around the farm . Music and campfire in the night.**Is transportation available?** Yes only for pick up and drop. Site seeing on Payment basis.**Languages spoken** Hindi, English**Can you host children or pets?** No **Special diets** We believe in eating good food, as much as possible from our own farm or neighbors. Veg food will be provided. Non Veg on special request.**And any other specifics for your farm** :Our farm fully runs on Solar energy and the iron box will be run by coconut shells and charcoal. Plastics are strictly controlled. Spring water available from our own spring and will be filtered and provided. We also have packaged drinking water for drinking. Practicing farming in harmony with the moon and the stars and the sun, practicing biodynamics means we produce all that is required for the fertility of the land, and production, within the land itself. Learning by immersion how things are done by the moon, with the tides of plants and trees and in harmony with the forces of nature. As a people once upon a time we all possessed the common knowledge of when it was good to plant, to weed, to prune trees, to cut your hair even. With the loss of stories and the migration to urban centers most people have lost the old way and no longer are even aware of moon cycles. Teaching, and constantly learning, about biodynamics complements 100% our philosophy of self sustainability. Radiation Detox: As yet we don't have wifi access or telephone connection, which will mean you can get a well deserved radiation detox. The closest location for internet access is Canoa, a 30 minute ride from the farm. Mobile cell access is intermittent, but a 5 minute walk up the hill will give you a better signal and internet. Namdroling Monastery of Nyingma Also known as Golden Temple the Tibetan settlements, Madikeri fort, Abbey falls, Raja's Seat,Omkareshwara temple ,Gaddige Raja's tomb ,Chelavara falls, Cauvery Nisargadhama , Thalakaveri origin of the Cauvery river, Dubare Elephant Training Camp, Chingara Falls, Mandalpatti suicide point, Thadiantamol trek, pushpagiri trek.If you travel for 2 hours you can reach beaches in Kannur (kerala), there are several beaches in Kannur.

IND 290**Farm Name**Diguvapalem Village Farm**Contact Name** Nandan **email** **Location** (description of land and how to reach by bus or train) Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh - 517352 (closest town Madanapalle) Land is surrounded by the hills of Eastern Ghats in the rain shadow area of the Deccan Plateau. Mainly rain fed crops and vegetables through bore well water. From Bangalore (133km) bus Bangalore to Madanapalle, Starts from Kalasipalyam Bus stand (near Market) Private Buses. Starts from Majestic Bus Stand (near main Train Station) - APSRTC and KSRTC Buses bus Madanapalle to Thettu: Hourly Bus from Madanapalle to Thettu from Madanapalle From Chennai (260km) : Starts from Koyambedu Bus Stand at 5:30am, 10:30 am and 3:00 pm reaching Madanapalle at 12:30 pm. 6:00 pm and 10:00 pm Bus Madanapalle to Thettu: Hourly Bus from Madanapalle to Thettu from Madanapalle Bus Stand **A brief description of organic activities (organic crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Currently organic farming is for the community members of our family and soon we want to reach out to more members in the towns nearby. We have small patches of land and are currently farming in about 3 to 4 acres of land. We want to get into organic vegetable farming and want to create a seed bank to distribute seeds to our neighbours along with the millets , rice , pulses farming that we have been doing for quite some time. Eventually we want to support and help the entire community around us get into organic farming. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming**We have been doing organic farming for the last five years now.**Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** :We have no agency to certify our Organic farm as yet.**Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : We would suggest a minimum stay of 7 days really enjoy and contribute to the place. But any amount of days will be allowed. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** 10 persons can be accommodated at any given time. You will be staying with us village members in their houses or rooms or tents. Simple sharing accommodation. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Education for the village children, forest trees seed collection and nursery, community

services of different kinds **Expectations of work for volunteers** Working on the farm - weeding , ploughing , watering , nursery preparation **Is transportation available?**Local public transport by bus is available **Languages spoken**English and Telugu**Can you host children or pets?** Yes, if the guardians are comfortable. **Special diets** Simple Healthy Village food with vegetables , please do not expect special food. **And any other specifics for your farm** Rishi Valley School , Horsely Hills and apart from that we have some really beautiful unexplored hills around our home.

IND 291 **Farm name** We represent Kheti Virasat Mission an NGO working in Punjab on Health, environment, food and farming related issues including rural livelihood and women empowerment issues **Contact name** Rajeev Kohli**Location (address and description of land)** Kheti Virasat Mission Office, Punjab**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Opportunities with our 20+ organic farmers across Punjab . Major crops Pomegranate, Guava, Kinnow, Malda, Mausambi, Orange, Peach, Plums, Pears and Alucha. Rice, Wheat, Sugarcane, Potato, Ginger, Onions, Carrot and lots of vegetables and Jaggery making unit, Milch cattles. Total 100+ variety of crops round the year. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 10+ years**Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Some of the farms are certified**Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 2 weeks minimum**Accommodations (number and type)** We can accommodate 20+ volunteers at a time at various farms in our net work**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Interested in creating awareness among people about health hazards associated with chemical farming and chemical food consumption. Willing to teach organic farming techniques to willing participants. **Opportunities** with our 20+ organic farmers across punjab including at our head office at Jaito Bathinda Punjab for office work , e-marketing. blogs , social media promotion, Setting up of data management system for different ongoing projects including Native seeds data management etc**Expectations of work for volunteers** Keeping a watch on birds in orchard and picking, packaging fruits may onwards. Feeding and Milking of cattles, Assisting in Jaggery making till March end, Assist in Wheat, mustard, pulses harvesting in April, May. Assist in vegetable farming in March. Some of the farmers would be interested in new projects e.g. Setting up of grains storage unit, grains processing unit, mud house at farm, restoration of old well for rain water harvesting if you are interested in acting as a guide/lead.**Farm details of few farms from our network**

1.Kheti Virasat Mission: KVM head Office in Jaito Faridkot Punjab can offer lot of opportunities in office secretarial work, New projects reports writing, rural women empowerment wing etc. In addition daily trips can be organized to many nearby organic farms just a few kms away. Reaching this place is fairly easy as Jaito is on rail map. From Delhi many trains are available to Bathinda and then you can reach Jaito, which is hardly 22 kmtrs either by train or regular bus service.

2.Comrade Jagtar Singh Village/Post Office Mehlanwala near Village Kukranwala 3 Kms from Amritsar (rajasansi) International Airport) Distt Amritsar State Punjab 143102 Comrade Jagtar Singh Mehlanwala is a known face in the region due to different social initiatives taken by him from time to time. Along with is 2 sons He is doing natural farming since 2006. Despite facing loss of crops and lack of technical support in initial stages he never looked back even once. Reaching to the farms is fairly easy. Either from International Airport Rajasansi Amritsar which is 3 kmtrs from farm, or by well connected Amritsar railway Station direct bus to Village Mehlanwal/Kukranwala is available every 20 minutes.

3.Amarnath S Chauhan Young Farmer from Village Dikh Tehsil Walianwali Distt. Bathinda Punjab has wheat, rice, Gram and pulses crops. Some ongoing farmhouse restoration projects. All trains from Delhi to Bathinda stop at Tapa railway station. From here, though Buses are readily available but Amarnath would love to pick you up in person. Amarnath has his residence in Tapa city presently. He will be shifting to his farms permanently though in near future. His farm (Nirbhai Organic Farms) is searchable on Google map. Other than natural farming, Amarnath is crazy about his 350CC motorbike. He may allow you to ride if he is really happy with your performance.

4.Pankaj Pathak another Young Farmer from Himachal was working in a Shipping company till 4 years back. Being a son of Teachers (Both parent), it was a big decision to leave working in a ship, moving around the world for settling in a farm to do organic farm. He has a certified farm in Village Maladi in the foothills of Himalayas. To reach his farm from road, we have to cross a seasonal rivulet too. So in rainy seasons, access is limited. He has Wheat, rice, Pulses, Mustard, milchcattles and many vegetables. Wild animals (Sambhars, Nil Ghai etc) are common in the area. Lots of herbs are locally available, about which you can learn from Pankaj.

5.Madhumeet Kaur , Organic Farmer from Village Rampura, Dist- FazlikaFazlika is doing organic farming in 18 acres. She is growing wheat, paddy, basmati, vegetables, mustard and turmeric. She is also growing guava and kinnow. She is also doing value addition and marketing their products directly to consumers. She is now planning to start her own shop. One can enjoy Punjabi culture at her farm. You can enjoy food cooked in traditional Punjabi style in earthen pots and manually prepared buttermilk. She is using solar lightening and solar cooker at her farm. She has 15 animals which includes desi cows, buffalos. She can speak Hindi, Punjabi and English **Future Projects-** Setting up a direct marketing system, value addition to farm produce and developing her farm for farm tourism Her village is one km from Fazlika city. To reach her village from Delhi, one has to come to Abohar by train, from there by bus to her village Rampura. Other way is by train from Delhi to Fazlika and from Fazlika by bus one can reach there. India-Pakistan border is also near so one can enjoy Ferozpur border Parade there.

6.Kamaljeet Hayer, a successful lawyer turned into organic farmer when he lost his farther due to heart attack. His grandfather died in the age of 101, but he lost his father in the age of 53 and one brother in age of 10. This made him think that something is going wrong with our food and lifestyle. So he decided to become organic farmer 5 years back. Now he and his friends Gurbaz Singh and Ashok Kumar doing organic farming in 41 acres of land. They are growing 120 different species of trees, 20 different varieties of fruits, vegetables, wheat, pulses, oil seeds and sugarcane. They are doing processing and marketing at their own farm. Recently they have started KudratiKisan Hut (market venture) in Muktsar city. They are doing rain water harvesting in their farm. They can interact in Hindi, Punjabi and English. **Future Projects-**Setting up a direct marketing system, value addition to farm produce and developing her farm for farm tourism Transportation- By train from Delhi to Ferozpur, from there one has to take bus to reach Sohargarh.

7.AnirudhVashisht is doing organic farming in 20 acres in Sunam district Sangrur. He is growing all kinds of vegetables, wheat, rice, pulses, cotton, Bajra, sugarcane and also some fruit trees. He has 100 years old Ber fruit trees. There are direct trains from Delhi to Sunam. **Future Projects-** Setting up a direct marketing system, value addition to farm produce and developing her farm for farm tourism.

Is transportation available? Yes **Languages spoken** Hindi, Punjabi and Basic English **Can you host children or pets?** No **Special diets** Alcohol, Smoking strictly prohibited Rice, Wheat Bread, Seasonal vegetables, Pulses etc. **And any other specifics for your farm:** Amritsar is on international tourism map with plenty of places of historical significance including Golden Temple, International Border with Pakistan to name a few

IND 292 **Farm name :** Godepal **Contact Name :** Madhusoodan Gaonkar **Email Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train) :** Farm is located in village called Telangar Hubli and Ankola are two railway stations on opposite sides. One has to travel about 70km on bus from either of these stations to Yellapura nearby town.Dist. Uttara Kannada , Karnataka **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :** The major crop of the farm Godepalis Areca nut. Along with that we are also growing other commercial crops such as coconut, variety of banana, cardamom, pepper, ginger, turmeric, vanilla, kokam and coffee. The farm is of one acre fully filled occupied by all above trees and plants. Farm is surrounded by many mango, jackfruit and other trees. Farm is beside a house where two people (my mom (52) and dad (58)) are living. A small Hut is there and we look after two catlesit. On either side of the farm number of farms owned by others are there which can be visited to see some other kind of crops. **How long you have**

been doing Organic Farming : Since my grandfather's time. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : Minimum 4 days. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : We live in ground floor of the house. Volunteer will be accommodated in 1st floor. We do not have separate bath rooms or toilets for volunteers. Max 4 people can come together. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : Generally all works are in one or the other way related to farm only. Some works may appear abruptly like plumbing if water pipe breaks etc. **Expectations of work for volunteers** : Volunteer may get involved in watering, planting, harvesting, processing etc. depending on the seasons. In summer collecting kokamfruit from forest and drying or watering the plant, building micro dam to a water channel and directing water into the farm or collecting firewood. In winter, collecting and opening areca, coconut and collecting dry leaves from the forest and dumping in the farm can be taken up. Planting areca, fruit plants, pulling out small grass from the farm and feeding cattle etc. are the major works in rainy season. **Is transportation available?** : Bus stops nearly 2 km away from the farm. We own a motor cycle which can be used by volunteers. **Languages spoken** : Kannada. **Can you host children or pets?** : Children **Special diets** : 100% Vegetarian Food. Verity of Dosa, rice, sambar, vegetables are common foods. In addition to that, samige, Idli, Roti, some sweets and kheer may be served. **And any other specifics for your farm** : Farm is surrounded by dense forest and hills. Tourist places are Shatoddi falls (20km), Magodu falls (30km) Vajra falls (15km), Gokarna (80km), Dandeli wild life sanctuary (70km)

IND 293 **Farm name** :SEDS **Contact Name** :ROHITH JOSHUA **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** :SEDS P.O, ANANTAPUR DISTRICT. (Penukonda bus stop or train station) Anandapuram, Andhra Pradesh – 515124 **Occupation** :Co-ordinator of biogas project for CDM **Previous experience of organic farming / activities if any** :We grow our own organic herbs and vegetables along with rice. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** :Garden patch with herbs, vegetables and fruits. Vermicompost being run and paddy fields. Biogas unit that gives us organic manure and water conservation. The farm is 4 acres, Rice, coconuts, Ragi, fruits, vegetable patch. The animals in and around are chickens, cattle, sheep, cats and dogs. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** :15 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** :NO **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** :Anywhere from 2 weeks to 6 months. Longer stay preferably skilled knowledgeable volunteers who have a fair bit to share with us. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** :1-10, rooms and dormitory available, western toilets and choice of Indian toilets in dormitory. Dormitory has sleeping capacity of 30 people and rooms have sleeping capacity of 3 each room. (6 rooms available). Larger groups are welcome but logistics and organisation of food become a little harder to manage so if groups are willing to cook for themselves and take individual responsibilities, something can be worked out. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :Teaching and volunteering at a school, landscaping, carpentry, design, embroidery. There are a lot of opportunities to share knowledge and experience with us. We work in over 200 villages around the area if woofers are interested in volunteering near by. **Expectations of work for volunteers** :Minimum of 6 hours a day required, volunteers preference. We expect volunteers to be energetic, enthusiastic and willing to share experience and knowledge in any particular field from farming to carpentry and design. The reason we are providing this opportunity is to invite people from different backgrounds and cultures to share and hopefully learn a little in exchange. Any skills from Agriculture, horticulture, permaculture, house work, gardening, building restoration, decorating, teaching, Vocational training, carpentry etc would be required. If you feel you have knowledge to share in sustainability practices you are definitely welcome. **Is transportation available?** :Yes **Languages spoken** :English, local language (Telugu) **Can you host children or pets?** :Yes **Special diets** :Indian foods dhal, rice, curry, chapati, dosa, idly, puri, etc. Options of pasta, fish and chips, salads, laksa, malaysian, chinese, european. Breakfast standard toast butter cheese egg and salads

available. **And any other specifics for your farm** :Lepakshi (500 year old temple with a very interesting history), Penukonda fort (500+ year old fort built during the rule of Krishna Deva Raya from the vijayanagar empire. Penukonda was the second capital of the kingdom), Putaparthi Sai Baba Ashram.

IND 294 **Farm name** Nirogdham **Contact Name** Mridul Gupta **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** , Baran tehsil, District Baran, Rajasthan **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** 2 hectare farm multi varieties of organic grains, vegetables and fruits are grown. Over 200 Organic Amla trees and attached amla processing unit, over 60 other fruit trees. On farm vermi compost ,vermi-wash, bio pesticide and other compost preparation. Working to make on farm organic food restaurant in this year .We have bottle gourd, pumpkin in approx 1 acre area and other vegetables like Ladyfinger, Spinach, Fenugreek e, Bitter gourd, Coriander , Melon and Watermelon in small area Also we have grown organic wheat Major space is covered by Amla Trees and we have grown vegetables and Turmeric in between Amla trees **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** more than 3 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Its declared organic, we don't possess any certification **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 5 days minimum stay is required **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** 2 persons in farm . We have one room built specially for guests with facility for two people to stay . It has Light, Air conditioning, Electricity, Beds, Sofa and centre table .We can entertain more than 2 visitors/volunteers , in that case they have to stay in our home in village 7 Km away from farm **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** All natural Amla processing unit Retail store outside farm of farm made products A Storage unit of Bamboo for Onion and Garlic grass lawn Under tree- Old bed of wood and rope) **Expectations of work for volunteers** 1. Weeding 2. Amla processing and packing 3. Milking of cows 4. Preparation of bio fertilisers, compost and bio pesticides **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** Hindi and English **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Organic vegetables and simple food **And any other specifics for your farm** Nearby tourist places: Famous Ramgarh Temple, Shahbaad Forest

IND 295 **Farm name** :Manjunatha Pyramid Organic Goshala **Contact Name** :GL Manjunath **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : VILLAGE AND POST, Chilamathur Mandal, Lepakshi via, Hindupir TALUK Anathapur DIST, ANDRA PRADESH, PIN CODE 515331 **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : ORGANIC FARMER AND PROPRIETOR MARUTHI FODDER SEEDS CORP GROWING FODDER, GROWING CORN, LENTIL, RICE. CULTIVATING FRUIT TREES LIKE CUSTARD APPLE, CERTAIN BERRIES, LEMON, GUAVA. MAINTAINING THE INDEGINOUS INDIAN COW THAT IS ORGANIC AND SAVING THIS ANIMAL FROM EXTICTION AS IT IS AN ENDANGERED SPECIES. FROM THIS COWS THAT I HAVE 35 OF THEM I ALSO HAVE ORGANIC MILK AND SOME PRODUCTS OF THIS NATURAL ORGANIC MILK. GROWING ORGANIC PLANTS THAT ARE OF MEDICINAL VALUE LIKE TULSI. WE ARE DOING MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF ORGANIC FARMING ACTIVITIES. GROWING CORPS LIKE RICE, LENTILS, CORN, VEGETABLES. ALSO GROW SOME FRUIT TREES LIKE GUAVA. CUSTARD APPLE, BERRIES, RAMPHAL, JAMUN, AND OTHER NATIVE ORGANIC PLANTS LIKE TULSI AND SOME ALOE VERA. ALSO I HAVE 35 ORGANIC INDEGINOUS INDIAN COWS IN WHICH I AM HAVING 3 VARIETIES OF THESE COWS I SAVE THEM FROM BECOMING EXTICT AS THEY ARE ENDANGERED SPECIES. I HAVE MILK THAT IS ORGANIC AND DISTRIBUTE THIS ORGANIC MILK TO PEOPLE. I ALSO GROW FODDER THAT IS OF 2 BEST VARIETIES FOR THE HEALTH OF NATURAL COWS. I MAKE PRODUCTS OUT OF COW DUNG AND URINE. LIKE COMPOST THAT IS FULLY ORGANIC AND OTHER PRODUCTS LIKE A SPECIAL FERTILIZER THAT HELPS TO CULTIVATE CROPS THAT I GROW IN AN ORGANIC WAY. OUR FARM IS 7 acres. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** :Since 5 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** :Yes , KSOCA. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** :2 weeks to

3 Months **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** :1 Dormitory with 2 beds, so we can accommodate 2 people at the same time. 3 Bathrooms available (western and indian) **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : SOLAR ENERGY INSTALATION AND MAKING MUD HOUSES **Expectations of work for volunteers** :KNOW HOW TO CONSTRUCT MUD HOUSES, Growing organic vegetables, cleaning farm, washing cow stables and cows, cow urine and dung collecting for medicinal purposes, bathing the cows, byproducts of farm products making **Is transportation available?** :YES **Languages spoken** :ENGLISH **Can you host children or pets?** : No but WE HAVE PETS DOGS CATS COWS GOATS **Special diets** :VEGETARIAN ORGANIC FOODS: daal, rotis, ragi ball, saagu, pappu, rasam, masru, sambar, chutni, idli dosa, upma **And any other specifics for your farm** : SPECIFICALLY WANT TO MAKE ECHO DWELLINGS, AND NEED VOLUNTEERS TO BE ABLE TO KNOW HOW TO MAKE NEED MUD AND ANY NATURAL MATERIAL HOUSES. AND KNOW ANY WAYS OF MAKING THEM FROM SCRATCH. yLepakshi ancient two thousand year old temple nearby

IND 296**Farm name** :Verdant Acres**Contact Name** :Dhritiman Deori**Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** :Biswanath Chariali is well connected by bus with all major towns in Assam. From Biswanath there are shared taxis to Pabhoi which is 9 kms from Biswanath town.Biswanath Chariali train station is situated 5 kms from pabhoi and there are regular shared taxis available.**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Organic tea, fisheries, veggies, horticulture ,cattle, Its a 10 acre farm with 5 acres of organic tea plantation. We cultivate seasonal vegetables like gourds,cucumber,colocasia, ginger, turmeric etc and also have citrus, areca nut, banana, bamboo among others. There are cows,goats,chicken and ducks as well. We collect the cow urine and cow dung to be used in bio fertilizers and bio pesticides like Shasyagavya,Jeevamrut, panchagavya, GGT(Ginger, Garlic, Turmeric). There are medicinal plants like Neem(Azadirachta indica) and karanj(pongamia pinnata) which are used in the formulas. We also prepare compost and have plans to start a low cost vermi-compost pit this year. There are also plans to start a farmstay for travellers asap. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** :2 years**Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** :Not yet**Suggested length of stay for volunteers** :10 days**Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** :1 volunteer . There is a traditional raised platform thatch hut with basic amenities. We also have tents. The toilet is around 100 meters from the hut. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :Volunteers can also help us in the construction of an earth hut**Expectations of work for volunteers** :Volunteers can mostly help with hand weeding, planting new trees, building bamboo fences, preparing bio fertilizers, making compost or with the construction of a new earth house.**Is transportation available?** :Yes**Languages spoken** :English, Hindi, Assamese.**Can you host children or pets?** :No**Special diets** :Rice, Dal (lentil soup), Sabji(mixed vegetable), eggs, chicken**And any other specifics for your farm** :Biswanath Ghat and the island of Umatumoni: 10 kms from Biswanath town.Tea estates from colonial era all around Biswanath region.Hiking to nearby tribal villages.Nameri National park is 70 kms away.Visit to other organic farms nearby.

IND297**Farm Name** : Thar Agro Farm , **Contact Name** Navdeep Singh **Location/Description** - Our farm is situated on Thar desert near chhattargarh town which is about 70 miles from bikaner city in western Rajasthan. The farm is well connected with road, Also buses and private taxis are easily available from Bikaner city. **Description of organic activities** We have just initiated the horticulture and the main crop is Apple ber (ziziphus mauritiana), starting with around 300 plants, the farm is about 4.5 acres in size, we also plant some seasonable vegetables and grains, we try to focus on sustainability and minimalistic type farming with minimum possible carbon footprint. **How long you have been doing organic farming-** Recently started the project.**Whether the farm is certified** – No**Suggested length of stay** - Minimum seven days to as long as you wish.**how many/accommodation** - We can accommodate upto 4 volunteers at a time , simple room

(non attached bathroom) with a basic mattress can be provided. **Non-farming activities-** You may be involved in rescued animal care, construction work, fencing, you may also help in cooking expected working - 4-5 hours a day, 5 days a week **Expectation of work** - Work may include watering, manuring, cutting, tilling, harvesting etc. **Is transport available-** yes, through buses as well as private taxis. **Language spoken-** Hindi, English, Marwari **Can you host children/pet** – Yes **Special diet-** Vegan food will be provided **Any other specifics of your farm** - The farm is situated in a remote village in Thar desert and there is no air or sound pollution. you can visit historical temples and sites near bikaner city. There is also indira gandhi canal is flowing through the village.

IND 298 **Farm Name** Krishna Cure **Contact Name** :Sanjeev kumar **email** : **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : Geetapith, Teshil - Palampur, Distt- kangra (HP)-176061 Nearest air port Kangra (GaggaL) 40KM, Pathankot Railway station 90 KM (3 hours journey by Taxi & 4 hours by Bus which are very frequent), Delhi is 500KM and 11 hours journey. Luxury/volvo buses available for Delhi, Shimla and Manali **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** :Cultivation of organic farming. Formation of women Self Help Groups on organic farming. Promote camping stay and local best practices. Local food and its nutrition contents for avoid malnutrition . Around 10 SHGs are doing organic farming and engaged in traditional seed protection. and brief description of each farm Small ladder types fields, the major crops cultivated are wheat, paddy, maize, cattle fodder and the seasonal vegetables - lady fingers, beans, pumpkin, round pumpkin, potatoes, cucumber, leafy vegetables, Tulsi (Sacred Plants). Preservation of Traditional seeds.Made collective organic farmers.Promotion of organic manure Pesticide free agriculture. Strive to work Soil, Air and water quality (SAW) **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : Five years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : 7 days **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** :10sPerson may be accommodated. The accommodation is bed room with separate bath room. Accommodation is not very decent. The Kaccha rural types structures. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : The Volunteers can be engaged in solar energy project, low cost housing, engage children in innovative learning, may provide skill development training. Help in micro planning to make village plans etc). Engage people in forest fire management system.engage local in best practices. Research work.Advocacy work. **Expectations of work for volunteers** :Technical support, suggest best practice, practical demoenstration, Make Villagers familiar with best practices).**Is transportation available?** No **Languages spoken** :Hindi – English **Can you host children or pets?** : Yes **Special diets** :Cultural feasts – cousins **And any other specifics for your farm** : Shelter for migrants birds Places of tourist interest nearby the volunteers could visit (Temples, forts, heritage & monuments, tea gardens, picnic sports).

IND 299**Farm name**Jacob Badi**Contact Name**Sheela Vincent**Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** Jacob Badi village Tumdibod District Rajnandgaon 491441 Chhattisgarh. By train nearest station is Rajnandgaon' and airport is Raipur.**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Mainly growing vegetables using drip irrigation and vermi compost. Mainly growing vegetables using drip irrigation and vermi compost. Farm is five acres but cultivating about two acres. Rest has eucalyptus plantation and fish pond. Seasonal vegetables are grown, eg cauliflower, ladies finger, cabbage, tomatoes, spinach, and several other variety.**How long you have been doing Organic Farming** About four years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** :No**Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum two weeks . Whatever is convenient for the volunteer but minimum three months if that's possible **Accommodations (How many**

volunteer you can accommodate at one time) Have good accommodation for two at a time.the house is quite comfortable to live in and has beds, sofas, tables etc. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc)** Fencing,reviving a half done bio gas plant, bee keeping and Knowledge if fish farming is helpful as we have a good sized pond.**Expectations of work for volunteers** Help to get the farm going in a sustainable way. Should know basic organic farming methods. Knowledge and skill of organic vegetable farming needed to guide us to do it profitably. Weeding is a major activity.**Is transportation available?** Yes both public and our own car**Languages spoken** English and Hindi.no problem with any language**Can you host children or pets?** Yes if then family can help with support if Children and pets.**Special diets** Open to all food choicesRice/rotis, dal, and whatever vegetables are available on the farm and local village market. Chicken/fish according to availability.**And any other specifics for your farm** If its possible to get women volunteers it will be better but its not a must. Few big farmers are there who are doing very well on a large scale but not organic farmers. Temples, parks, are there within 25 km radius. Many tourist sites of Chhattisgarh are there which can be visited if going for a few days.

IND 300 **Farm name:** Gaia Grid **Contact Name:** Harsh Valechha **Location (address, description of the land and how to reach by bus or train):** Gaia Grid, Anaikatti Moolakkada , Kadambara south. Sholayur , Palakkad, Kerala **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : Located on 45,000 sq. ft. of dry land on the hills of Kadampara, Kerala, Gaia grid is envisioned to be a model farm founded with the aim to create a self-sustaining pocket. The main long-term objectives are to achieve complete nutritional autonomy by growing all of our own food (organically) and promote off-grid living. In the future, we also plan on collaborating with local tribal villagers to help create similar self-sustaining farms which in turn can grow into a co-op of tribal farmers. Gaia grid will also promote permaculture, sustainable architecture, veganism, natural farming and unconditional gifting. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : 4 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : Living in the farm and working would be a way of life that will take at least 2 weeks for the participants to grasp and truly learn. **Accommodations (How many volunteers you can accommodate at one time):** 10 rented open roof showers, compost toilets. The accommodation is in exchange for 4 hours of work every day. We initially wanted to provide free food for all volunteers however we've just started out and all the work we do is through fundraised money which doesn't allow us to pay for volunteers' food. So we all cook three healthy vegan meals a day and volunteers contribute 300 rupees toward the food every day. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : Sustainable construction, solar and wind energy (constructing windmills with recycled material), off-grid living **Expectations of work for volunteers** : Our daily work includes planting and watering trees, taking care of the vegetable garden, digging water catchment pits and ponds, creating water conservation structures such as bunds, trenches and retaining walls, mulching, composting, cooking and building structures that facilitate storage and shelter. During free time we usually conduct workshops, meditation, yoga. Volunteers also go to a nearby river which is a 5 minute walk from the land. Nearby attractions include an ashram, an Ayurveda center, a national park (Silent Valley). We also receive frequent visitations from wild elephants who are native to this area as they pass near the land every week. **Is transportation available?** : Public transport - Yes. Participants may also rent mopeds using a valid license from Coimbatore **Languages spoken:** English, Hindi, Bengali, Sindhi, Basic Spanish, Haitian Creole **Can you host children or pets?** : Yes **Special diets:** Vegan Unpolished Kerala rice, lentils, local seasonal vegetables, fruits, nuts, seeds, unrefined flour chapatis and lots of greens! **And any other specifics for your farm:** Kerala is known as gods own country. However, in the village of Kadambara, the local villagers (who are mainly comprised of tribals) have for long faced a severe enemy: malnutrition. So much that malnutrition-related deaths in Kadambara is one of the highest in India. We thought this would be an appropriate place to start a project that would work not on aid but

on empowerment. But first, we need to empower ourselves. Hence, the idea of an off-grid self-sustainable farm. If this project succeeds, then we can use it as a simple model that can be replicated anywhere. As a participant, you'd mainly be helping out with this goal. This collaborative goal can only be achieved with a sustained and dedicated effort of all those who have the time, energy and maybe even the skill to share. Places of tourist interest nearby- silent valley national park, Salim Ali Institute of Ornithology, a local river, Ayurveda center, Dayanand Saraswati ashram

IND 301 **Farm name** :SANJEEVANI **Contact Name** :BIJU. V.G. **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : THAAVALAM post office. palakkad district. KERALA state . Those who come by train should get down at PALAKKAD JUNCTION, and take a bus CALICUT and get down at MANNAR KKAD. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : We cultivate organic vegetables bananas seasonal mangoes chakkas and perennial coconuts. about three acres of land that is located on the banks of a fresh water river, BHAVAANI, in the kerala side valleys of Neelagiri Mountain Range. we are also associated with the program of HEALING WITHOUT MEDICINE, where we heal our diseases without medicine as well as our friends illnesses. we are not certified people in this trade; but we have healed diseases that have been declared incurable. We administer organic raw and cooked food fresh water and fasting for healing and with yoga and water yoga without any kinds of FEE. . Volunteer who are interested in realizing the above said or healing their diseases are welcome; again, no fee for yoga healing and related lectures. the air is clean, water is refreshing, rolling green meadows and hills, thick lush green ambiance, rustic and raw country side with a local town nearby and a small city ten km. away. We also take land for lease and transform it to organic cultivable land. Also to note is the ethnic tribal settlements of this region, ATTA PPADI, along with settlers who hailed from Kerala and Tamilnadu. those who are interested in prehistory, proto languages, tribes, would love this region as many Volunteer from abroad had commented. Silent Valley National Park is located here, and we are in the park zone. pristine energetic water air and nature. the average temperature follows. WINTER: Nights could be chilly, days are sunny and warm. temp. 16 to 27. MONSOON: 20 to 28. Intermittent rain followed by winds. SUMMER: No scorching heat of the mainland India here. Summers are blessed with winds, a rare phenomenon that makes this region an all year lovely one. Temp. 22 to 32 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : No. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** :Minimum eight days. **Accommodations**:Right now accommodation for two volunteer. If a single woman volunteer happens to visit here while a single male also present, then we will arrange a single room, unattached toilet for the woman in the same premise; but later more accommodation facilities will be provided the rooms are average with bricks, and either tiled roof or hay or wild shrubs.. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :Construction of mud/soil houses with bamboo, producing art pieces or daily use items or decorative pieces in bamboo or wood; installation of solar energy; preservation and conservation of organic land; practicing gender equality; hosting international Volunteers. Free YOGA sessions both theory and practice; interactions with locals that includes tribal population; sessions of life food and dead food and dead mind and live mind. cooking and cleaning, and etc. **Expectations of work for volunteers** :Organic farming in general. mixing manure, pouring it to the plants; soil preparations, mulching, leaf cutting, fence repair. **Is transportation available?** :Those who need our vehicle should pay the local rent applied for taxis. Transportation of one km from the bus stop to the commune can be met with taxi auto-rickshaws. **Languages spoken** :English, Malayalam, Tamil and a little Hindi too. **Can you host children or pets?** Children depend upon their age. pets welcome if not leashed or caged, **Special diets** :Organic fruits, vegetables raw and cooked. organic dates, mangoes, chakka or jack fruit, rice or wheat or tribal grains. The delicious Mango curry is one of our special dish. Chakka and its nuts soup. Chakka nuts and Mango with coconut curry garnished in Coconut oil. Sweetened with jaggery, non chemical, steamed ADA with grated coconuts; one of the best snacks of Kerala. no meat or fish except for festival days.

no alcohol expect for festival days that would come about two a year. those who need coffee tea could get them at the local restaurants nearby. If you want to quit tea or coffee we got a Deaddiction, informal, program for one week. **And any other specifics for your farm** :This is a healing community with free of cost. Organic ways of healing are well received by the locals and for the mainland people. we are trying to develop a community based living and function. hope everyone to cooperate with our vision and mission. If Volunteer are interested in seeing such exotic places, tropical rain forests, back waters, and all the charms and green of Kerala, we are ready to take you there..

IND 302 **Farm name** :Barpathar Tea Estate **Contact Name** :Harsh Sutodiya **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** :Barpathar Tea Estate, Barpathar; Assam 785602. Post Barpathar;. Mode of Transport Flight to Dimapur Airport or Guwahati Airport and Train options to Barpathar Station or Farkating Station. Pick up hence forth .**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** :In-house preparation of organic concoctions based on Vedas. To build an integrated 1000 acre multi cropping Tea estate which will be self sustainable in all aspects. Tea estate since 1924 **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** :Three years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** :Under conversion **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** :Minimum one month. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** :Two volunteers Room with Attached bathroom. Bungalow stay. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :Restoration and alternative energy No skill required only sincerity required. **Expectations of work for volunteers** :To closely monitor the result of concoction, by tabulation and experimenting by necessary changes. Restoration of centenary old Chinese bushes with yield enhancement. Monitoring and learning in the process of doing the work. **Is transportation available?** :Yes **Languages spoken** :Hindi, English, Assamese others **Can you host children or pets?** :No **Special diets** : Rice, fish, chicken , vegetable, milk, bread, eggs. Staple Indian food Local delicacies Cereals and others Kitchen garden to grow vegetables of choice and fishing pond and river to fish for self. **And any other specifics for your farm** :Hundred year old property with a river. Well known in the Tea Industry. Some places of tourist interest one can visit ie Kaziranga National Park, Number Wild Life Sanctuary , Hot Spring

IND 303 **Farm name** : **Farm name** : Corbett House **Contact Name** : Rohit Gandhi & Erin Klassen **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)**: The property is a 10min drive from this village right nest to Jim Corbett National Park. Our team can pick up Wwoofers. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)**: We aim to plant 4 – 5 crops annually (sesame, lentils, wheat, mustard), have fruit trees (mango, papaya, guava, banana, chiku & amla), a seasonal organic vegetable garden for farmers market distribution, a flower cutting garden, dairy cows, a dog and native forest restoration projects. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming**: lifetime **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency**:Currently not certified. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : 3 days – 2 weeks. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)**: 2 – 8. We have private bathrooms with showers and western toilets, dorm style beds, a place for individual tents if preferred, and a cottage with fireplace and living room to socialize in during the non- working hours. Wi-fi is also available. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)**: We are in the process of building our apiary (bee hives) and formalizing the hardscape construction of seating walls around the outdoor firepit, outdoor dining area, and sunset gazebo. We run on solar energy (12V) and have a generator as back up. Wwoofers can contribute to the building of landscape walls, gabion reinforcements and water retention project across the property and the forest restoration. **Expectations of work for volunteers** : 5 hour per day **Is transportation available?**: Yes, we have a 4 x 4 vehicle on the property. **Languages spoken**: Hindi/English **Can you host children or pets?**: Not at this time. **Special diets**: We can cater to vegans, gluten-free and lactose intolerant. There is also the opportunity to cook for yourself in our kitchen should that be preferred. **And any other**

specifics for your farm: Corbett House is a true Indian jungle property where wildlife is present throughout the day. We can offer visits with the nomadic people who live adjacent to us, and an opportunity to explore what nature provides in the area.

IND 304 Farm name :Dad's Park**Contact Name :**Lisjan John**Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train) :**Akkara Avenues, Ollur Post. Nr. Ollur Railway Station, Aviniseriy Panchyat & Village, From North Direction Farm /Ashram Kerala State **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :**To practice self reliance in case of food and provide to local public. Awareness of old outdated crops of that particular area. 35 cents land with fishing and bathing pond with small pathways. Major crops are tapioca, banana, papaya breed which is grown locally. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming :**2 years**Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency :**No**Suggested length of stay for volunteers :**1 week to 1 year .**Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time) :**3 person , mud huts , attached bath room**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.) :**Construction, Fishing and Bath Pond Rehabilitation.**Expectations of work for volunteers :**Crops plantation, Hut / Hall Construction. **Is transportation available? :**No.**Languages spoken :**English,Hindi, Gujarati.**Can you host children or pets? :**No.**Special diets :**kappa and kanji. No non veg. , puttu Kadla. **And any other specifics for your farm :**Authrapilli Vazhachal, Nattika beach, Shakthan Thampuran Museum.

IND 305 Farm name :Bhadu Farm House**Contact Name :**Kanishak Bhadu**Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train) :**District- Hanumangarh, Rajasthan Bus from Jaipur**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :**Goal is to increase organic market in Rajasthan so that farmer can get good revenue along with development of Organic agriculture, we grow Wheat ,Cotton, Mandarin in farm, We have 2000 plant of Mandarin at farm , and other vegetables like Onion, Potato , Brinjal **How long you have been doing Organic Farming :**6yrs**Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency :**No our farm is yet not registered**Suggested length of stay for volunteers :**10days**Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time) :**10 volunteer AC rooms with attached toilets and high speed internet and can play basket ball and other game at our school ground**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.) :**Teach in primary school ,Horse riding**Expectations of work for volunteers :**Take care of farm and some small works ,they have to collect fruit from farm, graze our goat take care of plant and cutting of grass**Is transportation available? :** Yes**Languages spoken :** Hindi,English,Punjabi, Rajasthani,Haryanvi**Can you host children or pets? :**Yes**Special diets :** Indian food roti, sabji ,curd and fruits **And any other specifics for your farm :** Visit and see the natural beauty , visit historic site Kalibanga which is associated with Harappa culture and can visit Hanumagarh fort

IND 306 Farm name : Eshab Homestay **Contact Name :** Kesang Dorjee Bhutia **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train) :** Esahb Homestay, Flat land surface for agricultural surrounded by forests rivers etc. Nearest train station is new Jalpaiguri at Siliguri West Bengal Post Office : Sribadam West Sikkim pin code 737121 . **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :** Sikkim is the first organic state in india. so keeping in mind we cultivate our food crops for our daily use. we grow crops according to our season. Organic farming of Potato, Cabbages, Cardamon, Maize, Peas, Beans, Kiwifruit, Peach we do seasonal farming for our daily needs like Tomato, Onion, Ginger, Chilli, Spinach, Squash, Carrots, Radish etc, we have our own cow so the manure is mostly from cow dung . We do not use any chemical fertilizers since it is banned in Sikkim. The farm is separated into three area , being hilly region the total area of these three places would be around 25 hectare. This area is basically a home stay cum farm where we have small cottages in the middle and cultivation land in the outer area surrounded by trees in the boundary area where one can get the view of birds in the trees.

We also have trout fisheries inside the farm , we are also working on water management process and waste management where we are segregating plastic waste from bio waste. You will be living in small rural area population of 1300 people where two beautiful Buddhist Monasteries are located .There one can learn meditation also you will be surrounded by forest in all side there are natural lakes, waterfalls, rivers. We are trying to create an example by producing only organic food, fruits and drinks, also trying to make aware about litter free zone in the village. You will only eat what you will grow in the farm. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : 20 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : 5 days minimum. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : 5 people (We have 2 rooms , one room can accommodate 3 people another room can accommodate 2 people both have attached bathroom) **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy etc)** : Construction of buildings like cow shed chicken place to live fish pond for fisheries, Teaching at school and local Buddhist monasteries, cleanliness drive at the village, health awareness as there is no hospital, waste management, water harvesting, recycling old things, restoration of old buildings and Buddhist monasteries, helping animals health **Expectations of work for volunteers** : they will be engaged in farming work like planting different seasonal crops along with dairy farming where they will learn how to milk cows by hand and to cut fodder for cows. Engage in growing various seasonal and cash crops **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** :English, Hindi, Nepali and Sikkimese. **Can you host children or pets?** : Yes **Special diets:** Purely organic food along with milk and some traditional dishes like Momo, Thukpa, Cowrie, Shaphalay, Ghathuk, Keenema. **And any other specifics for your farm** : Sikkim is the first organic state in India. We have our own trout fisheries project . The farm is our life supporter which provide all our basic needs. This is a homestay cum farm we can provide hiking into the forest area, trekking to Varsey Rhododendron sanctuary, you can try mountain biking. Pelling, Rinchenpong, Khechepoari Lake, Yuksam, Kaluk, Namchi, Ravangla, Hee Bermoik, Uttarey are few tourist places nearby . I donate 10 percent of my income towards mother earth this money is used for clean up of the village once in every month along with that i have put up my own dustbins around the village printed as eshab home stay. I clean up lakes, rivers, forest roads drain and i pay the labours. it is a huge responsibilities i have taken but i will keep on doing it. its been 5 years am into this work where i want to make my village a litter free village with no litter around. i am also conserving and preserving our old sikkim tradition cusotm, ferstivals, language,etc for that me alone i am doing it. . There is also a massive destruction in my village forest deforestation and i am planting it by buying tree sapling from nurseries. i have a big plan for this small village where life is simple there are no medicine shops here people still practcise old method of herbal medicine which i too have been planting it n preserving it as this medicinal herbs are getting lost. i also provide the poor village children with financial help to buy their school uniform, pens, textbooks,etc as these children study in goverment school an are from poor background. all the things that are being destroyed i am trying to save it all alone with out any ngo or government help. i am also providing financial assistance to old age people who are sick. i have also been following the three R's REDUCE,REUSE,RECYCLE. i have made many useful things out of waste materials and decorated the roadside and my homestay area. INR 500 rupeee per day donation is required to carry out the bove activities

IND 307 Farm name : Jetvan Peace Farm **Contact Name** :JAYASREE SINGH **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** :Village & Post: Ruppur, Bolpur, Santiniketan, Dist: Birbhum, West Bengal, PIN: 731236. Can be reached by train from Kolkata.**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : After my first initiative at Mahulbari this is a step up to a bigger farm with a lot of challenges and potential. Roopkatha is a 3 acres fertile land with a partial perennial water source and a patch of small natural forest which is the home for many Indian birds. Roopkatha is in its Infancy now. We need volunteers, who are interested in learning as well as hands on practicing permaculture and Indian cow based farming. As we are about to

construct the farm accommodations for all inmates, volunteers with interest/ experience in natural buildings are also welcome. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : Since 2016 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : Minimum 2 weeks. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : Dormitory with common bath where 2 people can be accommodated **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : Natural construction , Culinary skills **Expectations of work for volunteers** : Digging, weeding, preparing vegetable beds, composting, irrigation etc. **Is transportation available?** : Can be arranged on prior notice **Languages spoken** : English, Hindi, Bengali **Can you host children or pets?** : Yes **Special diets** : Rice, Chapati, Lentils, Veg & Nonveg curries **And any other specifics for your farm** Famous Viswabharati (Santiniketan), Rabindranath Tagore's University, craft centers, Baul Ashrams (an ancient musical folk culture of Bengal)

IND 308 **Farm name** : Yogivanam **Contact Name** : Dr. Kamaraj Rajendran **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : Dr. K Farm, Krishnagiri District. Tamil Nadu. The venue is connected through NH 7. Nearest bus station is Karimangalam, train station is Dharmapuri. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : Growing millets, vegetables, sustainable community living, helping and supporting local farmers to learn yoga, self healing & creating awareness and educating on organic farming. Yoga education, terrace gardening, Organic fertilizing, Biofuels, Paanchkavya The farm is 6 acres land, 3 acres of cultivation & 3 acres of mango farm. The farm has millets, organic chickens, goats & cows. We aim to have 500 organic chicken, 10 milking goats, 1 bull, 4 cows, 2 horses, 2 dogs and a fish pond, 200 sq meter of herbal garden, half acre of organic vegetables & fruits grown for the regular camp site. It is a start up project for yoga, free training for yoga, naturopathy, organic farming. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : 25 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : Minimum 1 week **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : 10 people Dormitory. Individuals can carry their tents if available. Seperate bath & toilet for male & female **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : Yes Alternative Construction/ Cooking Naturopathy Therapies Skills around building organic structures (mud huts, tree houses, pyramid structures, animal sheds, natural cure section requirements like tables/ beds etc.). Individuals interested in giving & sharing knowledge around healing therapies and massage sessions. **Expectations of work for volunteers** : We need support from volunteers farm maintenance, tree plantation, watering the farm, animal rearing & feeding, cooking, Organic Framing/ Animal Rearing/ / Tree Plantation **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** : English/ Hindi/ Tamil **Can you host children or pets?** : Yes **Special diets** : Vegetarian diet. Millet Porridge/ Vegetable salad, Vegetable juice , South Indian meal , Herbal Tea , Fruit Salad or Millet Roti & veg or Boiled vegetables etc Everyday there will be one cooked meal, one raw vegetable meal, one fruit diet, one fruit juice, one vegetable juice, One herbal tea **And any other specifics for your farm** : **The farm is an absolutely non- toxic & chemical free zone.** Hogenakkal waterfalls (90 mins drive), KRP Dam (30 mins drive), Muruga Mountain Temple (4 kms), Thiruvanamallai Temple (2 and half hours drive), Adiyaman Castle (30 kms), Syed Pasha Mountain climbing, adequate trekking & hiking places around the vicinity.

IND 309 **Farm name** Shankar Prasad Foundation **Contact Name** Swami Yogaratna **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : Shankar Prasad Organic Farm and Ashram Karnataka, 581319, India **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : Coconut grove, peanut harvesting, rice paddies, and some fruits and vegetables. The farm 2 acres - we have 1 acre for rice paddies, peanuts, vegetables according to the season. We are strictly organic, and we try grow local as much as possible. 1 acre is for coconuts and young fruit trees (bananas, papayas, and tropical fruits). We also have a flower garden and house garden with a wonderful variety of trees. We are still in the experimental phases of learning how to make our own compost,

mulching, and learning local farming practices. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 6 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Not yet. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : 2 weeks + our farm and ashram is better suited to people who are able to stay for two weeks or longer **A - For people staying 2 weeks** For half day (Approx 3 hours) of volunteer work is 600 Indian Rupees per day and includes the wholesome meals and accommodation and free mantra meditation sessions as mentioned, as well as other meditation. For full day (Approx 6 hours) of volunteer work is 400 Indian Rupees per day and includes the wholesome meals and accommodation and free mantra meditation sessions as mentioned, as well as other meditation. **B - For people staying less than 2 weeks** We view them as guests and charge full rate of 800 Indian Rupees per day and includes the wholesome meals and accommodation and free mantra meditation sessions as mentioned, as well as other meditation. **C - For people staying more than 2 weeks*** *After paying the daily fee based on one of the two options listed above under category A. We make a decision based on the individual, if we feel that they are a great worker and that they can contribute to the ashram we are happy for them to stay on for free, or if they would like, they can and often do, make a donation of their choosing. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** 40, for volunteers we have shared rooms, ranging from 2 - 4 per room. There are communal ablution areas. There are three meals per day (wholesome vegetarian food) included in the cost, and served in a communal eating area, as well as teas and coffee. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Free sessions in meditation, chanting, and yoga discourses. General maintenance of the heritage houses. Administrative and computer work. Animal welfare. And community projects including animal sterilization and environmental clean up programmes. **Expectations of work for volunteers** : Helping the local workers with their activities, such as mulching, digging, pruning, cleaning, planting, repotting, all aspects of growing rice paddy. Also adventure playground maintenance. And occasional special projects like introducing the school children to nature. **Is transportation available?** : Renting of bicycles available. There are local buses and auto-rickshaws available. **Languages spoken** : English, Hindi, Kannada, and some French **Can you host children or pets?** Children yes. pets no. **Special diets** : We are a strict vegetarian farm. We can easily accommodate the dietary needs of vegans. We provide a healthy breakfast, lunch, and dinner in the style of south indian rice (organic and grown on the property) and vegetables and lentils, with curd, chapati, and salad, and mixed sprouts. **And any other specifics for your farm** : This is a spiritual ashram as well as organic farm, so whether volunteers are here for spiritual purposes or for farming (or both!) we ask that all people staying observe respect for the peaceful atmosphere and no drugs, alcohol, or tobacco is allowed in or around the ashram at any time. Om beach and other Gokarna beaches, an ancient pilgrimage town full of temples are some places for tourist attraction

IND 310 **Farm Name** : Zera Farms **Contact Name** Arun Jay **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** : Kodaikanal, Dindigul District, Tamil Nadu, India 624210 **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : 2 acre farm split into organic and commercial sections, each spanning 1 acre. I started to farm with the interest of producing food for own consumption. The organic area is a permaculture model consisting of banana plantations, guavas, jackfruits, herbs, mixed vegetables, chicken coop and mini fish pond. Pest control is done via the following methods: 1. Light traps during nights 2. Neem based sprays 3. Chicken plays a major role in reducing harmful insect population by feeding larvae **Fertilizers**: - Farm manure - Bio fertilizers such as panchagavya, kitchen compost **Ammonia rich fish pond water is irrigated to land and light trap above fish pond attracts harmful bugs at night, which becomes fish feed. A partial eco-cycle is established. Chicken plays a major role in both pest control and providing manure. Our cottage is powered by solar and rain water harvesting. Additional water requirement is drawn from a well** **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : Since 2019 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : Not certified **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Suggested stay for a minimum of 1 week. Stay

can be extended after a discussion. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** We can accommodate 4 volunteers in the cottage. Two furnished rooms in the cottage, with attached bathroom in each. Common hall and a functional kitchen. Additional members, if any can be accommodated via tents. There's a separate common kitchen and washroom outside the cottage. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** We are yet to build these: - Solar powered sprinkler irrigation - Mini green house nursery - Bio fence - Woodhouse/tree house construction - Decorative lighting - Raised bed gardening patch **Expectations of work for volunteers** Easy: - Weeding - Pruning plants - Feeding dogs/fishes/chicken - **Is transportation available?** The place is tucked away from civilization. - Car/Jeep on-demand by call - Motorbike is stationed in the farm all the time, for trips to the village **Languages spoken** : English Tamil Hindi Kannada **Can you host children or pets** : Yes, with more information and after a discussion **Special diets** : The model that worked best so far is we providing all cooking materials and volunteers cook it to their taste. At a minimum, we provide these: 1. Bread, jam, peanut butter 2. Rice, lentils, spices, cooking oil 3. Locally available vegetables 4. Snack box (biscuits, fritters) 5. All seasonal fruits that grow in the farm (jackfruit, guava, bananas, passion fruits) Non-vegetarian can be provided on request **And any other specifics for your farm** Kodaikanal - a tourist town 22 kms away from farm Thandikudi - a heritage village 10 kms away from farm

IND 311 **Farm name** :Ushar Organic**Contact Name** :Jay Anandan**Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** :22 KMs from Calicut city. Trains, interstate buses and flights available up to Calicut city. People understand English Hindi and sign language, so don't worry.**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** :At present, we have organic coconut farm of 7 acres, organic rice farming 2 Acres. Cattle and dogs also. Organic farm stays, home stays are available for guests and volunteers. Picturesque locations providing great view, 2 hillside locations and paddy fields. A coconut oil processing unit is being installed. Goal is to create a farming and business model that is circular, sustainable, ethical. A transformation retreat with different levels offering detoxing . communion with nature, co-creation is the goal.**How long you have been doing Organic Farming** :10 years**Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : Not yet**Suggested length of stay for volunteers** :7 days**Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** :5 volunteers to start with . We have a typical Kerala house that can host 5 people. You can bathe inside or go to the canal, just a few paces away when it is live. Kerala style food(you can help make it if you like) . Work on the hillside huts are just happening and if you are okay with what we have, you can stay there also. if you like a self made hut, that is possible too. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :The project is to have on-grid solar power, bio gas, natural water sourcing, natural buildings, among others. Architects who know how to sync with nature, nature nurturers, coconut enthusiasts and experts, detoxing experts, gaia volunteers, perma culture experts, people who have feelings for earth, engineers who like to repair a village soul. **Expectations of work for volunteers** :Passion for the organic movement. Tending the cows and dogs if you are an animal lover, organic farm work, help us in rice cultivation, explore and nurture natural streams, build a water reservoir in an abandoned quarry, Help build natural buildings for stay and work. Build a workshop, just a few. **Is transportation available?** :Yes.**Languages spoken** :Malayalam (local language), Hindi, English**Can you host children or pets?** : Yes**Special diets** : Vegetarian diet. Rice, curries and chutnies with coconuts, tea, coffee with coconut milk. Rice flakes, tapioca boiled and fried. Puttu, Upma, Dosa, Chappathi. **Any other specific about the farm**Summer is great to explore the theatrical manifestations of the great collective unconscious, You can watch theyyam (temple theater festival of Malabar) from Jan to June. Monsoon is great to enjoy the rain and water.

IND 312 Farm name : Sagg eco campus **Contact Name :** Fayaz Ahmad Dar **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train) :** The one-acre sagg eco campus is located in Lar, Ganderbal, Kashmir 191201. It is placed in the foothills of Lar-Waliwar area and is reachable by public transport (mini-buses / shared taxis) from srinagar (about 35 kilometers from srinagar city center) via Ganderbal town. One can also hire a taxi from the airport or srinagar city that should cost about a thousand indian rupees and take about 75 minutes. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :** Production - sale of natural farming, foods, utility eco products, hand crafts, travel services, participatory research for sustainable development. Yes. i grew witnessing working in the family subsistence farms rice, vegs and fruits. many of these crops are not organic nowvegetables, fruits and herbs - preserves, pickles, jams and sun dried products; utilitarian eco products, recycled products, etc. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming :** Three years. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency :** No. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers :** Negotiable - depending upon work season and availability. We would prefer you stay at least for a week. however, we can negotiate the number of days, depending upon your needs and our needs at the time. in case the time you have is too little for us to properly use, you can also chose to pay the campus a small fee for your stay. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time) :** 15 Separate male and female dormitories, shared rooms, tents and toilet / washroom blocks. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.):** Let us discuss what we can share including the following: Earth building, localized building, carpentry, solar / alternative energy, natural and wood heating systems, , zero-waste / recycled / eco friendly utility products composting building / designing user friendly spaces, biological spaces, painting, handcrafts / skills healthy games and tricks ,simplified engineering , self care , sustainable things and spaces, alternative / natural / herbal / organic prevention and healing tools, techniques and skills , ways to learn and ways to teach , dealing with self, family, kids, people planning and implementation , sustainable living **Expectations of work for volunteers :** Ploughing, fencing, water conservation sowing, watering, weeding, fencing, picking fruits and vegs, bird care , exploring permaculture practices , preserving foods , identifying, testing, documenting medicinal plants , making pickles, jams, preserves, drying vegetables and fruits **Is transportation available? :** In case of emergency, yes. **Languages spoken :** English, Urdu, Hindi, Kashmiri **Can you host children or pets? :** Children yes, with caring responsibility of the parent or guardian. **Special diets :** A typical meal at the campus could be rice with changing varieties of veg / non veg items.We also have varieties of breads, eggs and tea / coffee available. **And any other specifics for your farm :** Fun is (and in) the process! . Sagg eco campus is located in the beautiful foothills of Waliwar – Lar area in close vicinity of two villages, Chanthan Gulab Pora and watlar. The campus is surrounded by trees and orchards. the area is home to farm fields, shrines and natural environs. some trekking trails that through breathtaking views lead up to some vast and calm meadows. At night one can see the twinkling stars above and the twinkling lights of Srinagar city down in the distance.

IND 313 Farm name : Radhamani-Subbarao Ghoshala & Organic farms **Contact Name :** Jayalakshmi **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train) :** , Nilakottai , Tamil Nadu.By train. Kodai Road station , from there by bus to Nilakottai then by auto . By flight. Madurai airport **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :** Doing natural farming since 2013, initially done in my friend's land in Kumarapalayam . From Aug 2016 bought land with my Brother and having seven calves native breed and one Kangayam cow.Planning for agro forestry , Ghosala (Cow Shed) and cultivation of Millets and grains. At Kumarapalayam we grown organic paddy, dhall, sesame , greens and vegetables.Now in Lakshmpuram land grains are cultivated, and having seven calves native breed and one Kangayam cow. At Kumarapalayam we grown organic paddy, dhall, sesame , greens and vegetables.Now in Lakshmpuram land grains are cultivated, Planning for agro foresting , Ghosala and cultivation of Millets and grains No digg farming methods. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming :** Since 2013

Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency :No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : Three days to Three months . **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** :Three person. Two farm house with kitchen and common toilet is available in that farm itself .**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :Planning for a construction of farm house with Eco friendly materials. Renovation of ponds in the farm**Expectations of work for volunteers** :Planting trees, watering plants etc. Helping in renovation of ponds Construction of farm houseTaking care of calves/ cow.**Is transportation available?** :No**Languages spoken** : Marathi, Tamil, Hindi, Kannada and English**Can you host children or pets?** :Children with adults not pets.**Special diets** :Veg food only. Morning chukku coffee .Breakfast. Idly or dosa Lunch. Rice with sambar, curd, vegetables Dinner. Chappathi or uppma **And any other specifics for your farm** :It's around ten acres wish to develop with traditional and natural methods. Nearest place of interest. Kodaikanal 60 kms Madurai Meenakshi temple. 56 kms

IND 314 **Farm name** :Naz Foundation**Contact Name** :Anjali Gopalan**Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** :Dhouj – Tehsil, District Faridadad, Haryana 121004. The closest station is New Delhi Railway Station.**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** One area is two acres large and this is where the dal, fodder, lentils and seasonal vegetables are grown. The second plot is close to the accommodation and is only 10,000 square feet. It exists of raised beds to improve the yields and the quality of the products we grow. In the raised beds, the crops which are present are seasonal vegetables such as carrots and tomatoes. The food has two different destinations, one being the Naz Foundation Care Home for orphans in New Delhi and the other one is for the animal sanctuary which is run adjacent to the raised beds.**How long you have been doing Organic Farming** :Four years**Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** :No certification**Suggested length of stay for volunteers** :We suggest staying for a minimum of one week, as long as it is longer than this we do not mind.**Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** :We have four accommodations. Every room has two single beds and an attached bathroom. There is a power back-up in all the rooms for the essential provisions such as lights and the fans.**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :Apart from the organic farm there is also a large animal shelter for animals which have been saved from the streets, illegal circuses or have been hurt. We currently accommodate over 450 dogs, several horses, cows, buffalos, cats, goats, rabbits and even a blind parrot. Of course these animals need to be taken care of and volunteers can help here as well by feeding the animals, chopping vegetables and fruits, helping out with basic care such as bathing the dogs and to give them their daily portion of care.**Expectations of work for volunteers** :There are two plots where work needs to be done. One is the raised beds where seasonal vegetables are grown. The work mainly exists of planting, making compost and weeding. The same has to be done at the other plot which is only a five minutes drive away, transport between the two will be provided by the farm.**Is transportation available?** :Yes, there is daily transportation (morning and evening) between the property and New Delhi. No public transportation is available although taxis can be booked.**Languages spoken** :Hindi and English**Can you host children or pets?** :We can accommodate both but please be aware that there are many animals living on the property, pets are always welcome.**Special diets** :We are vegetarian and we have vegan options available. This often involves home made dal, roti and vegetables. It is also possible for volunteers to cook their own food if they prefer a certain cuisine. We have a fully equipped kitchen for this which is shared.**And any other specifics for your farm** :It is in a fairly rural area, approximately one hour away from Delhi. There is no public transportation available. The farm itself is in the oldest mountain range of the world with plenty of opportunities to go hiking or bike around the farm (unfortunately we do not have bikes, these will need to be provided by the volunteers themselves). Agra and the Taj Mahal are only 2 hours away by bus from Delhi and can be a day trip or a weekend. Other places nearby include Jaipur which is a four to five hours train ride from Delhi (or a 1 hour flight). Overnight

trains leaving from Delhi offer an excellent chance for weekend trips to the Himalayas north of Delhi as well.

IND 315 Farm name : Malthe Plantation **Contact Name :** Shreehari Malthe **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train) :** Coorg, Karnataka - 571236 Nearest Railway station is Mysore 120kms, Hassan 8kms (not so frequent trains) Bus stand Somwarpet 7kms and all the busses from Bangalore passes through our farm. Nearest airport is Mysore 120kms. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :** In Malthe Plantation we grow Black Pepper organically using Bio fertilizers made from cow dung, Tricoderma, Pseudomonas and EM composition by ways of soil and foliar applications. We also grow organic vegetables and fruits in the farm. Some of the fruits we grow are Avacado, Sapodilla, Grandilla, Pappaya etc. Typical activities in the farm: 1. Preparation of organic manure 2. Soil and foliar application of fertilizers 3. Locating diseased pepper vines 4. Harvesting Pepper and fruits Apart from farming activity volunteers can also help out farm workers children to do their homework (specially in English language) and help the hosts in running the Farmstay. Our farm where we live is 10 acres. Apart from that we have additional 10 acres of land within 5km radius. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming :** Pepper and Fruits have been organically grown for the last 10 years. Organic vegetables have been grown from last 4 years. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency :** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers :** Minimum 5 days to maximum of 30 days. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time) :** Maximum of 6 volunteer at one time We have a standard family room with 2 queen size beds and a bunker bed with attached bathroom around 50 meters from my house. The room has got a sitout, TV, backup and hot water 24x7. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.) :** Helping farm workers children in studies like home works and language skills, helping the host run the Farmstay by interacting with the guests etc **Expectations of work for volunteers :** Preparation of manure Application of manure in the plantation Farm visit Gardening work Interaction with host Interaction with farm workers and their children **Is transportation available? :** Transportation is available in farm jeep **Languages spoken :** English, Hindi and Kannada **Can you host children or pets? :** Yes **Special diets :** We provide simple home cooked food specially Coorg style, we can also provide Indian and some continental food. We can serve Akki rotti (rice roti)/ steamed rice dumplings/chapaties with subzi, rice and curry, fruits grown in the farm. **And any other specifics for your farm :** Honnamana kere lake and Temple with a cliff and cave in just 1.5 kms from our farm. Dolmen circles magnoletic tombs are adjacent to our farm. Pushpagiri hills and popular trekking spot and Mallalli falls are 25kms from our farm.

IND 316 Farm name : Ambegudi Farm **Contact Name :** Adarsh Javagal **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train) :** Hunsur Taluk, Mysore , Karnataka .You can take a train, or bus to Mysore from Bangalore. The farm is well connected by road. You have 2 options **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :** We follow the natural farming/ forest farming method. We believe in letting nature take its time and don't want to rush things. Its been two years since we moved here and this season we have planted over 150 fruit trees and 50 coconut trees. In addition to that to improve the tree cover we have planted about 1000 forest varieties of Teak, Silver oak and Neem. Our current activities included maintaining these plants in their critical phase till they are well established. This will include weeding and manuring and water management. Apart from this we also plant to start with a few cows and chickens. We always start small believing it necessary to understand the nuances of everything before expanding. In about 5 years we hope to see the trees we planted bear fruit and well nourished cows roaming the farm. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming :** 2 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency :** No. We will certify it when the time is right. Right now we are not into any commercial activities **Suggested length of stay for volunteers :** As long as you wish provided you make yourselves useful. We prefer a minimum stay of 3 weeks as it takes time to understand, adjust and then to finally contribute enough to make an

impactAccommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time) :We can accommodate three people comfortably, with an extra bed if a 4th wants to squeeze in. Accommodation will be in an outhouse in the farm which has two rooms. No attached bathroom. The room facilities are basic and clean. Also, of course, you are free to camp in tents too if you wish.

Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.) :We have lots of plans for alternative energy like solar and biogas. We also have plans to improve our rainwater harvesting, plan swales, irrigation systems, build a portable chicken pen, a wood fired oven, water revitalization unit etc. You can help with education in the village nearby. You can come in with your own ideas of what you would like to do.

Expectations of work for volunteers :We expect our volunteers to be enthusiastic and imaginative. Help us out with our work and we will help them achieve what they want too. Since we are just starting out we still have a lot of flexibility and are open to new ideas. Our daily chores include checking on the plants, weeding where necessary, starting new seedlings, some work in the kitchen garden, odd jobs around the farm. We believe in working together as a community and forging long lasting friendships. Work enough to help your hosts to host you. Ours is a small 5 acre farm and hence relatively easy to manage.

Is transportation available? :Yes we are very well connected by road. The main road is just 200 mts away where you get buses to the city. Mysore is just half an hour away.

Languages spoken :English, Kannada, Hindi, Tamil, Malayalam and a little bit of french which we learn at college

Can you host children or pets? :Yes of course. We do have dogs of our own who are quite friendly and listen to us. If your pet is friendly then there wont be any issues.

Special diets :We are mainly vegetarians. My husband is a pure vegetarian(Brahmin) and I am a non vegetarian. That is the reason we mostly eat vegetarian food. However we do entertain our guests with non vegetarian food and welcome all people equally. We normally would serve rice or chapathi, with authentic south Indian sambhar, dhal, vegetable side dishes, papad and some fruit. Breakfast usually means, idlis, dosas, rotis. Our filter coffee is loved by all.

And any other specifics for your farm :Come, stay, work, experience, learn, have fun. We will be happy to host people who have a actual desire to make a difference. It is safe and peaceful. Call or email us for any other queries you might have. Mysore has a huge historic and tourist appeal and is also a hub of yoga activity in the recent past. There is the Mysore palace, the KRS dam, the golden temple, Ranganathittu bird sanctuary, Chamundi Hills, the historic city of Srirangapatna and Tippu Sultan's fort, Irrupu falls and lots of other places we can tell you about . We also run a serviced apartment in Mysore and have lots of experience in helping people explore Mysore.

IND 317Farm name :Hariska's Organic Farm**Contact Name :**E V Haris**Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train) :**Hariska's Organic Farm, i Kannur, Norther Kerala, India - 670007The place is located at 7.5km from Kannur Railway Station. From railway station we can arrange free pick up if required. Alternatively you can take autoriskha and give above address. Or you can take private bus towards Adikadalayi from outside railway station and get down adikadalayi nada which is last but stop. From there site is 5min walk able distance. We currently have a small organic vegetable garden at our home stay. We cultivate our own seasonal vegetables, and herbs to create signature dishes to guest at our home stay. In addition, we have been doing vegetable framing at home for last 15 years for personal use.

A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :Hariska's Organic Farm is a family owned project located in small village called Adikadalayi, Kannur district, Northern Kerala, India. The plot has a 2 acre of land with a traditional old-style house with 6 bed rooms, bathroom and a kitchen situated at center of plot. The one side of land we shall plant seasonal vegetable and herbs and at other end of plot banana and tapioca farm. Our organic farm uses zero waste farming method and we follow eco-friendly technique for farming. For soil fertility management we add organic matter to soil, the main item are compost, bone meal and fish meal, liquid manures. We use homemade organic and natural pest control method like, neem, tulsi, chilly, salt, tobacco spray and handpicking. In future we plan to use well-known bio-fertilizers and pesticide which are currently available in market. Our main goal through this project is support handicapped people sell our produce to local community. Any profit from this project will be

invested back to project for further development.**How long you have been doing Organic Farming** :3 years**Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** :No**Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : A minimum of 2 weeks stay is expected from all volunteers. Ideally we are looking for volunteer to be part of this project from the start i.e. from seeding till first fruit or vegetable is produced. Hence we also welcome volunteers interested in 2-3 month or more. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** :At the plot we have old traditional house. The accommodation for volunteers shall be arranged in this house. We have selected one big bed room with attached bath room and a single bed room without bath room. We can accommodate 2-3 volunteers at one time. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :We have opportunity for volunteer to work in house hold handicraft making and hospitality business at our beach home stay. Volunteers with following skills are also welcome: 1) Handicraft designers and/or carpenter who has experience making craft with wood, moldable and rigid material, sea shells etc. 2) General maintenance and house keeping experience; 3) Chef and house keeping **Expectations of work for volunteers** :We would like volunteers be a part of our project from start to finish. We shall engage volunteers in following activities and volunteers with or without following experience are welcome to our project 1) Hand sowing or planting seed or tree in farm. 2) Watering the farm 3) Weeding and general maintenance in farm 4) Soil fertility management i.e. assisting in adding bio-fertilizers 5) Pest control activities i.e assisting in applying bio-pesticide 6) Harvesting vegetables and fruits once they are ready**Is transportation available?** :Yes, we can arrange pick and drop off at near by railway station and bus station.**Languages spoken** :English, Hindi or**Can you host children or pets?** :We can accommodate children, but pet are not allowed.**Special diets** :The cuisine of Kannur has been greatly influenced by the history, culture and the geographic location of the land. Kannur cuisines feature a great variety of traditional Kerala-Malabar food. We shall serve dosa, puttu, and Idly etc for breakfast. For lunch we will serve traditional rice and curry with 2-3 side dish on banana leaf. Tea/Coffee shall be provided in the evening and for dinner rice or chapathi with daal or any vegetable curry. Sea food or meat curry served on some days. We can also pure vegetarian food on request.**And any other specifics for your farm** :Hariska's Organic Farm is located less than 10min walk able distance Adikadalayi Beach which is selected as second best destination in asia by lonely planet this year. Volunteer can enjoy beach and sun shine during there spare time. Kannur is popularly known as this city of looms and lores. There are many traditional hand loom industry which you can visit. Kannur is land of the famous religious performance art Theyam and Muttapan. We organize platform to see traditional, cultural and martial art activities for our guest local at local temple, volunteer can also join to see these events. Following are key tourist destination in and around Kannur 1) Kannur Fort; St. Angelo's Fort <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Angelo_Fort>2) Arakkal Museum <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arakkal_Museum>3) Muzhappilangad Driving Beach <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muzhappilangad_Beach>4) Parassinikadavu Muthappan (Siva) Temple <<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muthappan>>5) Dharmadam Island <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dharmadam_Island>6) The Aralam Sanctuary <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aralam_Wildlife_Sanctuary>

IND 318**Farm name** : "The Aashvaas Project"**Contact Name** :Krish **email** :**Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** :Deviramanahalli Badavane, Nanjangud - 571301. Nearest Landmark Hulhalli Circle. From there travel 1 km on NH212 going towards Begur. There are regular Trains upto Mysore. Few trains even upto Nanjangud town..**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** :At this point, there is a total of 10.5 acres of farming land distributed across different nearby farm plots and centres: 1 acre of maize, 5 acres organic vegetables, 1 acre of Camping/Horse Riding/Training area; and in the remaining space we have the following (a) Organic Orchard – mangoes, coconuts, chikku, pomegranate, tamarind (b) Organic Gardens – herbs, orchids and flowers. Different organic activities on the farm: (a) Organic Fertilizer preparation: We use Jivamrutha (mixture of fermented slurry of cow dung, jaggery, desi cow

urine, flour of different lentils etc) as biofertilizer, (b) Organic pesticides preparation : we use Neem-garlic spray and other similar preparations as pesticide. (c) Composting (d) Nursery. Our Goals – (1) To create awareness about organic farming (2) Revival of traditional agricultural practices (3) To have a completely organic kitchen (4) Educate people about the negative impact of chemicals on consumables (food grains, vegetables and fruits). **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** :20 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** :No (Have applied for certification with the Department of Horticulture, Govt. of Karnataka) **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** :Minimum - 1 week ; Recommended – 1 to 3 months **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** :We have guest rooms and tent accommodation for a total of upto 15 people. We have 2-person tents and 4-person tents. Bedding mattresses, pillows and blankets will be provided. Dormitories are under construction. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :Farming related opportunities/activities: (1) Water Conservation and recharging of the ground water (2) Rain Water Harvesting (3) Dairy Management; skills - experience in cattle shed cleaning, cattle feeding, milking (4) Animal Husbandry – (cow, dogs, horse, pony, poultry, sheep, goat, rabbits) ; skills - from basic animal lovers, to expert animal handlers, all are welcome (5) Stable management ; skills - experience in building/managing horse stables; Non-farming opportunities/activities: (1) Horse Training; skills - experience in training horses for riding, jumping dressage etc, (2) Farriery - skills - experience in shoeing horses, ability to train others in farrier skills (3) Horse Grooming ; skill - ability to groom horses and ponies (4) Horse cart training; skill- ability to train horses for horse carts (5) Horse riding Instruction; skills - experienced horse riders with ability to train kids and beginners in the art of horsemanship (6) Canine Training; skills - we would love to have people with experience in training dogs for obedience and other skills (7) Alternative Constructions (Eco constructions); Skills reqd - experience with sustainable architecture, carpentry, masonry, industrial works (8) Artistic interior and exterior designing ; skills - artistic eye, aesthetic sense, ability to turn wealth out of waste :) (9) Cooks/Chefs; skills required - experience of managing a community kitchen (11) Yoga, Meditation, Alternative healing modalities - folk with interest in learning or teaching these modalities. If you have experience in teaching yoga, meditation and other alternative therapies you can conduct classes for our team, locals and other visitors (11) Workshops and Trainings on different topics; skills - experience in conducting trainings/workshops, or experience in event management. (12) Skills in Web Design, Graphic designing to help us with our website, and brochures. (13) Film Makers/ Animators to help us prepare our training media. Other informal activities which volunteers are free to participate in: (1) Bhajans and Cultural Activities (2) Music, Dance programs – We frequently conduct these programs on our premises and in nearby places. (3) Teaching in nearby Villages (4) Cleaning Drives **Expectations of work for volunteers** :Volunteers will primarily help out with the organicfarming/Permaculture initiatives (preparation of biofertilizers, biopesticides), mulching, planting, pruning, harvesting and other typical farm work. Volunteers can also lend a hand with any of the non-farming activities mentioned above, especially if you are experienced in any of the areas in which we have ongoing work. **Is transportation available?** :Yes. (Buses upto the farm, trains upto Mysore/Nanjangud town) For emergency use, we have cars. **Languages spoken** :English, Hindi, Kannada, Tamil, Telugu **Can you host children or pets?** :Yes **Special diets** :Pure Vegetarian, South Indian cuisine. We usually serve dishes like idly, dosa, chappatis, rotti, rice items like tomato rice, lemon rice and puliogare, ragi balls, vegetable curries, dal, paneer. (to name a few) **And any other specifics for your farm** :Organic Farming and Training, Yoga-Music-Meditation Classes, Arts Academy, Horse Riding Club, Horse Stables, Canine Boarding, Dairy, Nursery No Smoking/Alcohol in our farm/centers. Places of tourist interest nearby - We are located very close to many famous tourist destinations: Bangalore (180 km), Mysore (40km), Srirangpatna (55km), Wayanad (100km), Ooty (90km), Masinagudi (65km) Coorg (140km) Nanjangud (dakshina Kashi) – 14km, Gopal Swamy Betta (35), Melkote (100km). Many wildlife reserve forests nearby – Bandipur (35km), Nagarhole (70km), Muthanga forest (50km), Mudumalai wildlife sanctuary (45km), to name a

few. There are also numerous picturesque villages nearby that are worth a visit.

IND 319 Farm name : Chiguru Farm **Contact Name :** Raghavendra Bhat **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train) :** Taluk, Ramanagara District, Karnataka **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :** Chiguru Farm is a sprawling 25-acre farm close to Bengalooru, India. Banana, Mango, Coconut, Arecanut, Rose Apple, Lemons and 30 different varieties of fruits and vegetables are being grown here. A cowshed rearing a few local/Desi varieties caters to the needs of the organic farming techniques adapted here. All the organic waste in the farm is converted into vermicompost in the in-site plant. Towards leaving a healthy earth, soil and environment for the future generations, Chiguru is being converted to fully Organic Farm with an integrated self-sustaining approach, with a mix of traditional farming knowledge and contemporary techniques and technology. Chiguru is also an experiment ground with infrastructure for imparting such knowledge to school children and families with hands-on experience in different aspects of organic farming. Families can visit the farm either on a day-trip or stay on an extended holiday to soak in the pure, clean air, get hands dirtied with farm activities and enjoy the rural/village surroundings along with local wholesome food. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming :** Since 2015. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency :** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers :** 3-5 days **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time) :** Maximum 10 We have a farm house with a large kitchen and dining hall and 3 bedrooms for guests to stay **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Being guide to guests visiting the farm for agri-tourism. This will involve taking the guests (school kids and families and individuals) on a guided farm tour where you will show them and explain about different plants and trees and show them different organic farming techniques that are in use in the farm. This is more like a tour guide for an educational farm trail. **Expectations of work for volunteers :** Participate in regular and/or seasonal farm activities like sowing, planting, applying manure, preparing concoctions like Jeevamrutha, etc., weeding, mulching, feeding the cows, etc. **Is transportation available? :** You have to reach on your own. There is public transport (buses) available at regular interval which can drop in at the farm gate **Languages spoken :** Kannada, English, Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** Children are allowed. **Special diets :** Vegetarian only. Local, authentic rural food like Ragi Mudde (Ragi Balls), Akki Rotti (Rice rotis), Khara Kadubu (steamed dumplings), Bisibele bath, etc are all part of the menu on different days. **And any other specifics for your farm :** Chiguru Farm is involved in Agri-tourism with focus on sensitizing school children and families on how their food is grown. .Being surrounded by forest area, there are lot of trekking and biking trails around. You can also go for site-seeing to places like Mekedatu, Hogenakal Falls, Pearl Valley, Chunchi Falls, which are at 25-60kms from the farm.

IND 320 Farm name : Krishi Vigyan Kendra **Contact Name :** Dr. C. K. Timbadia **email Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train) :** Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Navsari Agricultural University, , Gujarat, 396450 **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :**Vegetables, Banana, Pulses Crop and Mango etc. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming :** 5 Years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency :** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers :** 20 **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time) :** 20 Volunteers and for them Farmers Hostel is available and in each room bath is attached. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.) :** Fish Feeding, Seed Stocking and Fish Harvesting. **Expectations of work for volunteers :** Field Work and Package of Practices of each crop for management of volunteers. **Is transportation available? :** Yes **Languages spoken :** English, Gujarati, Hindi **Can you host children or pets? :** Yes **Special diets :** Gujarati Dishes like Rice, Chapati, Dal Gravy of vegetables. **And any other specifics for your farm :** Eco Tourism Park Places of tourist interest nearby the volunteers could visit.

IND 321 **Farm name** The Badshas **Contact Name** Don **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** :Vandavasi, Tiruvannamalai District, Tamil Nadu-604404 It's is located exactly what 100km(90min Drive) from Chennai International Airport and 75km from Pondicherry and Auroville 1hr:10mins Drive/Ride And there are plenty local government and private busses available every 10-15mins **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** :I was working with Nike Abroad and I was obese weighing 145kg. Later I came across Running coach and an ex Olympian who transformed my life and after started running I wanted eat everything organic in order to lead a healthy life. I quit my job and decided to grow organic food and serve to all and also to educate the new generation in farming and healthy living. I have 5acres of land which was barren land until September 2017. I invested my savings and cleaned up the land and have planted Peanuts and Paddy which is due harvest in February. Meanwhile I visited many organic farms and met and interacted with the organic farmer to learn the process who are located in Auroville **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** :3 month and at beginning stage . **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** :Not yet **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** :Minimum number of stay would 5 days. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** :10I am in the process of making huts and bathroom in the farm itself. However tents and Dormitory with attached Bathroom available 700mtrs from the farm. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :Construction,restoration Project, alternative energy, Carpentryetc. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Weeding, planting, Planing, **Is transportation available?** :Yes **Languages spoken** :English, French, Spanish,Tamil, Hindi, and Major Indian Language **Can you host children or pets?** :Yes **Special diets** :As per the individual some local Dishes would be Dosa, Idli, Vada, Pogal, Rice etc. **And any other specifics for your farm** :Vandavasi fortVandavasi fort would have been a famous tourist spot but for its negligence by the authorities. It witnessed the decisive Battle of Wandiwash, it even is said to have an underground passage to Gingee fort. The Nayak of Vandavasi, a vassal of Vijaynagara Kings was instrumental in helping British secure grant from Chandragiri Fort to build the city of Madras. Arahanthgiri Jain Math is a Jain Math that was established at the ancient Jain site of Tiruvannamalai Also Pondicherry, Tiruvannamalai Temple is closer..

IND 322 **Farm name** : Jyani Natural Farm **Contact Name** : Vishavjeet Jyani **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : Fazilka, Punjab Train : Delhi - Abohar (Daily Twice), Chandigarh - Abohar (Daily), Haridwar - Rishikesh - Abohar (Daily) Bus : Daily buses are available from Chandigarh, Amritsar, Jaipur, Bikaner. Roads : Direct NH10 to DELHI, Amritsar-Jaipur/Amritsar- Bikaner-Jaisalmer Highway, Abohar-Patiala-Chandigarh/ Abohar-Ludhiana-Chandigarh Highway, Abohar-Ambala-Haridwar-Dehradun-Mussoorie Road. Gujrat-Rajasthan-Abohar-Jammu& Kashmir Road. **Occupation** : Organic / Natural Farming **Previous experience of organic farming / activities if any** : 12 Years of an 100% Zero Budget Natural Farming System **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : 130 Acre Natural Farm : Bio-Diversity of crops : Over 50 Types of Fruits, Vegetables & Crops Grown Year Round + Huge Tree Plantation and Orchards to Promote Wildlife growth & Conservation **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : 12 Years of an 100% Zero Budget Natural Farming System **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : Self certification Process / Consumer Grantee Scheme **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : 1 Day - Upto a Maximum of 1 Week Which Can be Extended upon mutual Agreement Later **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : 5 - 10 persons Mud Brick Tents and Rooms Available - Cleaned Daily and Hygienically Safe and Secure Location. Tents are 5 Bed Shared Accommodation and Rooms Include Double Bed / Twins / Sharing Rooms - Depending Upon Availability **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : A Showcasing of Traditional Indian Culture and Ideas and Their Implementation into Daily Life in Modern Times : Traditional technologies Such As Manch, Mudda & Cow Dung Chowki's &

Homes. Interacting with Visitors / Children to the Organic Farm, Teaching Basics of Organic Farming to School Children / Visitors, Imparting Awareness on Organic Farming in Rural Nearby Areas Documenting New & Used Organic Farming Techniques / Methods, Seed Sorting and Storing Methods. Post harvest Process of Organic Products into Usable Food Items. **SKILLS** : Public Interaction and Speaking, Writing and Documenting Techniques Etc. **Expectations of work for volunteers** : Over 50 Types of Fruits, Vegetables & Crops Grown Year Round+ Huge Tree Plantation and Orchards to Promote Wildlife growth & Conservation and Organic Processing Unit for Rural Empowerment : Processing Farm Produce directly into Consumer Usable Good . Multi Cropping system Planting By Hand - Cropping Pattern & Results Documentation .Weeding Crops and Orchards Cutting and Trimming of Orchards and Plants Overseeing Watering of Crops and Plants and Documentation of the Same . Ability to Command Staff and Supervision of Staff, Planning . Implementation of Techniques of Cropping System and Watering .Crop & Weed Identification - Basic Farming Skills **Is transportation available?** : Yes **Languages spoken** : English, Hindi, Spanish **Can you host children or pets?** : Yes **Special diets** : Organic / Traditional Traitional Rajasthani Kadhi Pakora (Lassi - Besan Curry) .Sarson Ka Saag & Makki Ki Roti . Bajri Ki Roti With Shakar & Ghee **And any other specifics for your farm** : Jyani Natural Farm : An Traditional Agri tourism Resort In The Heart of Punjab .Places of torist interest nearby : India Pakistan Border - Flag Down Ceremony - Sadqui Border Outpost - 30 Km's Siito Open Sanctuary - Biggest Open Sanctuary of India - Peacocks and Blackbucks - 30 Km's Fazilka - Traditional Jutti and Phulkari Market - 15 Km's

IND 323 Farm name : THE BORDER **Contact Name** :PHILIP **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : Farm is located in Tamil Nadu and can be reached by BUS. 60 km away from Munnar. Once arrives in bus stop arrangment can be made for pick up , bodi hills west forest We are located at the foothills of the Kurungani Mountains in village of Bodinayakannur of Theni District **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : Our land is of 21 acres bordered by Reserve forest, includes trekking path to the Bodimettu 1600m high. Existing yield includes mangoes (800 trees), Coconut (700 trees), Gooseberry, Moringa, pomegranate, custard apple, guava, cherry etc. Current year is try out of various crops and vegetable in the ravines of our land to test the fertility, yield and sustainability of various crops. aqua phonics animal husbandry ,social forestry , fish farming. Poultry farm and fish farming exists. New projects : Cattle rearing, one acre pond and hydroponics to start soon. Construction of mud huts to start soon **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : Since 2024 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : Minimum 1 week to maximum 15 days **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** :4 in house and more with tent facilities and group accomodation for 8 guests in dormitory. Guest rooms in the house with attached toilets, tents in specified areas, dormitory with toilets. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : Designing and erection of hydroponic system if experienced, craftsmanship in constructing bamboo houses. The seasonal work can be building fences and huts and repairing those cut trees and bushes. Wood working ,Metal working ,civil construction ,bamboo construction ,electrical,plumping ,painting,farm equipment repairs and maintenance. We can facilitate amenities and provide equipment support for research students/ researchers to conduct various workshops related to energy conservation, wind energy generation, agriculture, water conservation, wood works, steel and construction inside our farm. All consumables for the project to be brought by the guests. Our farm is fully organic. **Expectations of work for volunteers** :Help in designing new systems , cooking ,being a part of our farm life , They can be part of the farm and help cut grass for the animals, feed the animals, fishes, watering plants in the farm, to muck out, household etc Participating in ongoing R&D, namely foam concreting, bamboo trellises and woodworking. **Is transportation available?** : From the nearest bus stop which is 5 km from the farm and railway station almost 2 km. **Languages spoken** : English,Hindi, Tamil,Arabic, German **Can you host children or pets?** : Yes **Special diets** : Simple local diet breakfast : Idli/ Dosa, pongal, upma , lunch rice

vegetables, dinner : chappati/dal/vegetable. Non veg can be provided at request and as available. **And any other specifics for your farm** : Trekking route to reach a height of 1600 meters in 4 to 5 hour trek and 30 minutes of drive with.

IND 324 Farm name :Ikaki Bagh**Contact Name** :Jaideo Rathore**Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** :Jaipur is nearest city and than local buses from Jaipur **Address**Tehsil – Bassi District Jaipur Rajasthan- India .As the farm is just on outskirts of Jaipur city so there are lot of public transport buses available from Jaipur and Jaipur is well connected to the world through Air Train an Buses already **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : Ikaki Bagh is 10 beegha land roughly about 4 acres and is being used for growing mostly cereal crops like Millet, Wheat and Mustard. We have recently started growing vegetables like, peas, potato tomatoes, spinach and pumpkins. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** :2 years**Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** :Certification is applied for from Agricultural dept of Rajasthan**Suggested length of stay for volunteers** :The duration could be 15 days to 3 months and its flexible **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** :4 persons can be accomodated , Its developed as farm house so it has 1 large room with 4 beds for volunteers to stay with attached modern bathroom, Big lawns and a mixed use swimming pool or farm water tank is also there. we have 2 permanent staff their who can cook meals and work on farm. **Non-farming oppourtunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :Teaching kids in village school, planting, little bit of construction **Expectations of work for volunteers** :Sincere people who love working on a developing project and come up with ideas to mobilize and help the nearby backward community. But basically doing the farming work like sowing vegetable. taking care of fruit trees weeding, etc **Is transportation available?** : Yes**Languages spoken** :Hindi and English**Can you host children or pets?** : Yes**Special diets** :A healthy vegetarian north indian meal will be provided to the volunteers. On special days local favorites like Daal Baati Choorma will also be served. **And any other specifics for your farm** :Jaipur is the biggest attraction world over and being very close to Jaipur the farm offers exciting visits to Jaipur sightseeing places.

IND 325 Farm name : DEVA KIRUBAI SOCIAL HELP ASSOCIATION (DKSHA) **Contact Name** : Isaac Arulappan **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : 8Manaparai Taluk, Tiruchirappalli district, Tamilnadu. India. We are located approximately 45 minutes south of the city of Tiruchirappalli.. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : Our farm is 6 acres. We currently have 3 acres worth of agricultural development on our property, but we want to expand with help and have plans to grow our farming operation! We have an organic demo farm with 2 green houses at our location and a small scale farm to show local farmers who come for training. We also have a large, and ever expanding fruit orchard. At this time our major crop in our orchard is fruit and medicinal trees, plants, and herbs including Guava, Lemon, Mango, Tomato, watermelon, etc. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : 5 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : We are in the process of getting certification. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : 1 week minimum. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : We can take up to 4 volunteers. We have 2 apartments with private bathrooms. Apartments are simple and include desk, bed, and fan. Bathrooms have shower included and running water. **Non-farming oppourtunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :Our non-farming oppourtunities are quite vast. As an orphanage is our primary focus, and 80+ orphan children under our care on our 6 acre property, we have many, many needs. Construction projects are always taking place. Including, we have need of teachers, trainers, and tutors for the children. Teaching art, music, english, math, science, sports, etc. We also provide motivational speeches for the children. So if you have any training, advice, or wisdom, we would LOVE for you to share with and encourage our children!. We also have need of help cooking or cleaning or in our office.! But really, feel free to contact us if you have any skills or offerings for our home and

children that we didn't list! We are open to suggestions! **Expectations of work for volunteers** : Amount of work depends upon your skillset, but we are looking for 5 hours of work, 5 days per week. For farm work, our needs include lifting, carrying, weeding, basic construction skills, shoveling, clearing, etc. So being in good physical condition is desired. However, there are MANY things we need help with that do not require being in good physical shape. We also need help setting up a kitchen garden for the children to work on and eat from. We need to construct more greenhouses Construction workers/laborers would be great as well, since we are seeking to build more greenhouses and even a roadside stand in hopes to become fully self sufficient one day We also work with the farmers in 15 local villages on the organic cultivation of millet. Each village has approximately 20 farmers with their families. WWOOFers will have the opportunity to work with these local farmers if they desire, to share their work and expertise with the rural farmers under the guidance of DKSHA. **Is transportation available?** : Transportation is available. You can either use our car for 12 rupees/km or the bus line runs in front of our home. **Languages spoken** : Tamil, English **Can you host children or pets?** : No pets. Yes children. **Special diets** : We can provide for meat eaters as well as vegetarian or vegan. We can provide for meat eaters as well as vegetarian or vegan. We will provide such things as: Rice, Sambar. Vegetables. Fruit (guava, papaya, banana, orange, pomegranate, apple, coconut, etc). Chutney. Beans. Fresh milk. Yogurt. Buttermilk. Lemon juice. Fresh fruit juice. Dosa. Idli. Pepper water. Papadum. Millet. Nuts. Greens. Salad. Etc. Please let us know your dietary requirements and we can adjust to your needs! **And any other specifics for your farm** : Again, our farm is just south of Tiruchirappalli in Tamil Nadu. We have many surrounding sights to see, including many Hindu temples, Christian churches, Islamic Mosques, etc. Picnic spots at distances of 40-50 km. Ranganathaswamy Temple, Srirangam. Ucchi Pillayar Temple at Rockfort. The beautiful Kaveri River. 2nd century Kallanai dam built by Chola kings. Samayapuram Mariamman Temple. Hiking at nearby small mountains, etc!

IND 326 **Farm name** :Simson's Estate **Contact Name** :Mayoor **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** :Simson's Estate, Bajpe, Mangalore , Karnataka 574142, Mangalore Central Station is the closest train station. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** :The farm area about 4.5 Acre's. About 2000 Cocoa tree in the farm. Weekly the cocoa pod's need to be harvested. Annually compost is prepared for the tree's. The plant waste is shredded and it go through a biological process using earth worms and mixed with Cow dung. The every 4 trees have a pit which acts like plate which is cleaned every year and compost is filled into the pit. The plants are also irrigated through these pits. Building traps for pest like rat, palm civet etc. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** :48 years, never used any chemical fertilizer or pesticides **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** :No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** :5-7 days **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** :A 3 bedroom will be used to host the volunteers. Has 2 big bathrooms, kitchen, living area. Can accommodate 10-12 people. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :As a passion we also have a few tanks (2 over 500 litre's) where fish is bred. Like Koi Carp, Giant Gourami, Guppies ect. There fully equipped workshop where all the materials for the fish breeding is built. Traps for pest like rat, palm civet are built. **Expectations of work for volunteers** :team worker, energetic, enthusiastic. Farm activities are basic like trimming and pruning the trees, Harvesting the pods from the tree using harvest tool. Any knowledge about composting is useful. **Is transportation available?** :Yes **Languages spoken** :English, Hindi, kannada **Can you host children or pets?** :Yes **Special diets** :Food will provided for the volunteers. Meals twice a day and snacks, Coffee/tea etc. Vegetarian/ Non Vegetarian food will be served. (Vegetarians have to inform about their diet in advance) Some of local delicacy are mostly non vegetarian. Kori Rotti(chicken gravy with rice bread), Chicken Gee roast, chicken Puli munchi (type of chicken curry), fish rava fry, Clam curry etc. **And any other specifics for your farm** :Beach is close by. Mangalore beach's are cleaner. Options to surf for surfing enthusiasts. Temple town, lots of big temple close by like Dharmastala, Kateel, Udupi. Ananthapadmanabha

Temple know for the vegetarian crocodile. Butterfly park etc..

IND 327 Farm name : Khetee **Contact Name :** Kumar Neeraj **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train) :** P.O- Parsawan, Lakhisarai, Bihar. Flat land and you can reach to patna by flight or train. Then you can hire cab or train for lakhisarai railway station and from station the village is around 13 km. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :** I have started working on this since last one year on Natural (organic) or more precisely say it ecological agroforestry. I made my team and get them trained and implement the project at different place (keddia, first organic village in Bihar, Pondicherry for agroforestry model) and now I am going to start it in my village from scratch from next month This project promotes ecological agroforestry. Where in this area rice and wheat are grown mostly. And my project goals are promotion and implementation of Ecological agroforestry for livelihood, environment, food security and health. We are implementing these farming methods in three different villages in Bihar. The idea is to have an experimental farm for the farmers around to come and learn. Since people have been practicing agriculture in the conventional manner there on using chemical fertilizers, pesticides, etc. it is difficult to encourage all of them once to switch from their conventional farming. We believe that by letting farmers to witness for themselves better farming through organic methods is the best way to encourage them for organic farming. With organic farming we are also promoting integrated farming methods. Along the main food crops cultivation such as paddy and wheat we produce fruits like Banana, Mango, Amla, Maize, Drumstick, Black Gram, Bottle Guard, Turmeric, Chilli and Marie Gold alongside on plots of land of area 32x32 feet (one model) In one acre 30 model can be implemented and we are starting it with one acre in each village.**How long you have been doing Organic Farming :** one year **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency :** No it is not certified. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers :** A minimum of 10 days to the maximum of six months. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time) :** We can accommodate up to 2 volunteers at one time. We have a house in the village. The house has 1 double bedroom, 1 dormitory and one separate common bathroom. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.):** Community building activities, storytelling, teaching in village school, constructing mud house, website development, video and paper documentation of our work. **Expectations of work for volunteers :** Share their ideas, working in community, organise training for farmer on their expertise. They can directly work for our ecological agroforestry model that we are starting from scratch i.e. land preparation, making organic mobiliser from cow dung and urine, other organic materials (fertiliser and pesticide) working with our trained team in the farm. Willingness to work in village community and skill can be exchanged within trained and untrained farmer team. **Is transportation available? :** Yes **Languages spoken :** Hindi, Maithili **Can you host children or pets? :** Yes **Special diets :** Local seasonal food (ex- Rice starch with rice (Maad Bath), Litti chokha, Fenus, sweet. **And any other specifics for your farm :** 12 km there is lal pahadi, last year where archaeological institution carrying out the excavations at the site have claimed to have found evidence that the structure was, in fact, a Buddhist monastery, perhaps dating back to early medieval (600-1550AD) period. 15 km Ashokdham famous old Shiva Temple. 50 km Munger where Bihar school of yoga (First yoga school in the world), Ganga River and other famous historical monuments are situated. 80 km Rajgir where famous Nalanda University and other historical places nearby is situated. 150 km Bodh Gaya. (Note- for all place train facility is available and Bus is also available directly except Bodh Gaya, but connecting buses are available)

IND 328 **Farm name** :Chiguru Ecospace **Contact Name** :Srivathsa Govindaraju **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** :, Kasaba Hobli, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagara Dist , Karnataka, India - 562120. Farm is about 40 kms away from Bangalore on Bangalore-Magadi Road. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** :Its 10 Acres farm An initiative to listen to nature, understand life in its completeness and realise symbiosis between various forms of life began a decade ago in a valley surrounded by beautiful scenic views just about 40 kms away from busy Bangalore streets . This is 'Chiguru Ecospace – a working farm and Bio-diversity education centre targeting young minds and progressive farmers. Creating awareness about sustainable and chemical free farming, native plant and animal diversity, their cultural values and importance of conserving them are the core objectives of this farm. Chiguru Ecospace, known for conservation of traditional varieties of vegetables, food grains, medicinal plants and livestock has been certified as fully organic since 2005. The farm works on Zero-Waste concept implementing Agriculture, Horticulture, Aquaculture, Apiculture and Animal Husbandry as part of the Integrated model It also has a thriving eco-system with over 250 identified species of plants, 50+ species of birds and wildlife. Total area of the farm is about 10 acres. Crops grown are : Horticulture : Coconut, Guava, Custard Apple, Bitterlime, Barbados Cherry, Jamoon, etc Agriculture : Millets, Vegetables(mainly creeper variety), Fodder crops(Maize), green manure (Velvet Beans) Aquaculture : Fishes of Indian Major Carps variety (Catla, Rohu, Common Carp) Poultry - Native variety and Naked Neck Sheep and Goats **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** :13 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** :Yes, IMO Control **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** :Flexible. Minimum 1 week **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** :Can accommodate upto 5. Accommodation is in proper house with asbestos sheet roof. Clean and separate toilets for Gents and Ladies **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :Yes. Training and Education (helping host in conducting Biodiversity awareness workshops for Children), Office help, simple construction (fences, barricades for poultry, sheep,etc). Mud house construction probably next year **Expectations of work for volunteers** :Help host in maintaining crops, deweeding, planting new saplings, grafting, feeding farm animals and birds, preparing compost, bio-pesticides, organic growth promoters, watering, cleaning premises etc **Is transportation available?** :Chiguru Ecospace is located just about 40 kms away from Bangalore. Last mile pickup can be arranged if volunteers can reach Varadhenahalli Handpost by Bus (regularly available from Bangalore Kalasipalyam Bus Stand) **Languages spoken** :English, Hindi, Kannada **Can you host children or pets?** :No **Special diets** :No Bush meat or Beef Name some local dishes that will be served for free in exchange of farm work **And any other specifics for your farm** :People willing to work with Children are most welcome as Chiguru Ecospace is a kids oriented educational farm.

IND 329 **Farm name** Bal Prakash School **Contact name** Kusum Paliwal **Location (address and description of land)** Bal Prakash school, **District:** Ajmer, **State:** Rajasthan Nearest Landmark is Parbatpura bypass and the village Badgaon is located just next to it. The school lies at the southern end of the village. The school is located nearby National highway no. 8. So if you are traveling by private buses you can directly come to Parbatpura Bypass where they stop mostly! **How to reach by bus:**Nearest bus stand is Ajmer. **By train**Ajmer Railway station has good connectivity from rest of India and cities like Mumbai, Kolkata, Delhi, etc. **By air** Jaipur Airport is nearest airport which is around 140 kms from the school. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** This is a residential school for underprivileged children located in a farm. We have buildings and farms and few cows. We have two net house where we grow 100% organic stuff. Most stuff is fed to children in the school. Farm is around 4 bighas around 1.8 acres. And this is including the greenhouse We grow crops like tomato, cherry tomato, and green leafy vegetables in the green house. We like growing crops for season. We grow wheat, barley in the bigger areas. And prepare organic vermicompost. We have a nursery where we prepare seeds of different plants and trees. We have a greenery project where we plan to greenify

nearby areas around the school. And also prepare water harvesting systems like ponds. We have 4 cows and one bull. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 20 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Rajasthan Trust registration **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 7 days **Accommodations (number and type)** 10 - shared dormitory **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Landscaping, greening, painting, building, teaching **Expectations of work for volunteers** Cleaning, giving water to plants, help with maintaining discipline in school. You should be able to teach English and computers. **Is transportation available?** In emergency, cab services are available. And two wheelers are available of teachers and estate manager. There is a car too owned by the managing trustee who resides 24 hours. **Languages spoken** Hindi/English **Can you host children or pets?** No **Special diets** Vegetarian only Name some local dishes that will be served in exchange of farm work We cook variety of food for children. Afternoon meals are vegetable biryani and evenings we cook chapati, and daal, vegetables. Food is simple but nutritious. We also cook daal baati and other local delicacies time to time. **And any other specifics for your farm** This is a school, we expect basic decency and no alcohol or smoking is allowed. People who come here to contribute for education are most welcome along with various other activities in and around the school. We are developing many sport activities too. Internet connectivity is available. World famous Pushkar is located just 20 kms away and direct bus service is available from walking distance from the school. It is one of the most visited tourist attraction. Especially during november a large kettle fair is held with lot of fun and frolic. Dargah Sharif Ajmer is located 10 kms away. Many other museums, temples are located in Ajmer city which is 10 km distance at most.

IND 330 **Farm name** :Lahe Lahe Halli **Contact Name** : Nikhil Thard **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : Anantapuram, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560064. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** :We are growing local crops which comprises of vegetables. The size is 3 Acres. And its in a urban project. The goal as I mentioned is to make farming accessible and palatable in urban environment. The idea is to follow perma-culture farming and self-sustenance of food. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** :9 months **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : No. This is a compassionate farm where we use no chemicals and the food is grown with love. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** :7 days - 10 days **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : 2 volunteers. The accommodation is shared. Dormitory. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :We are open to setup innovation which takes us closer to nature. Open to experiments with rooftop farming, sustainable and optimum use of water. Use of bio gas or alternative use of energy. **Expectations of work for volunteers** :Help build the farm. Work at the farm. There are a couple of farmers and help available but the intent is to drive the vision of the farm. In need of volunteers who can take charge of Permaculture and its implementation in the farm. **Is transportation available?** : Volunteer will be staying at the farm. Company Vehicle will be available in case of emergencies. **Languages spoken** :English, Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** : Pets yes. Children no. **Special diets** :Rice based products, Breads and Rotis **And any other specifics for your farm** : Its an urban farm and we need to look at farming from an urban perspective. How we build a prototype which people can then take and set up in their urban homes. Its a project to start connecting people back to farming. You can visit tourist destinations such as Bangalore Palace, Lal Bagh Garden etc.

IND 331 Farm name :Samaritan Farms **Contact Name** : Barnabas Moses **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : P. O, Elagiri Hills – 635853 Vellore Dt. Tamil Nadu. Closest airports – Bangalore (BLR) and Chennai (MAA). Closest Railway Station – Jolarpettai Junction (JTJ). **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** :We hope to set up a completely organic garden and shift away from traditional farming. So we are looking for people with a little bit of experience and can help start a new project/programme. Total Farming Area is 5 acres spread across several plots. Present organic activities include composting and raising small vegetables – chillies, brinjal, tomatoes. Prior crops include beans, pumpkins, greens. We have also done vermiculture and vermicomposting. Other crops include Pepper, Coffee, Lemon, Guava, Mango, Gooseberry, Cinnamon, Bay Leaf, Cocoa, Fig, Jackfruit, Tamarind, Banana, Jamun. Presently, animals include Ducks, Chicken, Turkey. Plans to include guinea fowl, rabbits, guinea pigs, budgies and other pets, if we get skilled volunteers for animal husbandry. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** :Just started **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : Two weeks to 3 months. Additional time may be considered on a case by case basis. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** :Three rooms with attached bathrooms for 2 people each. Ten dorm rooms with three bunk beds each with common bath area. Number hosted = 6+60 = 66. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : Landscaping, permaculture, vermiculture, animal husbandry, photography, website, carpentry, alternative construction, water conservation, wildlife conservation, planning, designing, teaching, administration, hosting guests, housekeeping, electrical, plumbing renovation, biofuel **Expectations of work for volunteers** : Self starting work, individual projects and team work to add value to the campus and activities. Farm related work includes managing the land by preparing beds, preparing composting, tilling, clearing, gathering composting material, caring for crops including fertilizing, weeding, watering, planting, pruning, harvesting, etc. Animal husbandry work includes feeding, cleaning, watering and gathering food. Maintenance and repair include fencing, cleaning and preparing tools, maintaining electrical and plumbing lines. Ideally we would like people with some level of skill in organic farming, permaculture, gardening, landscaping, water conservation, carpentry, planning, organization and management. **Is transportation available?** : Yes **Languages spoken** :English, Tamil **Can you host children or pets?** : Yes **Special diets** :Sambhar, Rice, Curd Rice, Vegetable Curries, Vegetable side dishes, boiled egg, omlette, idly, chapatti/roti. Bread will also be made available. **And any other specifics for your farm** :Located near Reserve Forests. Athanavur botanical garden, Athanavur Boathouse/Lake, Ranger Station Hiking Hill, Rock climbing on Bear Rock, Jalagamparai Waterfalls (30kms away), Bangalore (160 Kms away), Chennai (260 Kms away). Vellore Fort (100 Kms away).

IND 332 Farm name : Malsain Hills **Contact Name** : Vinay **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : Post - Thapala Near Khirsu, Pauri , Uttarakhand 246147A **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : We are an upcoming social enterprise with a strong interest in sustainability. We wish to develop a sustainable model in our rural and mountainous region, following in the humble and wise footprints of traditional knowledge systems and combining them with a scientific and innovative approach. We intend to reiterate and strengthen the fundamental bond between nature and the human species. Our dream is to live in harmony with nature with a minimalist and healthy lifestyle and have ample time for explorations in art, culture, sports, spirituality and nature. With this we combine small-scale innovations, utilizing renewable sources of energy and selfless service. This initiative is rooted in a community driven sensibility. We want to connect with more like-minded people and go on this journey together. We welcome your involvement, whatever your interests and skills may be. We are working towards an off-the-grid self-sustaining capacity, which will be realised in a few years time, as our systems of food and energy mature. We are working on the principal of natural farming along with the traditional crop system of the region known as Barahnaja. We pick

and experiment with both traditional and modern practices. The farm is about one acre and we are growing millets, legumes, sesame and vegetables. We are also working on a food forest. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : 1 year **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : NO **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : Minimum 1 week **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : 3-5 as of now we have a one room of 15*10 sq feet with a attached toilet and kitchen. I also have one tent that can accommodate 2 people. We have also started working on a cob studio apartment. That will be able to accommodate 5 more volunteers once its ready and will have a big kitchen and dining space. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : Gardening, Building earthen structures, General Maintenance. **Expectations of work for volunteers** : 3-4 hours of work for 5 day a week. The farm work will include making raised bed, weeding , watering, mulching and harvesting. Apart from that working on compost, maintaining our dry compost toilet and maintaining the living space. For next couple of months our main focus will be on constructing a cob house and digging ponds for rain water harvesting. Planting and maintaining our food forest will be another major work. **Is transportation available?** : Yes **Languages spoken** : Hindi and English **Can you host children or pets?** : Not at the Moment **Special diets** : At the moment, participants can source their own vegan or vegetarian food. Alternatively they also have the option to participate in daily meals [healthy, non-spicy and vegan/vegetarian meals, thrice a day] that are prepared collectively with a contribution of Rs. 300/day/person. Please note that this payment goes entirely towards the food and is not used for the project's operational expenses. Any additional amount incurred for food is borne by us. While i understand the woofing policy i would also like to say that the project is at a nascent stage and lot of investment is needed thus a little contribution towards volunteer food would be much appreciated. The volunteers will also have an option to opt out and go in nearby village or arrange for their own food if they like. Also instead of working full day they can work 3 hours a day for 5 days. **And any other specifics for your farm** : The food we serve is simple and local vegetarian/vegan. Any Kind of Intoxicants are strictly prohibited. Volunteers are expected to respect the local culture. There are lot of small one day hikes all around and some really beautiful villages. For now we have taken care of basic amenities like toilet and kitchen. For accommodation we have 5 tents that can accommodate 5-6 volunteers. in time to come we have a plan to build a common area and eventually permanent accommodation for volunteers. Some very beautiful treks of around 14-15 k feet treks can be explored in a 2-3 day time. Srinagar and Pauri are the nearest big towns. Khirsu is the closest well know tourist destination from the village. From Khirsu a shared taxi can be taken to reach the destination in 30 minutes.

IND 333 **Farm name** : Dharma Innovative Lifestyle Services – DILS **Contact Name** : Ghanshyam Jethwa **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : Taluka Bhuj, District Kutch, State Gujarat (India). The farm is approximately 22 KM from Bhuj Airport and 25 KM from Bhuj Railway Station. Bhuj city is well connected through road, railway and airport. From Bhuj, buses and taxis are available to reach the farm. (The host will, however, take care of the transportation for the arriving volunteer). The host has residence in the Bhuj city also, which can be an alternative staying arrangement during a week-day or two in-between. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : From February 2018, I have started my own organic farm in 7 acres (2.8 Hectares) of land (location given above). The project goal is to promote innovative lifestyle that is healthy and based on organic food; promoting it through eco-tourism, volunteerism and membership. Traditional cow-based farming includes local horticulture and agriculture crops such as mango, date, Pomegranate , lemon, wheat, mustard, groundnut etc. During May-July 2018, following activities will take place: ploughing the farm, applying organic manure, rearing and milking five traditional cows (local Kankrej breed), marketing of milk etc. A major activity will be promotion of Kankred breed cows' milk as most appropriate milk for the semi-arid region of Kutch, and thereby contributing towards breed improvement. Use of cow dung and urine in farming will be done during this time (as well as continuously as per

the need throughout the year). From July to October 2018, as it rains adequately, following activities will take place in approximately 1 hectare (2.5 acres): sowing crops (e.g. castor, cluster bean, sesame and other local varieties), supplementary watering through bore well water, weeding, harvesting and marketing of the organic products. During the same time, fruit crops plantation e.g. mango, date, pomegranate, coconut etc. will also take place in about another 1 hectare of land using drip irrigation method. Installation of drip irrigation system will be a great project during this period. From November 2018 to April 2019, crops such as wheat and mustard will take place with similar activities as described above. From May 2019, similar cycle as described above will continue, except that the fruit trees plantation (already planted in 2018) will require activities such as providing farm yard manure periodically, weeding and watering. The plants will start bearing fruits from April 2021 (after 3 years). The volunteers may provide ideas and conduct activities such as solar and wind energy, innovative marketing of the organic product, teaching English to farm-based employees and their children, and so on.

How long you have been doing Organic Farming :Just started from 2018. And volunteers are welcome to contribute in planning, designing, execution and monitoring work. An interested volunteer may learn and also create innovations on-farm!

Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency :Not certified yet, but certification will be pursued at appropriate stage.

Suggested length of stay for volunteers :Trial for one week, and if a volunteer enjoys, can be extended for six months to one year.

Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time) :One or maximum two volunteers can be accommodated during the year 2018. Maybe more volunteers in later years. The accommodation includes a simple and decent room, approximately 10 feet x 10 feet in size with bed and other basic requirements (e.g. cupboard, chair etc.). Toilet/bathroom is separate (not attached) and is shared. Construction of approximately seven rooms with attached toilets (in each room) is under planning stage. It is a great opportunity for a volunteer with construction engineering or architect background to participate in construction based on local tradition and culture.

Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.) :Designing and constructing traditional homely resort, swimming pool, solar energy project, drip irrigation project, organic manure making project, marketing of organic products etc.

Expectations of work for volunteers : Volunteers are expected to contribute based on their expertise, passion and/or interest. Farm related work has been described above, and related to that, the skills required are quite simple: e.g. making manure from cow dung as per the instructions given by visiting experts, applying manure in the farm, milking cows (if a volunteer wants to learn and do), monitoring drip irrigation flow, checking if any plant is drying up and informing the supervisor, preparing schedule of farming activities and following it rigorously etc. The volunteer will have peaceful surrounding, away from city noise, and opportunity to soak oneself in nature, including trying Yoga and meditation. More can be discussed through Skype and email. Based on volunteer's specific skills, more scope may exist e.g. an agriculture background volunteer may conduct experiment for increased productivity of crop in the same area of land but with different scientific methodology.

Is transportation available? : Yes. Motorbike and car are available with driver or for self-driving in case a volunteer holds valid driving license.

Languages spoken :English, Hindi and Gujarati.

Can you host children or pets? : No.

Special diets :Vegetarian only on farm. Delicious Gujarati Thali (dish) will be offered, which is considered a balanced diet (check Google image for gorgeous pictures of round plate filled with end number of varieties!). In addition to Gujarati Thali, many other popular Gujarati food will be served from time to time. All three meals will be provided in exchange of work, and care will be taken to ensure that the volunteer is happy with the meals. In local Kutch culture, an outsider is a 'guest', who must be well taken care of! The volunteer is also free to experiment with cooking in the shared kitchen and may teach a new dish to the host and employees. Volunteer may choose to eat non-veg food in Bhuj city once in a while (22 KM away from farm)

And any other specifics for your farm : I have just started development of organic farm, and an excellent opportunity of learning while contributing ideas and experimenting exists for the enthusiastic volunteers. Plus the farm site is just 70 KM away

from White Runn (kind of desert) of Kutch, which is advertised by the legendary Bollywood actor, Mr. Amitab Bachchan, as "Kutch Nahi Dekha to Kuch Nahi Dekha" (meaning, if you have not seen Kutch, you have not seen anything). (<http://www.gujarattourism.com> and then 'Places to go' and 'Kutch'). Kutch is a large oasis (surrounded by sea and river waters during monsoon) and offers many sites to visit including about 4,500 years old Indus Valley Civilisation site, called Dholavira (more information on the above Gujarat tourism link).

IND 334 Farm name :Pabhoi Greens, Lakshmi Agriculture Multipurpose Project (LAMP). **Contact Name** :Neelam Dutta **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** :, District: Biswanath, State: Assam, India. The 14Ha farm is located 10 km by bus from Biswanath Charali (75km from Tezpur, 260km from Guwahati), and 6km from the railway station. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** :The farm comprises 14ha. The farms' current areas of operation are organic vegetable seed production, bio research, fisheries, paddy cultivation, bio pesticide production, vermicomposting, horticulture, floriculture, fungiculture, dairy, apiculture and more. The main crops we grow are: cauliflower, cabbage, kohlrabi, sweet pepper, tomatoes, chillis, aubergines, lettuce, parsley, celery, broccoli, beans, okras, gourd, rice, potatoes, corn, spinach, radish and many more. We also have cows, fish, ducks and chickens. Since 2015 the farm started to focus on growing, collecting, storing and selling organic seeds, both on its own premises as in different other areas of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland, which are visited for advice and research. The main goal of the farm is to attend seed sovereignty and sustainability through in-house research and development. In addition, the Farm occasionally imparts training to farmers, NGOs and agriculture students. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** :15 years of organic farming and fishery, working to increase the productivity, availability and affordability of organic agricultural products. Completed courses in World Food System Centre of ETH Zurich and worked with Sativa (Switzerland) on organic vegetable seed breeding. Also worked with the Assam Agriculture University and with WWF India, Aaranyak and TATA trust on community organic farming . Neelam Dutta has been awarded the Haladhar Organic Farmer Award (2014), the National Farmers Award (Krishak Samrat) by the Mahindra group (2016), and the National Farmers Award (Harit Award). He has also received an Ambassadors Grant from ETH University, Zurich (2016-2017). Farming has been in the family since 1978-1979. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** :OneCert Asia **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** :Long term volunteers are preferred, with a one week minimum trial period required. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** :We can accommodate six volunteers maximum at one time. The volunteers can stay in a single room, shared double rooms, a dorm, and bamboo huts, depending on the number of people and ongoing farm activities. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :Construction of houses and green house structures; renovation works on the ponds; community development through weaving; seed data collection; marketing and promotion; education for local community children; development of training and awareness campaigns on organic farming, sustainability and environmental protection; project development, management and fundraising (to be developed from scratch); community relations development and overview with farms in other areas, districts and states; general maintenance and support. **Expectations of work for volunteers** :Volunteers are to contribute to the farm's work throughout the day in their desired area of work, and should be willing to lend a helping hand in other activities as necessary. Working hours: 5-7 hours daily, six days a week, with flexible leave days dependant on the farm's needs and work completed. **Is transportation available?** :There is an airport nearby, but the farm is most easily accessible by bus or train. Volunteers can easily move around using both local public transportation, as well as shared vehicles. Bicycles are also available. **Languages spoken** :English, Assamese, Hindi, Orya and Bengali. **Can you host children or pets?** :Yes. The farm has multiple dogs who roam around freely. **Special diets** :Farm fresh vegetables, eggs and fish, accompanied by rice (the staple in Assam). **And any other specifics for your farm** :We would specially benefit from skilled and knowledgeable volunteers with expertise on organic vegetable seed propagation;

development of marketing strategies and promotional/educational materials; construction or technical know how of sustainable farm related structures. But of course any motivated individual will for sure find work to do here! There are many historical and touristic places around the farm. Kaziranga National Park (2-3h), Nameri National Park (1h), Pakke Tiger Reserve (1h), the Bramaputra river (20min.), Biswanath temple (20min.), Tea Plantations (5min.), border of Arunachal Pradesh and foothills of the Himalayas (30min.).

IND 335 Farm name :Manav Chetna Vikas Kendra**Contact Name :**Vinod Sharma**Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train) :**Before Kampel, Indore, Madhya Pradesh . Indore is well connected by Bus, Trains and Air. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :**The farm is set in 15 acres of land. We have living, education and a few production spaces in this 15 acres. We also have a Gaushala (Diary) of about 100 native Indian Gir Cows at our farm. We use cow dung & urine of these cows as manure in our farms. All the crops taken in the Malwa region are grown here - such as wheat, Toor, Gram, various vegetables and fruits**How long you have been doing Organic Farming :**9 years.**Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency :** We are in the process of acquiring Organic Certification through OneCert Asia Agri Certification Pvt Ltd.**Suggested length of stay for volunteers :**Minimum 7 days till 30 days **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time) :**10 volunteers at a time.**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.) :**We have a few production activities here - such as preparation of few natural candies, natural skin care products, a few Ayurvedic medicines & oils. In addition to this we also have fine art activities such as music and dance learning. It is good if the volunteer possess set of skills - otherwise we get visitors who come here to learn the skills. They are welcome too.Education, alternative construction, Understand of relationship with nature and with other human beings. **Expectations of work for volunteers :**Help inFarming activities/Diary activities/Small scale Production/Alternative Civil Construction.)**Is transportation available? :**Bus, taxi and auto rickshaws are available - to and from our place. We are about 24 kilometers from Indore City. **Languages spoken :**Hindi, English.**Can you host children or pets? :**Yes Children from early age with parents are welcome. No pets.**Special diets :**Families from all part of India reside here - from Maharashtra, Chattisgarh, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat - so in addition to the usual Poha, Roti, Daal, Rice, Parantha - we get dishes from every part - such as Idli & Sambhar, Dal Bati, Bhaji, Choorma, Jalebi, Kachodi, Gup Chup, Halwa, Barfi, Cake, Srikhand, Pooran Poli, Biryani, Bhakar Besan and many more. **And any other specifics for your farm :**We are mainly working on Humanization of Education. Along with this we areworking on a small model of holistic living. Most of the components required for this are here with us. We have about 200 fruits trees in addition to the crops that we grow and 20 families living here**Places of Tourist interest near us :** Old city of Mandu is about 100 kilometers from here. So is Maheshwar, Ujjain and Omkareshwar,

IND 336 Farm name :STAY NATURAL LADPUR**Contact Name :**SURYA B **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train) :** DIST.SYANA DIST.BULENDSHER(UP) INDIACAN REACH BY BUS OR TRAIN**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :**2 ACRE LAND ,ORGANIC VEGETABLES/CROPS . We start our daily routine with Vedic culture, like yoga meditation and yoga .crops grown all types of Indian vegetables, pulses , rice , wheat natural compost making/ ecofriendly project /tree plantation/eco buildings . Promoting Natural farming and natural way of living.**How long you have been doing Organic Farming :**3 YEARS**Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency :**No**Suggested length of stay for volunteers :**MINIMUM 10 DAYS MAXIMUM DEPENDS ON WORK AND SPACE AVAILABILITY**Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time) :**10 people can be accommodated shared rooms with attached washroom , depends upon availability and also choice of volunteers.**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.) :**YOGA/MEDITATION/NATURAOPATHY/ECO FRIENDLY PROJECTS/ NATURAL HEALTH CAMPS/NATURAL COMPOST MAKING **expectations of work for volunteers :**DAILY

CHORES/HELP IN FARMING/ECO FRIENDLY PROJECTS **Is transportation available?**
:YES **Languages spoken** :ENGLISH /HINDI **Can you host children or pets?** :YES **Special diets** :NATURAL DIETS VEGETARIAN) Daal/Rice/Chapati/vegetables/buttermilk/dairy products/fruits .Volunteers are welcome share their receipts as well with us. **And any other specifics for your farm** :NATURAL AND ECO FRIENDLY FARM. Places of tourist interest nearby. Garhmukteshwar (Ganga River)ancient places related to Mahabharata .Shukrataal.Haridwar and Rishikesh is easily approachable

IND 337 **Farm name** :GODSON ORGANIC FARM **Contact Name** : ANIL KUMAR SAWHNEY **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : P.O. BHANDSAR, DISTRICT BAREILLY 243122, BAREILLY IS 250 KM FROM DELHI AND LUCKNOW, BOTH RAIL & ROAD TRANSPORT ARE AVAILABLE, FARM LOCATION CAN BE SEEN ON GOOGLE MAPS **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : Based on philosophy of legendary Japanese agri-scientist Masanobu Fukuoka is the motivating force guiding us in this sacred journey of Nature Farming – it penetrates beyond considerations of soil analysis, pH, and harvest yields, it arises itself when a unity exists between man and nature. we believe to grow food simply by cooperating with nature rather than trying to improve upon nature by conquest. Farming at godson organic farm proceeds from the spiritual health of the promoters, and the dedicated team of workers. We believe that the healing of the land and the purification of the human soul are just one process. only green manure or crop residue is spread directly in the soil for charging it with all the necessary nutrients. We return to the soil everything grown in the field but the grain itself. only neem oil is used as pest repellent (not pest killer). For insect control, we honor and trust upon Nature's Cycle of natural predators. only heirloom seeds are used, they are pure, grow well, taste great and provide balanced nutrition. ultimately, it is not the growing technique which is the most important factor, but our state of mind. A method less method, acting with a non-winning, non opposing state of mind, is akin to natural farming The farm is 8.50 Ha (approx.) Main Crops - Paddy, sesame, cotton, pulses, herbs, spices, mustard, wheat, sugarcane, peanut, seasonal vegetables also having fruit orchard with 200 odd trees of mango, guava, phalsa, jamun, jackfruit, avocado, passion fruit, pear, cheeku, figs which host a variety of birds and butterflies . **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : 08 YEARS **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : The farm is certified organic by USOCA for NOP & NPOP **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : MINIMUM 05 DAYS, WHICH MAY EXTEND DEPENDING UPON MUTUAL CONSENT OF BOTH PARTIES **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : Presently, we can spare two rooms (with RCC Roof), attached wash room, meditation room, dining and pantry which can accommodate 04 persons . Each room can accommodate two persons Rooms are well ventilated, with mosquito nets on doors and windows, surrounded by iron grill main door .Whole farm is covered by solar powered electric fencing system CC TV camera installation under progress One organic cafeteria and four huts are under planning, for which construction work will start very soon **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : LANDSCAPING, DEVELOPMENT OF A CAFETERIA, AGRITOURISM, CONSTRUCTION, ALTERNATIVE ENERGY RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT **Expectations of work for volunteers** : Designing of structure and interiors for upcoming cafeteria and huts Landscaping jobs Cover paint as well as creative art work Farming activities such as weeding, processing of herbs Development of energy efficient system while using Solar Energy Wind Kinetics **Is transportation available?** : YES **Languages spoken** : ENGLISH, HINDI, PUNJABI **Can you host children or pets?** : CHILDREN - YES PETS – NO **Special diets** : WE CAN PROVIDE SIMPLE VEGETARIAN NORTH INDIAN FOOD & VEGETARIAN SUSHI Daal and Rice cooked in earthen pots on special chulhas fired with cowdung cakes. Seasonal vegetables, tandoori chapatti, punjabi chole-bhature, vegetable pakoras variety of stuffed paranthas , farm made eggless cakes , milk boiled in earthen pots served in kulhar **And any other specifics for your farm** : WHILE WORKING ON CLIMATE CHANGE, WE HAVE SUCCESSFULLY GROWN MANY CROPS AND TREES FROM DIFFERENT CLIMATE ZONES. Some places which can be visited like

Indian Veterinary Research Institute (12 Km) Central Avian Research Institute (12 Km) , Alakhnath Shiva Temple, Dhopeswarnath Shiva Temple 22 Km , Bareilly Fort (20 Km) Ahichhatra (Mahabharat Era Archeological Site) 40 Km Bareilly is surrounded by nine ancient temples of Nath Sect

IND 338 Farm name :Shashwat Organic Farm **Contact Name :**Vaishali Gadgil **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train) :**Taluka- Maval, Pune, Maharashtra 23km from Hinjewadi towards Kasarsai, pachane pusane, After Rajewadi . Train: Trains are available from Shivaji Nagar station to Talegaon. From Talegaon take a bus to village Ovhole. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :**This isn't a Farm, its a forest full of biodiversity , wild life and florafauna of sahyadris. A small portion of forest (around 70 acres) is undercultivation and used for the Cow shed, living quarters, guest quarters, utility areas, storages, internal roads and pump house etc. This is a catchment area hence has around 1550 to 1600 mm of rainfall. Weathersuitable for paddy. We grow around 3-4 varieties of different varieties of paddy in monsoon and also pearl millet, turmeric, ginger, tubers, seasonal vegetables. In the winter we grow wheat, oil seeds, pulses, various spices and staples. Summer is again some pulses, seasonal vegetables and millets like bajara. Besides edible crops, we grow grasses for essential oils, flowers, Basil for teas, fruits, food colors and natural colors. We use mix cropping pattern and crop rotation at any point in time there are around 40 to 45 different crops growing in the farm. A large section of the farm is dedicated for the cattle feed around 3 to 4 types growing at any point in time. Our ongoing project of Afforestation, water harvesting and natural habitat for the wild animals consists mapping, documentation, plantation, making structures and roads from natural material, wild life corridor. Our goal is towards an ecosystem which can sustain on itself. In next one year we would like to make our Conserved Forest available for the environmentalists, botanists, naturopaths, ecologists, organic farmers, yoga, wellness and health professionals. A study hub and a centre for research where like minded people can come together and interact. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 20 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Ethical Farming and authenticated by MOFF (Maharashtra Organic Farming Federation), OFAI (Organic Farmers Association India) **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 7-10 days **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** Basic and clean accommodation with necessary amenities, attached toilet, common kitchen. 3 cottages each can accommodate minimum 2 volunteers. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction restoration project, alternative energy, etc.) :** Cottages from natural materials for guest stays, common areas, restoration of pathways and roads, bunds, restoration of biogas plant, repairs of cow shed and other utility areas, compound around the living spaces from forest material, painting etc **Expectations of work for volunteers :** 5 to 6 days a week, average 6 hours per day. Should help in cleaning and cooking activities etc. in day to day house chores. Farming activities will involve making ridges and furrows, weeding, planting seed trays, transplanting, preparation and application of organic inputs and pest control applications. Pruning, harvesting. In cow shed- fetching the cattle feed from the fields, preparing the cattle feed, Feeding the cattle. washing the cattle, milking the cows, cleaning of cow shed. Maintenance activities: road repair, painting any furniture repairs , plumbing or masonry work etc. **Is transportation available?** : can be made available to reach the farm for the arrival and departure. Other trips arrangements can be made for paid transportation. **Languages spoken** English, Marathi and Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** : Children only. since we have our own pets, they could be territorial issues. **Special diets :** Simple and wholesome organic vegetarian food is available, eggs can also be made available of special request. Maharashtrian well-balanced diet which includes, Chapati (wheat roti), Bhakari (made from pearl or finger or foxtail millet), fresh garden vegetables, salads, some homemade sweets, home grown brown rice. The breakfast is either beaten rice/poha, semolina (made from whole wheat) preparations, Thali Peeth (mixed grains flour preparations) etc. There is Regular tea home grown green tea and organic coffee available. In cooling drinks the milk daily and butter milk on particular days is available. **And any other specifics for your farm** The farm is situated in the forest of around 900 acres. There are

many trails of 2-3 hours possible through the property. There are 3-4 sacred groves in different parts of the forest. Five village deities Karanjubai, Vardu Bai, Yesu Bai, Vetala Baba, Shiva. There is a big population of birds, butterflies and medicinal and biodiversity. One can study, do bird watching, use our library. There is basic mobile connectivity in some parts of the farm for communication. Alcohol or smoking is not appreciated on the property.

IND 339 Farm name : Herbs & Soloce **Contact Name :** Sudha **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train) :** Bandishola, Ooty, Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu, India . is a high elevation in South India at nearly 8000 feet above sea level. It does not snow here by gets cold at can hit temperatures of 0 degrees. We are located on the cross road close to all three states Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. **Bus:** The best way to get here from by bus to Ooty coming from Bangalore the travel distance is about 6 hours. Coimbatore is the closest airport and from there you can take a taxi or get to the Coimbatore ooty bus stand and take the bus to Ooty. The trip will be about 2 1/2 hours. **Train:** There are trains from multiple locations that arrive in Coimbatore. Get off at Coimbatore and follow the bus schedule from there There are certain trains that will stop in Mettupalayam and connect to the Ooty train. These are limited and please check the Indian Railways for schedules. The Mettupalayam to Ooty train is a very old train which is a historic train that climbs the hills and goes through tunnels and travels very slowly. This a scenic train and a beautiful way to see the countryside and the panoramic views. **Taxi:** You can take a taxi from any the airport or train station from Coimbatore, Mettupalayam, Bangalore, Mysore and most cities in Kerala. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :** We are an organic farming growing vegetable: Carrots, Beetroot, lettuce, broccoli, beans, radish, cabbage, red cabbage, cauliflower, chard, spinach, greens, doublebeans, turnip, knolkol, coriander, mint, Brussels sprouts etc. Herbs: Rosemary, thyme, sage, basil, lemon grass, lipia, **Activities:** Weeding, harvesting, plants, sowing seeds, packing and watering. We harvest deliver of vegetables 3 times a week. Often we have requests for adhoc vegetable request. You will be assigned a role and farm hand will help show you how to perform. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming :** 2 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency :** We are working toward getting certified. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers :** 14 days to 12 months. Looking for international volunteers who would love to work with our farming team. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time) :** At one time we can accommodate up to 4 people. We will provide a bed in the dormitory which has 4 beds that has toilets indoors. We provide warm bedding and clean space. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.) :** Help with green shop and cafe that is being built and front office for the farm stay **Expectations of work for volunteers :** Work 5 days a week from 9 to 4:30 p.m. Some farm experience is required for the following assignments - weeding, sowing, planting No skill required- We will teach you have to follow: - Washing vegetables, packing, harvesting, Depending your skills we will assign or teach you what is assigned to you **Is transportation available? :** The Farm in the center of the city of Ooty. Just 5 minute walk to the botanical gardens and shopping. The farm stay is in the farm. Ambulance if case of emergency can be organized. The hospitals are close by in 1 mile radius. **Languages spoken :** Tamil, English **Can you host children or pets? :** Not at this time **Special diets :** Vegetarian. Breakfast could be anyone of the following dishes: Poha, Upuma, Stuffed chappathi, bread and eggs Lunch: Rice and curry with vegetable, salad Dinner: Roti, dal, Vegetable sabji, and fruit **And any other specifics for your farm :** There is plenty to see and do Ooty <https://www.google.com/maps/place/Ooty,+Tamil+Nadu,+India/@11.4118505,76.658402,13z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x3ba8bd84b5f3d78d:0x179bdb14c93e3f42!8m2!3d11.4064138!4d76.6932438>

IND 340 Farm Name: The Farm by Protecterra Ecological Foundation, Pune **Contact Name:** Pooja R Bhale **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train):** Chandni Chowk, Pune Maharashtra 4110034. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.):** Spiritual Ecology, Environment Education, Planetary Wellbeing, Community Farming, Sustainable and Conscious Living The Farm was

founded in 2012. It is the flagship project of Protecterra Ecological Foundation (PEF). Simply put we want to connect people to nature and re-establish our lost connections to nature and self. Amongst many other projects, we have successfully run a community farming initiative since 2018 and are a committed intergenerational, transcultural community. There are very few places where you can just be and enjoy the company of nature. And there are even fewer places like these within a city. The Farm is a place for Love, Awareness and Learning. A love for the self and for the Earth, an awareness of our surroundings and our self and a learning from the animals and from the Earth herself. Spread over 2 acres and adjoined by forest land, The Farm is a green escape from the noise and madness of city life. Built completely in continuation with the natural terrain, 80% of the space has been made from scrap and waste and with minimal concrete. We are home to over 1400 trees, over 62 species of birds, several butterflies, cutie crawlies and even the visiting wildlife. The Farm is not a traditional food growing farm, but a rewilding project. Since 2012, we have worked hard to turn this barren land into a forested patch into a refurbished home for numerous species of animals, birds and insects, which had long abandoned the area in the wake of increased human intrusion and a dwindling habitat. Apart from measures to stem soil erosion on the hillside, we have dotted the landscape with water bodies to harvest rainwater and to serve as watering holes for the animals. A forest farm, rewilding project with food crops as a part of the ecosystem. Our CSA/Community Farming project engages with urban families every season. The community goes beyond solely engaging with food growing to being a part of The Farm as a heart space. We are a natural farming project with inputs from permaculture practices. We grow over 50 different food crops (perennial, seasonal and annuals). We have a diversity of over 65 different forest tree species

How long you have been doing Organic Farming: Since 2012. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** No. We do not really believe in certifications for what should be a way of life. We are an internationally recognized project by the Homes for Humanity Global movement for planetary regeneration. Pooja, founding director is a reputed professor and also member of the Global Environment Network (GEN). PEF has several local partnerships and also global alliances. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** Two weeks onwards. We can organise long term stays also. We will provide stay at zero monetary costs for only two weeks onwards. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time):** Two to four. We have 3 twin sharing cottages, a tree house and can also pitch tents at The Farm. We have 4 common shared toilets and 1 bathing area. PEF Founding Director, Pooja, lives in a tent at The Farm with the resident dogs, over 20 cats, 10 goats, visiting animals, birds, trees and some care-giver human couples. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/restoration project, alternative energy, etc.):** The Farm is a project under the aegis of PEF. PEF runs varied initiatives for awareness, education and outreach. We have shamanic ceremonies, moon circles, children's activities, workshops, events, screenings, visits, stays and community activities on a regular basis. Volunteers are encouraged to engage with all and as many activities as possible. Some activities also happen away from The Farm and volunteers can engage with these as well. PEF is a not for profit organisation and receives and raises funding through all its activities and community support. **Expectations of work for volunteers:** An open heart and an adventurous streak. We hope that our volunteers feel a sense of belonging to our work and engage fully. Commitment, sincerity and authenticity are what we really look for. Work is flexible and can be tailored as long as there is a willingness to engage. An immense love for animals is mandatory since our animals are our family. Working hours could also be tailored and planned, we appreciated full time engagement but are open to various models. We would love to learn from our volunteers while offering them this holistic experience that we have co-created and nurtured with love. **Is transportation available? :** Yes. We have a bike at The Farm that can be used. We are also accessible by cabs and an hourly bus to the main railway station. **Languages spoken:** English, Hindi, Marathi – Fluently. **Can you host children or pets? :** Children yes, not suitable for visiting animals as we have several residential animals here who are territorial. **Special diets:** We are vegetarian and can cater to gluten free, vegan needs. Our resident

staff provides tiffins. The common kitchen can also be used to make meals. Food is to be paid for and these costs can be discussed before joining. We will not provide free meals. **And any other specifics for your farm:** The Farm is based in peri-urban Pune. It is 15 minutes away from the areas of Kothrud and Bavdhan which are very well equipped with restaurants, movie theatres and night life. Several outdoor trekking destinations, day trips, places of historical and cultural importance are all within an hour's distance.

IND 341 Farm name Pamb Pannai**Contact Name** :Amaresh Deshpande**Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** :Valakat Odai, Pallangi PO, Kodaikanal 62410.1 Tamil Nadu**Nearest train station to Kodaikanal** is either Kodai Road or Dindigul. **Nearest airport** is Madurai. From either place, Kodaikanal is about 3 hours by bus / taxi. The farm is 9 km from Kodaikanal. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)**Mainly fruits and some vegetables The area of the farm is 2 acres. Fruit trees are Pears, Avocados, Cherimoya, Guava, Limes, Lemon, Oranges, Sweet Lime, Figs, Pomegranate, Peaches, Plums and Pepino. Vegetables that are grown include carrots, potatoes, beans, radish, greens and herbs.**How long you have been doing Organic Farming:**15 years**Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Not certified**Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 2Weeks. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** :2 Volunteers would be given a separate room with shared toilet and kitchen. The house is a mud, stone and wood construction. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :Wattle and daub construction Non-farming activities will include participating in making mud houses using the traditional wattle and daub technology. No special ability is required. **Expectations of work for volunteers** :Weeding, mulching, planting and making organic fertilizer**Is transportation available?** : Yes, there are taxis available plus bus services to Kodaikanal everyhour**Languages spoken** :English, Hindi, Marathi, Tamil**Can you host children or pets?** :No**Special diets** :Only vegetarian food on the farm **And any other specifics for your farm** :Need to keep the house very clean. Lots of lovely trekking opportunities are there around Kodaikanal. The historic temple city of Madurai is 3 hours away.

IND 342Farm name :The Leopard's Den**Contact Name** :Leena Madan**Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : The property is 3km from Rajgarh bus stand and 45km from Solan train station (stop on the Kalka-Shimla Toy train route) Sirmour district, Himachal Pradesh state, 173101A **brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** :We have a thriving vegetable garden and orchard that regularly needs care and weeding; we have a few landscaping projects on the property that include planting, design ideas, and general garden maintenance. The property is 2 acres in size, and the farm portion is 1/3 acre. We are currently growing: tomatoes, beans, chili peppers, salad greens and have fruit trees bearing plums, apricots, nectarines and peaches. The garden provides fresh produce for the guesthouse; but we are open to suggestions for better gardening methods and cultivation techniques. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : For the past 10 years**Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** :Not at this time.**Suggested length of stay for volunteers** :We suggest one week, besides daily chores around the property, volunteers can explore and trek around the area.**Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** :We can host up to 2 volunteers in a shared room in the main house with an attached bathroom (comfy beds, hot water, electricity). **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :Besides the farm part, we have a few construction projects that are: an unfinished bathroom plumbing project, painting on the property, landscaping, a building project of an unfinished house, and recycling projects using materials we have available. We do not waste and would like to improve the aesthetics of the Leopard's Den with your suggestions.**Expectations of work for volunteers** :We invite volunteers to get as involved as they wish, but we are happy to host and welcome a new face. The most farm work occurs from April to October, but other projects are available during the remainder of the year.**Is transportation available?** :We are located 3km from Rajgarh town from which taxis can be arranged or walking is possible.

Local buses drive the route from Solan to Rajgarh to near the property (the bus stand closest is 500 meters away)**Languages spoken** :Hindi, Punjabi, English, and basic French**Can you host children or pets?** :No**Special diets** :We are happy to accommodate dietary requests based on the local produce and products available. Rice, chapatis, lentils and vegetarian dishes will be served**And any other specifics for your farm** :Water is limited, and we ask volunteers to conserve the resources available; in addition, we are open to ideas and suggestions for project direction. We invite WWOOFers to share their time and expertise at the Leopard's Den.In the vicinity around the guesthouse/farm, there are the following must-visit spots: Bhaira Jam Co-Op Factory (4km); Kanda Waterfall near Himgiri Nature Retreat (9km); Halonipul riverside (8km); Baru Sahib Gurdwara – religious temple site (28km); Thor Niwar village with the 800-year old Guru Itwarnath Temple (19km); Bhat-Ka-Saina – village closest to the Leopard's Den (200m); Churwa village (3km). In addition, the hilly terrain is perfect for trekking and walking through the many mountain villages nearby with their own charm and ancient histories. Also guests can take a bus from Rajgarh to Nohradhar for the well-known Churdhar Peak Trek (2 days, moderate difficulty, from May to November) which is the highest peak outside the Himalayan Range (12,000 ft).

IND 343 **Farm name** : SUMAN SANGAM**Contact Name** :Dr Sanjeev Kulkarni **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : 10 km from Dharwad city, Karnataka, India.Very well connected by train and bus; midway between Pune and Bengaluru - 420 km. Nearest airport Hubballi**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** :About 10 acres is now a fruit forest. Another 4 acres is under cultivation of annuals. We regularly organize camps for children and workshops for farmers. Major crops -- Rice, Jowar , little millet, proso millet , pulsesFruits – Mango, Guava, Jackfruit, Jamun , Sapota , Star fruit , Butter fruit Soursop lime, Wild berries , Wood apple etc**How long you have been doing Organic Farming** :20 years**Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** :No**Suggested length of stay for volunteers** :2 to 6 months**Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : 4 woofers ; mud house, with attached bath, electricity, running water **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :Alternative construction, eco education, music programs -- building mud houses, facilitating eco education camps for school children, documentation of flora and fauna on the farm **Expectations of work for volunteers** :4 hours of work per day; proper documentation -- making compost, digging pits for plantation of saplings, watering of plants, vegetable cultivation, harvesting of fruits and grains, **Is transportation available?** :In case of emergency transport as well as hospital facility available**Languages spoken** : Kannada, Hindi, English**Can you host children or pets?** :Children yes.**Special diets** : nil**And any other specifics for your farm** : Absolutely no alcohol or drugs; Hampi Halebidu are half a day trip away. Western ghats - Dandeli forests are just 40 km away.

IND 344 **Farm name** :Kadathanadan Farms **Contact Name** : K F Thomas **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : Wayanad District, Kerala- 670645, India. Land at Kozhikode airport and then bus to Manathavady (3 hr journey **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** :Spread over 3 acres, the farm consists of several fruits planting like avocado, papaya, passionfruit, mango, orange, pomegranate, pineapple, sapota, jackfruit and vegetables like tapioca, cabbage, beetroot, carrot, beans etc. Also, ongoing coffee and cocoa plantations and spices cultivation. Only organic manure is used which is prepared at the farm itself and the produce is mostly for self-sustenance (subsistence farming) and the excess is sometimes sold off to the open market.**How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : 5 years**Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** :NO**Suggested length of stay for volunteers** :15 days. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : 5 at a time. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : Cooking, fencing, constructing tree huts, maintaining horses and dairy animals like goats and cows. **Expectations of work for volunteers** : New plantations, weeding and maintaining the old ones and help build and

organise a new fruit garden. **Is transportation available?** : Yes Languages spoken :English, Malayalam, Tamil, Kannada **Can you host children or pets?** :No**Special diets** :Authentic Kerala cuisine cooked at home. **And any other specifics for your farm** : Horse riding and Kalaripayattu training. Small trips can be arranged on off-days to nearby tourist places like Tholpetty wildlife sanctuary, Pazhassi Tomb, Banasura Sagar Dam, Chembra Peak, Pookode Lake, Edakkal Caves, Soochipara

IND 345 **Farm name:** Raman Organic Farm **Contact Name** : Raman Kumar **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : Post- Sambhli, District- Karnal, State-Haryana. You can come to Karnal By Bus or Train. From Karnal You can get Bus from Old Bus Stand. Counter No,-11 **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.):** Our land is 20 Minutes journey from Karnal The farm was bought by my father and taken over by myself. The organic farm has been in my family all of my life. WWOOFers can help with organic farming with activities such as planting, weeding, harvesting, and maintaining the fruit orchard as well as seasonal work in the rice paddies. We use organic nutrients for the plant and we sell organic fruits and vegetables. The family farm is 13.5 acres of which 2 Acres are under Organic cultivation. In organic area we grow Guvava, Blackberry, Mango, Lemon etc. In Rest of land we grow (Rice and Wheat). **How long you have been doing Organic Farming:** From Last 3 Years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** 15 Days **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time):** I have accommodation for a couple to stay in a tent on the farm (as long as it is not rainy season). I also have accommodation (20 minutes away from farm) in Karnal where I have 2 extra bedrooms. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.):** 1. WOOFers can help in developing a meditation centre amongst the fruit orchard. They can help with the meditation center with creative ideas and building as I haven't built anything yet. 2. WOOFers can help in making eco friendly homes for tourists on the farm as well. I currently have a tent for Workawayers to stay in on the farm (if they choose, when it's not rainy season) but I want to build more sustainable options for housing. **Expectations of work for volunteers:** Volunteers can help in organic farming and General Maintenance. 4-5 hours each day is typically spent as the farm but I tend to spend the morning/night doing errands or nearby sight-seeing with volunteers. **Is transportation available?** : Yes we have a car to take volunteers everywhere **Languages spoken:** English, Hindi, Punjabi **Can you host children or pets?** : No **Special diets:** Yes Rice with Kadhi, Dal makhani and chapatti Upma, Poha **Any other specifics for your farm:** Nearby tourist place:-Kurukshetra, Delhi, Chandigarh, Shimla, Manali etc

IND 346 **Farm name** : No Name Organic Farm **Contact Name** : Ankit **Singh Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** :District - Pernem, State - Goa. Reachable by train Pernem railway station, 13km : one but to Arambol and another one to Keri, or straight by taxi. Airport, Thivim & Madgao railway station : bus to Mapusa and another one to Keri. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : All combined we have 100sqm farming land and hydroponic set up. Lady fingers, pumpkin, spinach, guava, banana, papaya, lemon, mint, curry, garlic and chili are grown in the property From Hydro to Aqua - we are working on a hydroponics set up we are using to clone our plants. We wish to enlarge this project and grow some herbs and veggies in the same. We are researching on natural nutrients to provide the plants with everything they need. We are also interested by stepping in aqua phonics. Community Garden - Our farm is also a Home for 15 to 50 people. We are willing to sustain our community from the production of the garden; hence we need to implement efficient ways to harvest on a daily basis. Permaculture - we are using permaculture principles in the farm. We need to design a passive water cycle for the dry season to come. We are also designing spiral/mandala garden spaces for usable soil efficiency. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming:** 4 years, on a small scale **whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** Not certified **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** 2 weeks to a month **Accommodation (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time):** 2

WWOOFERS. Woofers will be hosted in our camps site in a shared dorm-tent or in a dormitory - each area has its dedicated bathroom **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.):** Eco building projects (clay, bamboo). Different workshops organised - yoga, creative activities, alternative medicine... **Expectations of work for volunteers:** The work of the volunteers will be diverse, some examples of activities: Get the seeds from the kitchen, dry and store them. Prune the plants/trees and clone them in the aqua phonic station, care until they are ready to be planted. Water the garden areas everyday by evening. Prepare raised bed in natural material for the new garden areas... **Is transportation available?** : There is a bicycle, a bus passing by the house and scooter easily available on rent. **Languages spoken:** English, Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** : We can host children though the arrangement for the kid environment has to be done by the parents. **Special diets:** Vegetarian the House kitchen will provide 2 vegetarian/vegan meals per day. For brunch we usually have poha or chana and for dinner rice and dal in different styles, Pav baji, dry veg... **And any other specifics for your farm:** It is a traveler crossroad where woofers will enjoy the company of many brothers and sisters from the world. The farm is located in extreme north of Goa, close to a beautiful beach with shaks serving food & drinks. You can take the ferry to Maharashtra - there you will find lonely beaches, old Portuguese forts and amazing nature. About 10 km south from the farm and further you will find touristy and animated villages or cities where to eat, shop and party.

IND 347 **Farm name :** Vasistha farm- The organic world **Contact Name :** Mahendra Pandya **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train) :** Nearest Air port -Bhavnagar, Railway station -Mahuva. by bus near by bagadana village. Gujarat.**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :** About 4 Acre land and 1500 mango plant are main crop. all types of vegetables and fruit trees are available .we are working on project of India's first planed organic village in Narmada district in Gujarat. Land area is 110 acre. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming :** Since 5 years.**Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency :** C1 & C2 by Apeda **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Up to one week **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time) :** We have 2 Big rooms with small kitchen and one small pool for kids and all. This is situated near Degavada village. we have 2 A2 indigenus cows in farm. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.) :** We have Indian cooking teaching and yoga camping.**Expectations of work for volunteers :** Cleaning of extra grass from mango plant and harvesting crops according to seasons. Some cleaning work in Cow Shed.**Is transportation available?** : Yes **Languages spoken :** Gujarati, English ,Hindi , French (little) **Can you host children or pets?** : Only children no pets **Special diets** Pure Indian Veg. and cow milk. Bajara roti, Dal dhokali, and Laddu in sweets.**And any other specifics for your farm :**One devi temple near our farm and its situated on sea shore . Asiatic Gir century is famous for lion is near to farm.

IND 348 **Farm name** :Varanashi Organic farms **Contact Name** :Siddharth Santhanam **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** :Adyanadka, Kepu - 574260, Karnataka. The farm is about 50 acres. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** :Our crops vary from cacao, areca nut, nutmeg, pepper, fruit plants etc. Cashew is one among important crops of Varanashi Farms. Over 30 elite high yielding varieties have been collected and cultivated organically. Composting is an ideal method to recycle organic material. It plays an important role in our organic farming practice. Grafting plants is also a mandatory project carried out every year. Alongwith our farm, we have also set up, Varanashi Research Foundation (VRF), which is a non-profit motive Charitable Trust. It has set clear, short-term as well as long-term goals in the improvement of agriculture and allied fields through research, education and extension with special emphasis on promoting eco-friendly and sustainable technologies. Apart from its regular activities, VRF has successfully completed a few Projects, sponsored by M/s TATA Coffee Ltd., Pollibetta, Agricultural Technologies and Services, Bangalore, M/s Namdhari Seeds (Pvt.) Ltd., Bangalore, etc. - Various soil and water conservation structures have been adapted. - A successful rainwater harvesting system has been established. - A model vanilla farm has been set up. - An ideal silviculture system using Teak, Mahagony, Acacia along with native plants have been established. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** :We have been organic for 20 years and was certified as an organic farm from 1997 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** :Aditi Organic Certification Pvt. limited, Bengaluru. 1997 onwards. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** :We need a minimum commitment of 3 weeks. We would prefer if volunteers could stay for 1 month to 6 months. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** :We have a volunteer home with 3 bedrooms that have attached toilets, it can accommodate up to 6 people. We also have a dormitory accommodation that can accommodate 20+ volunteers. The toilets and bathing facilities are right next to the dorm. Both volunteer housings are on the farm, close to the forest. We can accommodate 20 volunteers comfortably at a time. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :Building dams, Teaching at the local school, water activities, water harvesting projects. **Expectations of work for volunteers** :Volunteers need to be able to adapt to the natural surrounding that you will be living in. Being physically fit will definitely be more helpful. You have to be ready to work and help out when necessary as well as treat everyone in the farm with courtesy and respect on a humane level. Volunteers will be expected to help with ground level work, such as planting seeds, grafting, packing compost, general maintenance of the farm etc to working at the research lab and office, where produce is packed, etc for about 5 hours per day during the week. If you happen to be a swimmer/swim coach/lifeguard, it would be helpful as well. The weekends are holidays, volunteers are free to explore the farm, the surrounding forest, and the village which is close to the farm. **Is transportation available?** :Yes, we have our own transportation like cars and bikes **Languages spoken** :English, Hindi, Kannada, Tamil. **Can you host children or pets?** :Yes. **Special diets** :Vegetarian food fresh from the farm. we are located in Karnataka, so the food provided will mostly be South Indian based, namely, Dosas, Sambar, Coconut chutney, various cooked vegetables like beans, different types of gourds, Red rice, brown rice, white rice, buttermilk, curd, etc. The food we eat is different every day. **And any other specifics for your farm** :We have many water bodies with activities like Zipline, SUP (Stand up paddle), diving and more, So swimming is a crucial part of the farm life here. The farm is in the midst of hills. We are also located very close to beautiful and scenic places like Coorg, Hampi, Udupi, Gokarna, Kerala, etc. which are just a few hours/overnight bus rides away from the farm. People who would like to surf will find it very easy to find surfing spots in Mangalore, Udupi, Goa and Kerala.

IND 349 **Farm name** :Lakshmi Nivas **Contact Name** : Namrata Neog and Sunoj D **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : Pattambi VIA, Palakkad District - 679305 Kerala, India. Land is surrounded by rice paddy fields on all the three sides. Land is equipped with a pond, a well, a studio space and house. The terrain of

the land is undulated and is slightly elevated from the rice fields. To reach Lakshmi Nivas, trains and buses ply from Kochi to Pattambi. From Pattambi there are frequent buses to Parudur. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : We are trying to build a food and a medicinal forest in the most inclusive natural farming principles. We have started growing the food forest which as of now primarily includes - banana, fruit trees, root vegetables, and various other vegetables which are indigenous to our region. We will be slowly growing the medicinal forest soon. More details about Organic project since the volunteers choose after reading this so please elaborate Banana Plantation, Papaya Plantation, Black Pepper, Nutmeg, Moringa and Areca Nut Plantation are our major crops. Apart from that just before monsoons we will be extensively planting all kinds of root vegetables for e.g. arrowroot, yam, cassava, sweet potato, Chinese potato]. Intercropping is being done with seasonal vegetables and perennial fruit trees. Land already has many old mango and jackfruit trees and a few coconut trees. Our farm is a little less than an acre. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : Since childhood. Full time practice started recently. We started roughly 1 year back. The house and the land are our ancestral property, belonging to Sunoj's grandfather. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : Minimum stay - 5 to 7 days. Can also choose to stay for 2-4 weeks **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : 2 small guest bedrooms available in our house. Bathroom will be shared. [Shared studio space with attached bathroom is also available] **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : Research, Archiving plants, Maintaining plant calendar, Cow shed construction or upkeep, Social media management, Housekeeping and Assistance in making small DIY objects. **Expectations of work for volunteers** : Planting, Mulching, Weeding, Watering and Pruning **Is transportation available?** : No. In case of emergency we have a two wheeler motorbike in the house and an auto rickshaw on call. A car can also be arranged only in case of emergency. **Languages spoken** : English, Malayalam, Assamese and Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** : No **Special diets** : We would be cooking mostly local Kerala and Assamese dishes [fish curry with rice, dosa, sambar, sandoh guri [breakfast rice porridge with jaggery], chicken curry, chapati, vegetable soup etc.] note: all dishes will be either cooked in coconut oil or mustard oil. **And any other specifics for your farm** : Parudur is a small and a very rare non touristic village in Kerala, where by our neighbours and other villagers are not used to seeing people from outside the village periphery. Lakshmi Nivas respects the social fabric of the village and takes utmost care in not disrupting it. We want our guests to be sensitive to this. For instance some of the things to keep in mind are as follows- appropriate clothing [both male and female volunteers, for example comfortable loose fitting t-shirts and long pyjamas], no smoking and drinking in the farm [however one is free to smoke and drink inside our house], no late night parties, loud music or walking around the village late night

IND 350 **Farm name** : Organic Permaculture Project In Thar Desert **Contact Name** : Khameesh Shakhan **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : We're located outside the beautiful historic town of Jaisalmer and 45km from Barmer. To reach our farm, take any bus running between Jaisalmer and Barmer and get off at Shiv. From Shiv, take a local rickshaw (around 150 rps) Neembasar , Sheo , Barmer, Rajasthan. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : We are making permaculture education for farmers and children, where they can learn about practical organic farming with natural resources. The heart of our project is a beautiful tree house that provides a great panoramic view of the area, as well as plenty of shade for other plants to grow and for people to hang out. The work of volunteers is expected during weekdays, while staying on site. We work when it is not too hot in the early morning and late afternoon. Then after sunset we eat and share conversation, food and music if you want to. The farm has 3, acres. Millet, Mug , lentil, watermelon , cucumber, till, goar, sarso, jira, rayda, tomatoes, carrots, onions, potatoes, Chilli, ker, sangri. We prepare the soil with compost and melting, and a natural resources which we take from our mother earth and we call it boo. Three years ago this land was a little bit

solid, without birds, so dry. Now, three years after, we're working in the connection with all life beings around us. The birds come every day, every morning to sing, so see, to feel. There are approximately twelve species of them living and sharing with us this land. So feel free to come and hear how the birds say good night every night from the roof. How they feel sheltered. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : 5 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : Greening Jaisalmer Society **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : We don't have a minimum of days as a requirement to stay in the farm. It's free, the volunteers can come, work one day or whatever they decide. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : Usually 2-3 volunteers will stay in our tree house where they can see the stars at night. However it is also possible to accommodate more guests if needed. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : During your free time you can walk around and visit the different families, learn embroidery art, cooking food like chapati and chai, play with the children or just relax in the shade. If you want, you can also teach children English and maths (about 30 children from 0 to 16 years live here). As school is far away some children do not go to school). Give water to birds. And also, if the volunteers want to offer workshops about what they know, for the children or community, we are open to receive suggestions. Some of the skills which are not as much a condition but could help are people involved in arts , education , carpentering , software, work with electricity, permaculture, writers, journalists , medicine, nature lovers. **Expectations of work for volunteers** : Maximum 4-5 hours a day, 5 days a week. Making compost, Harvesting design , Planting , Water plants, Eco design, Prepare soil , Taking care of animals, Recollect natural fertilizer, Giving water and food to rabbits and chickens , **Is transportation available?**:Yes. The volunteers can find bikes, tuk tuk, and cars if they prefer . Also, if they decide to walk, it's a safety zone. **Languages spoken** : English and Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** : Children are most welcome with their parents or guardians. **Special diets** : We are generally vegetarians and we are not moralizing about alcohol but prefer to abstain ourselves. The volunteers can take their breakfast with a good chai or moringa's tea. For lunch they can eat chapati, rice, millet chapati, butter milk, dal curry, and a mix of vegetables. **And any other specifics for your farm** :In their free time (weekends) the volunteers have the opportunity to visit two cities, Barmer and Jaisalmer. Both have a richest and ancients buildings which represents the past of Rajasthan (history)

IND 351 **Farm name** : KrishiYog **Contact Name** : Archana Katira **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : 1.5Kms from Tambdi Police Chowki. Taluka Roha. Dist- Raigad. Village - tamhanshet, Post - Tambdi , District Raigad , State – Maharashtra **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : Want to build a model for the rural youth to follow in natural farming, agro / forest tourism and enterprenuership with food processing. The farm is 8 acres. Organic crops names - Mango, Aonla, Cashew, Coconut, Beatlenut, Mung, Rice, Dudhi (bottle-guard), etc. We have 5 local cows. More details about Organic project since the volunteers choose after reading this only so please elaborate **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : 6 months **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : not yet **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : 5days to 1month **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : 2 at a time one room which is part of my home wherein two can stay with bathroom linked and all other basic amenities. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : 1. building bamboo and mid houses 2. Video / photography 3. Training Adivasis with skills 4. Water Shed management **Expectations of work for volunteers** :Enthusiasm to build something from scratch, love for nature , Readiness to learn . Digging pit, culturing the seeds and Plantation of Trees , Harvesting forest herbs , Making products from cow dung, cow urine, Dudhi, etc. Feeding Cows , Watering and taking care of plants **Is transportation available?** : yes 15kms from Roha Railway station. Even State Transport Buses are available . Any transport available in farm that can be used in

case of emergency - We have motorcycle which is always available on the farm for one to travel in case of emergency and even otherwise. **Languages spoken** : Marathi, Hindi, Sanskrit, English, Gujarati **Can you host children or pets?** : We are fine with this on case to case basis **Special diets** : We only provide Veg food. No drinks or any kind of smoking, etc allowed on the fields . Pithla Bhakri, Khichadi, Thali Pith, etc **And any other specifics for your farm** : It's on the nice hilly area with a lot of wild trees and birds around. - One can visit the forts and fortresses build and conquered by Shivaji Maharaj to understand the history and cherish the nature of this area like Raigad, Gosalgad, Sudhagad, SarasGad. Also one can visit the beaches like Murud Janjira, Alibaug, Nagav, Diveagar, Shreevardhan. People can do river rafting in the Kundalika river which flows through Roha - only possible river rafting destination in Maharashtra. There are a lot of spiritual attractions like Astavinayaka Ganesh - Balldeshwar, Dakshin Kashi - HariHareshwar, Ramadas Swami Ashram - Shivthargal, Ganapati Pule and so on. Mahabaleshwar which is the famous hill station is only 3 hours journey from Roha.

IND 352 **Farm name** : SHIV SHAKTI FARM **Contact Name** : NEERAJ TOMAR **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : 49 Km from Barkot, Uttarkashi, Uttarkhand-249141. The best approach is from from NH 123 going to Yamunotri. Its 5 km Near the Holly Shrine and Source of Yamuna river .any one can reach by Local bus and Taxi .best season to come April To June and August to November. (We can arrange transportation on demand) **Occupation** : Self Employed **Previous experience of organic farming / activities if any** : Apple Orchard (More than 1000 trees) along with apple we also grow vegetables like cabbage, potato, peas, and garlic And also Grow rare Herbal medicinal plants. (Government Approved License) The attempt has been since the last 5 years to convert the entire land into complete organic and make the land into a model farm. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : We are looking for volunteers to work on our orchard and farm. We provide food and accommodation (large ensuite) in exchange for volunteer work. We need help with organic farming, gardening, taking care of our fruit trees and vegetables, basic farm work like building projects (tree/mud and stone houses etc), landscaping, permaculture, construction. We are also planning to start a farm stay (weekend getaway) soon. We are open to new and innovative ideas. We have our own cows and are keen to get into small-scale cheesemaking as well as other organically produced kitchen products - sauces and jams. We work with the local community and villages and promote organic farming methods. We have distinct seasons, great views and are easily accessible and reachable. We can send you more details, information and photographs upon request by email. We prefer to host men who can help us with farming work, building projects on our farm and/or animal care. Please send us a mail for detailed information including seasonal work timings. As we also host other volunteers, please let us know about your travel and work plans as much as in advance as possible. There are a lot of places of interest to visit around us and we will be glad to assist you with local information upon request. We follow principles of 'Vriksh Ayurveda' (Ayurveda for trees and plants). Shiv Shakti Farm is primarily an apple orchard(1000 trees) with other fruit trees. We also grow Potato, red kidney beans, green peas, Our farmyard animals provide manure which is mixed with plant leaves. Goals: Food Sovereignty Farming in tune with nature Small, Down to Earth Living Minimum Carbon & Water Footprint Attracting youth/new generation to farming Popularizing Organic Farming , and so on Activities: Ongoing- Agri-Horticulture, Garden (Flowers) Animal Husbandry(Cows, Goats, Sheep), Starting soon - Beekeeping, Value addition, Farm tourism Crops: Tubers, Vegetables, We are looking for helping hand for Organic marketing development. Organic agriculture expansion and also set up our own organic outlets. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : 3 year (In which we only conducted research to be able to start the project). The project still needs to be initiated **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : The farm is not certified as organic yet but is aiming to have that very shortly. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : As per their choice of Volunteer one can stay as long as he /She wants and till the visa is valid Minimum 5 days. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : 15 rooms for 30 interns/volunteers. Independent room also

available on demand, a small village nearby the organic farming site. Rooms are generally shared with one other intern/ volunteer which has a bathroom with shower facility and western Toilet. We can accommodate 20 to 30 people at one time. Each Room will be shared by 2 people. (Separate room also provided on demand) **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : Volunteers can also participate in creative education activities in the neighbouring schools of the farming community where the level of education is very low. Also, there is an opportunity for participating in Eco-Tourism project at the farm. Volunteers can also visit the Yamunotri Temple (which is not very far from Kharsali just 5 km walking) to learn about the local Flora and Fauna. There are also options for Trekking and Camping. **Expectations of work for volunteers** : It will be good to have information about their country and their farming activities as an intercultural exchange. At the Farm, we will certainly have an orientation day/ week for the volunteer so that the volunteer will get familiar with the local customs and communication. Also, tour will be arranged for the volunteers around the town and the neighbouring villages to understand the region and locals. **IMPROVE THE EXISTING SYSTEMS AND TO CREATE NEW SUSTAINABLE METHODS FOR ORGANIC FARMING Is transportation available?** : The accommodation is a 20-minute walk from the organic farming site. Nice Nature view while walking towards the farm. (In special case transportation will be arranged) **Languages spoken** : English, Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** : Yes **Special diets** : We will provide vegetarian Food, the volunteers can also cook food with us along with local traditional meals. **And any other specifics for your farm** : We are looking for volunteers to work on our orchard and farm. We provide food and accommodation in exchange of volunteer work. We have distinct seasons, great views and are easily accessible. All applicants must send us their profile, copy of identity proof and a clear recent photograph while applying. Please specify the expected duration of your stay as well. Once your application is accepted, we will be glad to send you details about how to get here, seasons, house rules etc. We can also send you more details, information and photographs upon request by email.

IND 353 **Farm name** : Gir Cow Gowsala **Contact Name** : Vinay Kumar Verma **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : Post - Wing, District - Satara , State – Maharashtra **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : Maintaining a gowsala of gir cow, agriculture (Dhan, Jwari and Pules) in 2 acres land using gomutra and fertilizer made from cow dung, Preparing Gomutra ark, cow dung cake and Vedik Ghee. Planning to make arrangement for green fodder by installing hydroponics .Organic crops names - Rice, Jwari, Mung, Matki and Rajma. Agriculture through fertilizer made from cow dung and Gomutra (Jivamrut) and preparation of ghee from gir cow milk by Vedik method. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : Last three years. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : No. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : 5 to 7 days. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : Maximum two One room flat with attached washrooms. light and fan. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : Preparing Gomutra ark, cow dung cake and Vedik Ghee. Planning to make arrangement for green fodder by installing hydroponix. **Expectations of work for volunteers** : Volunteering work of above activities including learning and supervision. Work involves - Preparation of Jivamrut, spraying on field, watering of field, taking care of crop, crop cutting, segregation of crop, cow Milking, Preparation of Gomutra ark, curd preparation, curd churning and Ghee preparation. **Is transportation available?** : Yes. **Languages spoken** : Hindi, Marathi **Can you host children or pets?** : No. **Special diets** : Homemade food available, utensils are also available to prepare the. Name some local dishes that will be served in exchange of farm work **And any other specifics for your farm** : Places of tourist interest nearby - baneshwer shiva temple, Prati balaji temple narayan pur, Satara, Kolhapur - mahalaxmi temple and nearby fort

IND 354 **Farm name** : Himalayan Growers **Contact Name** : Haneesh Katnawer **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : Distt Kangra (Himachal

Pradesh - 176402), Land is located at the bottom of the Shivalik Hills with slightly mountaneous region. It is neither plain nor situated at high altitude. One can reach in the area by booking a train to Pathankot, Punjab and then, a direct cab can be booked till the village Small located near Indora. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : Wheat, Pulses, Animal Feed, Oranges, Mangoes, Corn, Nettle, and many other alternate crops can be grown. Goals will be to learn the local biodiversity and culture and offer solutions to the local farmers accordingly. Farm is divided into three locations. One location is of 2 acres where Wheat, Pulses, Animal Feed, Oranges, cotton, mustard, sesame, and corn are grown. We also have a single room farm house in this location which can be given to the first volunteer. In the other location, we grow mustard and mangoes. This location does not have any farmhouse but volunteers can stay in tents there. Third location is used for growing underground vegetables, mustard, reddish, etc. This location also does not have any farm hut or house. All the locations are not far from the main accommodation which will be in the main house situated in the village. Main accommodation represent the first floor which has adequate rooms (5-6) for 10-12 volunteers. The projects which are offered include: 1) Assistance in suggesting alternate crops as per the cropping cycles 2) Managing the cow house while working on a part of the land to grow the animal feed and take care of the cow from bathing it to providing it medical assistances 3) Going into the jungles and collecting wood for bonfires 4) Working collectively on ideas for building the land 5) Conducting eco-friendly village fairs 6) Learning the local culture and teaching their own skills to the local kids in evening homes 7) Documenting and Film making about the local culture 8) Learning Hindi and Sanskrit in the morning (6:00am - 07:00am sessions)

How long you have been doing Organic Farming : 20 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : 35 days (minimum)**Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : 10-20. Volunteers with tents will be given spaces to put their tents. But they have to ensure the cleanliness. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : Building eco-friendly houses using plant material for all the farms Teaching local farmers about innovative farming **Expectations of work for volunteers** : 3 -6 hours a day (Volunteers should be able to do Hard and soft farm work and suggest for alternate crops while helping in the local harvests of the farm. Apart from that, a desirable knowledge about permaculture, horticulture, animal medication, Ayurvedic medication, and biology will be appreciated. Languages to be known are Hindi and Basic English. Locals are not much aware of English as well. But my father can help with the Hindi classes to communicate with others. **Is transportation available?** : Yes. One motorcycle will be available for all volunteers is available. They all can use it after stating the requirement on the previous day but it would not be provided on hand. **Languages spoken** : English and Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** : Yes **Special diets** : Traditional recipes according to seasonal availability of raw material *Kalan ke pakode, Bhruni, Karalen Rhododendron Seera Chhachha Tremble ki sabji Phafru ka sag Lungru ki sabji Lasiade ki sabji Ambua Nashpati ki sabji Aaddu ki sabji Khatti bhujji Patrodu Khandole Khandole Bhavri ka namak Kulfa ka sag Chhunali ki bhujji*

And any other specifics for your farm : There are two cropping seasons from November to April and then, May to October. Volunteers can also introduce their crops and use it for their profit while sharing the profit with the local farmers as a cooperative society. Kangra valley has a rich heritage of ecodiversity along with cultural variations and strong hold on the agriculture. As one of the 12 districts in the mountainous and surreal lands of Himachal Pradesh, there are many places to visit nearby which are: 1) Bir Billing (70 kms) - Paragliding 2) Triund (80 kms) - Crown jewel of Dhauladhar ranges 3) Mcleodgunj (70 kms) - Humble Abode of His Highness, Dalai Lama 4) Palampur tea garden (60 kms) - Explore various varieties of famous Kangra Tea 5) Pong Dam (30 kms) - Witness one of the largest dams on Beas River 6) Kangra Fort (80 kms) - Oldest fort in India 7) Kareri Lake - Beautiful trekking route 8) Temples - Most of the temples are dedicated to local goddesses (Goat sacrifices still happen during Navratri).

IND 355 Farm name :Sri Kumara Farms **Contact Name** :Rajaram.B **Location. (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : Erode District, Tamil Nadu.7Acres land. Pick up can be done from Erode railway station. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** :Growing fruit trees, cotton, Banana. vegetables cultivation. Goal is to achieve sustainable farming. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** :6years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : Yes got organic certification from Tamil Nadu Organic Certification Department. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** :14 days to 3 months. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : 3 person.2 Rooms with attached bath room. 1 Room and Dormitory with shared bathroom. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :Planning and Construction of Compressed Earth Block House, Bio digester, Local music Instrument(Parai) and dance learning can be arranged. Run a cold press oil machine. **Expectations of work for volunteers** : Work Hour : 6 am to 9 am then 3 pm to 6 pm(6 HRS). Weekly 5 days. Planting Live Fence, weeding, tree planting, Organic manure, vermi compost making, cultivate vegetables etc. **Is transportation available?** :Yes, bicycle, call taxi available. **Languages spoken** :English and Tamil. **Can you host children or pets?** :Children - YES.pets - NO.**Special diets** :Daily regular VEG south Indian dish.NON VEG weekly once. **And any other specifics for your farm** :Places of tourist interest nearby , kodumudi temple, chennimalai temple

IND 356 Farm name :Spice garden farm house**Contact Name** :Santhosh Kumar M.P**Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** :Koleri Post ,Wayanad District , Kerala State**Occupation** :Farming**Previous experience of organic farming / activities if any** :We are in this farming for the last 46 years**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** :Coffee as main crop, all kinds of mixed crops like pepper, cardamom, cinammon, bananas, betelnuts, coconuts etc. 15 acres . We got cows, goats, chicken etc, so this manures are used to fertilise the field. Cowdung is the main fertilisers we use, No pesticides **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** :10 years**Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** :No**Suggested length of stay for volunteers** :1 week**Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** :5 people We can provide room space, also tents, bathrooms are common. We families are staying here, so they get all facilities here.**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Participate in any activity they wish .Can participate in painting house, landscaping field, making paths etc., nature friendly activities they can do in our farm.**Expectations of work for volunteers** :Painting, gardening, landscaping etc.**Is transportation available?** Yes**Languages spoken** :English, Malayalam, Kannada, Hindi**Can you host children or pets?** :No**Special diets** :All Kerala authentic food will be served, same food we have**And any other specifics for your farm** :Wildlife sanctuary, Edakkal caves, Kuruwa island etc., Water falls

IND 357 Farm name : Mountain Trail **Contact Name** : Gideon Joseph **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : Solaikadu, Village Pandrimalai , Post office Solaikadu, District Dindigul, State Tamilnadu. Nearest railway stations: Dindigul, Oddanchatram (both about 55 km away). . Bus: There are three buses every day from Dindigul . From Oddanchatram, there are several buses each day to KCPatti, a nearby village, from where volunteers can be picked up by us. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : Coffee, pepper, spices, vegetables, fruit trees. Cows, goats, hens, fish and dogs. Working towards growing all that we need to eat and live on the farm other than grains/millets. Our farm is 10 acres, and we have cleared and planted in about 60% of the land. We use natural manure from goats, cows and also use enriched natural formulations like panchakavya, jeevamirtham, etc. Most of our produce is for our consumption. For the last couple of years, we have made products from the mountain amla in our farm into jam, pickle and candy, which we sell through our network of friends. Periodically, we sell our chicken and goats to support our activities.While we get local help in

planting saplings and to clear weeds, we do most of the other work ourselves. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : Full-time farming since 2015 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : No certifications **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : Minimum stay of a few days; longer stays of 3 months and above very welcome. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : 4-5 persons. We have two army-type tents (12'x10'), one room 10'x10', and a larger suite of two rooms (12'x12' with a connected 12'x12' attic-type room). Married couples are welcome to stay together. For others, separate accommodation is possible within the above options. There are western and Indian-type toilets, bathrooms with hot water, all of which are separate from the acco. rooms (not attached). During the dry months (Apr - June) water supply will be rationed according to availability. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Maintenance of solar energy system, water source (exploring a new water source via open well or borewell), water harvesting and retention. We also have families/ small groups visiting the farm for 2-3 days to experience farm life, as well as for group activities like hiking and other outdoor activities. **Expectations of work for volunteers** : Farm work (planting, weeding, etc), grazing of cattle, some cooking .a combination of the above activities. If capable and willing, can spend some time teaching our two homeschooled children, aged 14 and 11.**Is transportation available?** : Public transport to Solaikadu village 2 km away from Dindigul 3 times a day; to KC Patti village 8 km away 4 times a day from Oddanchatram. Will pick up volunteers from Solaikadu/KC Patti**Languages spoken** : English, Tamil, Malayalam **Can you host children or pets?** : Children - yes (homeschooled children are preferred because of difficulty in access to nearby schools). Pets - we already have a lot of pets, but can consider. **Special diets** : Our diet is largely vegetarian, with the occasional country chicken, or mutton. Country chicken eggs are also part of our meal. When we have our own vegetables, they are included in our meals of rice, chapatti, curries and vegetable subjis. We bake corn/oatmeal/date bread. **And any other specifics for your farm** : We are practicing Christians. Volunteers can join our family for daily worship. Kodaikanal is 70 km (about 3 hrs by bus). There are several other mountain peaks and scenic places within 1-4 hours of hiking distance from the farm. Dindigul has an old rock fort worth visiting

IND 358**Farm name** :Silent Whispers**Contact Name** :Colonel Patanjali, Veteran**Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : Taluka Bhore, District Pune.State Maharashtra . Pune is well connected by rail, air and road. Buses are available from Pune to Bhore and from Bhore to the Farm. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** :Currently developing a parcel of land, to include construction of a tree house, arboriculture, landscaping and developing a part of land for organic farming for sustainable living and sharing produce with the needy. Current goal is to have the tree house up in next 30 days and to prepare land for farming.The farm is about a quarter of an acre in size. I am still at the very nascent stage of development. I use organic manure to fertilise few plants. I also use compost toilet to use human night soil as manure. Intention is to grow vegetables and other produce for which I need help, ideas and expertise to develop land. A few working hands to get the tree house up and to lay out beds to begin growing vegetables will be immensely useful at this stage. I have drip irrigation system already in place.**How long you have been doing Organic Farming** :6 months**Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** :No**Suggested length of stay for volunteers** :Minimum 4 days, extendable or can be reduced as per mutual convenience**Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** :Tented (in a two men as well family tent), or on tree house deck. Can host up to 2 persons. Bedding is available. There is a detached makeshift washroom with shower, hot water and compost toilet. Electricity is available but sometimes erratic, running water is available.**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :Tree house construction with wood and bamboo, arboriculture, landscaping, sewage disposal**Expectations of work for volunteers** :My expectation from volunteers-willingness to contribute, endurance to rough it out, good cheer and enthusiasm. Currently support is required in putting thatched roof and build bamboo

walls on tree house deck (already constructed) and lay out land for growing vegetables, carry out landscaping and arboriculture. Hands on experience in bamboo or wood construction, landscaping, arboriculture and vegetable growing will be immensely usefuls

transportation available? :Local buses are available. I will be happy to pick up and drop volunteers from Pune, if we can coordinate travel plans

Languages spoken :English, Hindi, Marathi

Can you host children or pets? :Yes. Responsibility for safety rests with parents/volunteer

Special diets :Generally serve veg food. Will be happy to accommodate any special needs, if I can. Breakfast includes eggs/paratha/oats/bread (choice is subject to ration state and availability) and tea. Lunch and dinner usually has vegetables/ lentil and roti/rice. Some local Maharashtra dishes are often cooked.

And any other specifics for your farm :Farm is at an extremely picturesque location on the side of a lake. Forts of Rajgarh, Torna and a few others are at short travelling distance. Bhor at 30 km has historical temples and a Rajwada. Pune at 70 km is a famous historical and a flourishing city with many many attractions ranging from historical forts to most happening pubs and active night life.

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Farm name :EatNeatProject

Contact Name :Bharat D

Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train) :(Village)Andapura, 560099(Postal code), Electronic City, Bengaluru,Karnataka .Volunteers may take a bus till electronic City and make use of local transport OR take a train till helalige (local train).

A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :Our farm is occupied within 10,000 sqft . Green house equipped with an Aquaponic system. We use staggered cropping, multi cropping for different crops that go well together and we grow veggies(cabbage, cauliflower, chillies, peas, beans, etc), herbs, fruits (passion fruit, chikoo, papaya, starfruit, lychee, orange, etc). EatNeatProject is a necessary step taken towards many problems in the food industry (pesticides, GMO, Carbon footprint). We make use of organic methods (multi-cropping, to control pests as use of any sort of pesticide would result in collapse of the system. We have a pluck and eat restaurant coming up in the near future. Volunteers may even be asked to be engaged in setting up the restaurant. We also have an expert in permaculture.

How long you have been doing Organic Farming :Aquaponic is a fairly new concept, we have people with up to 8 years of experience.

Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency :- No we don't have any certifications as of now.

Suggested length of stay for volunteers :Although if the volunteers wish, they can come for 5 days(6 working hours/day). A minimum of 2 Weeks are recommended.Based on availability volunteers may get shared rooms attached to bathroom or tent to live in.

Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time) :4 persons . Based on availability volunteers may get shared rooms attached to bathroom or tent to live in.

Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.) : Opportunities in developing ideas from scratch, some civil works and minor tasks around the resort. Since our farm is attached with a resort, volunteers may be asked to help out with the resort at times (landscaping). We also plan to build a restaurant near the greenhouse, volunteers may be engaged in those activities as well along with some permaculture activities.

Expectations of work for volunteers :Volunteers will be required to help out with the farm along with any other works going on in the resort. An Aquaponic system can easily be managed by one person, volunteers will be given a hands on experience of how the system works. Taking care of plants, germinating seeds, planting, testing water.

Is transportation available? :No. However In case of any emergency, we will guide volunteers through phone call first and if necessary someone should go pick up the volunteers.

Languages spoken :English, Hindi, Gujarati, Kannada, Swahili, Tamil, Telegu, Malayalam.

Can you host children or pets? :We can host pets.

Special diets :All volunteers will get healthy hygienic food , food like khichdi, millets, roti, curries, rice will be provided until the attached restaurant comes up. After that volunteers will get an opportunity to pluck fresh food and cook/eat.

And any other specifics for your farm :Volunteers may have to share rooms with other volunteers . Volunteers may make use of local transport to go around the city (15-20kms from the farm). There are many places to visit like botanical gardens, museum, palaces, cafes, temples, authentic food, etc.

IND 360 **Farm name** : Grace Farms **Contact Name** : Hakikat **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : Punjab state, Connected by road, 8Kms from District Headquarter Sangrur, 45Kms from Patiala, 125Kms from nearest airport chandigarh, 250Kms from New Delhi. Sangrur is connected by bus/train to New Delhi. Farm is very accessible and easy to reach. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : Natural bio manure fertilization of the crops. Extensive use of manure in all farming techniques. Goat farming, Pig farming, Buffalo and Cow dairy farming, Guava orchard, Horse rearing and training, dairy milk processing. Joint family farm of 12 Acres. Cattle fodder is grown with bio manure which includes Barseem, Charri, Maize, Barley and other green fodders. Started organic farming because of re-energising and reviving soil health which had degraded over the decades. The soil is a national asset and must be kept healthy for future generations. Organic fodder, crops, vegetables and fruits are locally consumed. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : 8 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : no **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : 2 weeks minimum, maximum 2 months, preferably from October to March, Though other months too can host. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : 6. Very comfortable and well furnished rooms with air conditioning for summers and heaters for winters with attached bathroom and changing rooms. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : Bio gas plant, Tree plantation, Cottage cheese, Butter, Cream, Clarified butter processing and Silage making. **Expectations of work for volunteers** : Assist in the running of the Goat farm, Pig farm, Dairy farm, Training of the horses, Pruning of the orchard and plantation, Fodder management and harvesting, Sowing and watering of the seasonal crop, Maintenance of kitchen garden and upkeep of the homestead. **Is transportation available?** : Yes, Motorbike, Cycle, Jeep, Tractor and Car **Languages spoken** : English, Hindi, Punjabi **Can you host children or pets?** : Yes **Special diets** : Both Vegetarian and Non-Vegetarian meals of Indian dishes, Continental dishes and Limited Chinese dishes are available. Maki ki roti and saag, Mutter paneer, Jeera aloo, Misi rooti, Curds both flavoured and unflavoured, Kheer and Halwas, All dishes prepared in desi ghee, Rice dishes all types, all types of paratha with natural bran, Homemade Pickles, All types of dals cooked in open vessels on bio gas to name a few in addition to other cuisines. **And any other specifics for your farm** : A very scenic and healthy farm with all modern amenities, very safe and friendly environment with recreational activities like trail cycling, running/walking, horse riding, off-roading jeep trails and a host of outdoor activities. Wildlife sanctuary 3Kms, Seasonal choe with aquatic and bird life 1Kms, Heritage garden 9Kms, Patiala with all its attractions 40KMs, National historical monuments at 25 to 35Kms.

IND 361 **Farm name** : PossiVille **Contact Name** : Shubham **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : Situated in the most serene settings of Himalayas, the place is in the way near Manali. We have some good patches of land between the apple orchards. The place also houses a Backpackers hostel and we are in the process of creating a commune in time. You can reach here by taking a bus from Manali to Naggar /Patlikuhl and then you get a taxi to PossiVille.,Manali, Himachal Pradesh **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : Organic activities range from planning the sow to harvest. Mostly vegetables that can sustain in house requirements, herbs, spring onions, cabbages and all. The projects are very varied and depending on availability you can choose your project to work on. The goal is to be self sufficient in the times to come. The total area will be around 1.2 haThe organic project activity will include growing food for self sustainability through improved methods of permaculture and selling the excess produce to support the community. I started this after retiring from navy. The fertilisers can be made from compost from kitchen and also cow dung which is available in plenty in the village. The possibility of vermicomposting can be explored further. I don't have much expertise in the area but the idea is to grow and learn together. Marketing of organic crops and apples will be through Internet on the house website. Efforts are also on to tie up with Eunimart which offers cross border E commerce. **How long you have been doing**

Organic Farming : Not much so as to call it twice farming, but I have the land now so open to new ideas. I personally started about a year and a half ago. As for the present farm, the vegetables have been regularly produced by the local owner, but as PossiVille organic farm, we start the produce now. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : Not certified as of now. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : Minimum a week to a couple of months, the duration of stay is totally up to you. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : The goal is to make a community along with infrastructure that can sustain. So we start by 10 at a time and see how it goes. The accommodating will be in shared rooms of tents as per availability. We encourage the guests to get their tents if they can because we have a lot of camping space available. It is cold here, so if you're planning to camp in a tent between the apple trees, get your sleeping bags. If you're okay with a common space, the house will be able to arrange. The bathroom is a shared bathroom with hot water and western style toilet. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : Getting off grid is on the list, a lot of construction opportunities, art and creative projects also up for grabs. Apart from the farm work there's a lot of projects that will be simultaneously on going. From arts to making compost boxes and from pitching tents to making markers to number the tent, you can choose either a project of your interest or you can join an already on going project. In the evening we invite you to make music and have good conversations when everyone Gathers in the heater room. **Expectations of work for volunteers** : 5 hrs 5 days Half day on Saturday. This will include breaks and amazing meals. The work ranges from conditioning of soil to sowing of seeds. The harvest on ripening. Collecting vegetables when ready. Checking pH regularly. Rotating the soil when required etc. **Is transportation available?** : Yes, taxi is available but its on charge . In case of any emergency, we have a car and a driver standby. The farm is just by the road and all vehicles can reach there easily. **Languages spoken** : English, Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** : Yes **Special diets** : Mostly vegetarian simple meals and occasional local specialities like siddhu, thupka, dal chawal, aaloo paranthe. **And any other specifics for your farm** : We encourage camping in one of the most beautiful surroundings. Don't get something that Gathers as a waste (like plastic) , and take all the waste you generate when you leave. Get a lot of sunshine and smiles. The nature here will leave you spellbound. Houses made of wood and rocks are a splendour in themselves. To add the is an art gallery, a wood rock castle, many temples of different Gods and a number of hiking trails. Some hidden warm water springs and roads which are a delight to drive. Manikaran, Malana and Bijli Mahadev are some prominent places of interest nearby.

IND 362 **Farm name** : Echoes Natural Farm **Contact Name** : Abhishek Singhania **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : 20 Kms from Kolkata Airport. Block - Bhangar - 2, District - South 24 Parganas, Post Office - Macchibhanga. West Bengal **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : I have Attended trainings on Zero Budget Natural Farming (Subhash Palekar) & Permaculture Design Course (Narsanna Koppula). Traveled to more than 15 states in India to study various Organic farms. Also. done courses on goat rearing and pisciculture. We started with Annuals (more than 30 varieties) and then we gradually shifted to Perennials (more than 45 varieties) and are now looking to develop a food forest. We also cultivate and sell wheatgrass, aloe vera, Giloy, Basil (Black Variety), Oyster Mushroom, stevia, mint - Every Saturday we do a home delivery for our customers across the city of Kolkata. We have a cow and a small pond where we have 6-7 varieties of fish. Farm size - 1.33 hectares. We have planted neem, lemongrass and basil because of their natural pest repellent properties. We have azolla, drumstick, Napier plantation to feed our cow. We plant pulses as cover crop between our perennials. We have some cardamom and Indian borage as well. Perennials include - mango, guava, lemon, lime, custard apple, cashew, avocado, passion fruit, banana, papaya, Indian gooseberry, acacia mangium, black pepper, etc. We use multiple nutrition sources for plant - practice composting, make a microbial culture called 'Jiwamrit', a solution of milk-egg-jaggery, fish hormones, etc - most of it goes via foliar spray, some via drip (we have a 'Jiwamrit' filter as well). We grow turmeric at the boundary every year. We planted

some bougainvillea for those who can't differentiate a farm from a farmhouse . **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : June 2016 – Present **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : Minimum - 5 days. Maximum - there is no upper limit as long as there is a synergy between the volunteer and the other farm members. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : 4 volunteers can stay. We have 3 rooms and a store. One room is for the volunteers, rest are occupied by the Farm manager and labors. One western washroom for the volunteers and guests (just outside the room). **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : We want to build a gazebo using eco-friendly products. If you have experience in the field, we would start building the gazebo. The roof of the hut could use some repair work, we will be building a new duck house over the pond in the summers, drip irrigation system will need some improvisation, etc. **Expectations of work for volunteers** : Typically farm work would include - feeding all the animals, giving them a bath, cleaning the animal shelters, feeding the fish, milk the cows, preparing and spraying the nutritional solutions on all crops, pruning of trees, harvesting and packing of products we sell like wheatgrass, aloe vera, oyster mushroom, etc. Experience in eco-friendly building is highly appreciated. **Is transportation available?** : Yes. Within 15 Kms (35 mins) of travel we have the best hospitals of Kolkata. A bike is normally available at the farm in case of emergencies. **Languages spoken** : Bengali & Hindi. I am available over the weekends and I speak English **Can you host children or pets?** : Yes. We have a few ducks, swan and rescued dogs. **Special diets** : Typically Rice and vegetable curry is prepared for lunch and dinner. Once / Twice a week we have eggs or fish / chicken curry. We make some excellent herbal tea using the 5-6 varieties of leaves. **And any other specifics for your farm** : No Drugs Allowed. It will take approx 2 hours to reach central Kolkata. Kolkata houses lots of historical establishments - Victoria Memorial, Howrah Bridge, Princep Ghat, etc. Pre-independence eating joints would serve you the best non - veg and sweets. One could leave on Sat morning for the city, stay back in the city on Sat evening and come back on Sun evening. I would recommend taking the local bus for exploring the city.

IND 363 **Farm name** : Village field **Contact Name** : Arun **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : District Palakkad, State Kerala . Palakkad Railway station is main . Then catch bus to palakkad town stand, there you get "Thalapotta" Bus last stop is destination. **Occupation** : Farm worker **Previous experience of organic farming / activities if any** : Not much experience. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : Our goal is cultivate more organic rice , potatoes ,other vegetables. Our farm is lesser than half acre . Mainly we cultivated rice Most of the peoples here using chemicals fertilisers .We use cow dung and dry matter and vegetables waste for control pests using neem oil mix with soap water , we don't have any organic store near to us for selling products . I just planning to sell online **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : 1 year **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : Don't have any certification **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : 5 days **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** :3 volunteers bed space available in house. Common bathroom.**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :Have plan to make natural materials cottage with available local material like "bamboo hut", waste recycling facility. Landscaping in backyard like setting lawn , sitting arrangements from recycle materials. Those who have creativity can make things from recycle materials.**Expectations of work for volunteers** : Planting potatoes , making arrangements for plantation, pluck weed from plants, harvesting, vegetables plantations. **Is transportation available?** :Bus, Rikshaw . If emergency case car or any other vehicles available near to home.**Languages spoken** :English & Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** :Yes **Special diets** : Mostly cook vegetarian some days non veg to like idli ,dosa & vegetables sambar,coconut chutney, chappathi potatoes masala, rice and curries , rice noodles, puttu etc. **And any other specifics for your farm** :Most of the time we cultivate rice only when seasons come we start chinese potatoes. Places near a mountain temples surrounded by

forest, then mountain to climb, ponds, at Palakkad fort, Palampuzha dam and park, Kalppathi heritage village, etc. Perfect place for relaxation

IND 364 **Farm name** : Humm of the Earth **Contact Name** : Azlan Mohammed Shakib **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** Kanchugaranahalli, Bangalore - 562109. Ramnagar District, Karnataka. **Occupation** : Farming **Previous experience of organic farming / activities if any** : Professional Permaculture Design & Aquaponics Design Facility. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : A Permaculture Food Forest. We are aiming at turning a Monoculture Farm into an entirely RainFed Food Forest. The Farm is about 9 acres with a Coconut & Mango Plantation filled with 20 different varieties of fruits and other species. We have started to convert this land into a plot that grows more than a 100 different varieties of fruits and other beneficial species. Vegetable patches also focus on inter cropping to reduce the need for pest management. Volunteers at our farm also have the opportunity to become a part of our professional Permaculture and/or Aquaponics Design Practice after necessary training and experience. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : 8 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : 4 days **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : 4-6. We have a tent for new volunteers and two Air Conditioned rooms under construction for more permanent members. A basic - clean bathroom is available within a hundred meters from the camp site. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : Construction of Earth Homes, Alternate Energy, Website Creation, Hosting activities and sessions, Household Chores, Babysitting, Teaching **Expectations of work for volunteers** : Volunteers will be expected to engage in manual labor that involves creation of swales, ponds, dams etc. Watering and maintenance of fruit trees and vegetable patches. Regular monitoring and weeding of patches. Grazing our Sheep around the property. **Is transportation available**: We have a car that can be used in case of an emergency. 2 wheeler is also available for daily use. **Languages spoken** : English, Hindi, Kannada **Can you host children or pets?** : No (visitors can write to us if necessary) **Special diets** : Ragi Ball, Red Rice, Leafy Greens, Free Range Chicken & Eggs. **Places of tourist interest nearby**: Suvarnamukhi Water Reservoir, Discovery Village, Pyramid Valley, Innovative Film City, Wonder La, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Ashram.

IND 365 **Farm name** : Organic Acre **Contact Name** : Lakshay Dabas **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : NCT-Delhi near Narela New Delhi, Ola can easily bring you to farm. **Occupation** : Farmer by profession, part time musician, photographer **Previous experience of organic farming / activities if any** : Have 5 yrs of experience in integrated organic farming practice **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : This is a 5 acre vegetable farm, we follow a sustainable development model in which integrated pest management is our best bet for insect control. Since I come from an academic background I along with my fellow scientists conduct various kind of research projects (for eg - one of our ongoing project deals in biocontrol measure in which we are breeding beneficial insects which are to be released later) We also conduct various workshops and teaching programs - for eg, horse riding, Pottery, composting, rooftop gardening along with various other topics around organic farming and sustainable living We have 20-30 varieties of seasonal vegetables, cereals and pulses along with that we also have 2 cows, 3 goats, 25 native Indian chicken, and 1 horse on our farm **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : My family has always been growing food organically for generations. After my masters, I quit my job and started selling vegetables in and around Delhi NCR. Professionally I have been into farming for 2 yrs, but had been pursuing agriculture as a hobby from childhood. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : Yes, PGS organic **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : You can stay with us for any length of time. The longer the better **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : 1 to 5, We have a small farm so not much space can be devoted to staying purpose. Stay will be in tents. Descent bath and toilet facility is available on the farm but do not expect a 5-star

accommodation. You will be living like a family member here, not guests. if you eat you here you have to clean your utensils, if you take a bath you will also have to wipe the floor afterward. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : Farm cafe, agrotourism, teaching activities we also have a small farm cafe where you can help in catering, baking or cooking. **Expectations of work for volunteers** : Volunteers can choose from variety of works - harvesting, sorting grading washing vegetables teaching and educating customers and school/college students (we have about 4 to 6 visitors coming in a week for farm visits) **Is transportation available?** : Yes, as our farm is located in Delhi, cab, bus, and railway can bring you to our farm pretty conveniently. **Languages spoken** : Hindi, English, Assamese, Bihari, **Can you host children or pets?** : Yes, I would love to! **Special diets** : Everything cooked on the farm has to be grown on the farm only. that said, we only cook and serve organic food. **And any other specifics for your farm** : It is a small farm but still, things are taken pretty seriously and professionally here. Safety, Stay and Food is not a problem here. We are the new generation of farmers who grow and supply organic vegetables in Delhi. Our farm is near by GT carnal road which can connect you to various tourist routs, however our farm does not have any places for visit it's just a simple peaceful farm in middle of a old village in Delhi

IND 366 **Farm name** : Baby Elephant Farm/ Sage Farm Café **Contact Name** : Ravi Mantha **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : Ranga Reddy District, Telengana. 17 acres organic farm. We are 45 minutes from Hyderabad International Airport, From train, Shankarpalli Railway Station **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : Permaculture farming of vegetables, fruits, grains, animals, plus the only farm-to-table cafe in the city of Hyderabad. We believe in extreme biodiversity. At the moment, we have 75 varieties of fruits and vegetables grown (the more the merrier), without chemicals, pesticides or artificial fertilizers. We use vermin composting , organic manure, and traditional forms of improving soil quality. The farm is 17 acres in size, and about 7 acres is planted with vegetables. We use only natural methods to control pests, including insect lamps and intercropping. Our fertilizer is made on site using cow manure and vermi wash. We have a cold van that delivers vegetables daily to our store in the city, where the vegetables are sorted and delivered to customers. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : 4 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : We have not gone through any certification process as we believe that our process is far more natural than "certificate-driven organic farming". **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : Please note that we are looking to place candidates who are able to commit to a minimum of 30 days for a residential-full-time-volunteer-programme. Since ours is an integrated natural/organic/ biodynamic farm-to-fork enterprise, we believe that it would take a month to three month period for us to effectively impart knowledge and trade skills with the volunteers . We would like to invite volunteers on a Farm Tour initially to them an overview of what we do and understand their learning outcomes. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** :10. We have large shared rooms (gender segregated) in our farm quarters. Bathrooms/toilets are 20 feet away. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : Mushroom cultivation, ice-cream production, art/sculpture/landscaping projects, marketing, sales, and all organic-food related activities, the list is endless. We are happy to work on custom projects based on skill and experience of volunteers. **Expectations of work for volunteers** : 25 hours of work per week spread over 5 days. Anything else can be discussed. Volunteer will help with vegetable sorting, harvesting, helping to build raised beds (we have a mini tractor), planting, and assorted farm activities. **Is transportation available?** : Yes . We have a spare car at the farm. Also, the farm is connected on Uber as well as on regular buses to the city. **Languages spoken** : English Hindi Tamil Telugu **Can you host children or pets?** : yes **Special diets** : We are omnivores, but can easily accommodate vegetarian,vegan, gluten-free. Fresh salads are always on offer, plus local cuisine of rice/roti and different lentil and vegetable preparations. **And any other specifics for your farm** : We have volunteer opportunities on the farms, as well as the cafe (in the city). Contact us for details. Hyderabad

is a historic 14th century city <https://www.holidify.com/places/hyderabad/sightseeing-and-things-to-do.html>

IND 367 Farm name : VANIRAH FARM **Contact Name :** PAWAN PATHAK **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train) :** Post- Rikhau District-Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand. Buses are available from nearest city Dehradun till Damta.. Dehradun is easily accessible by train, bus and plane. Buses till Damta are available from Dehradun railway station.. **Occupation :** Farmer **Previous experience of organic farming / activities if any :** 3 years **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :** We are building this farm as a model organic farm and learning space for all farming enthusiast and specially for locals who are migration to cities at a rapid rate. I have background in Engineering and Environmental Management so I don't have official agriculture studies. All my learnings come from various volunteering opportunities I got in different organic farms across Europe and Asia. It was my long dream to start farming and I feel really lucky to find this beautiful place to start my work. We are growing apple , kiwi, peach, plum, citrus, Pomegranate, Pear, Herbs and crops for self sustainability. We are building food forest, raised vegetable garden , eco construction, compost toilet, ponds , swales and trenches. Farm is around 4 acres and we have around 400 old apple trees and we are adding various native and other fruit and nut trees to make it diverse organic farm. We practice permaculture principle and traditional Indian natural farming methods. We use local herbs as well as neem oil to control pests and prepare culture for boosting microorganisms in soil. We are in developing stage so lots of diverse activities follow up in farm. Soon we will be adding cow, horse and hens to the family and they will also make our compost pile rich. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming :** 1.5 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency :** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers :** 10 Days - 3 months **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time) :** 4 We have a traditional stone and mud house with 2 rooms available for volunteers and lots of camping places to pitch tents. We have few extra tents and sleeping bags if you need. We collect firewood from adjoining forest for cooking. We have compost toilet situated out of our house. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.) :** 1) We are working with rural community here so opportunity to build Market linkages for their produce and also promote homestays and responsible tourism .2) Skill building activities for kids in local government schools. Volunteers can use their building skills to create more sleeping places and also chicken house. Carpentry skills are highly desired. **Expectations of work for volunteers :** 1) Farm building activities 2) Taking care of orchard. 3) Weeding, Seeding. 4) General garden maintenance **Is transportation available? :** Public Transportation is available till Damta. We can pick up from there. We do have a car which is parked in nearby village and this can be used in case of Emergency. **Languages spoken :** Hindi/ English/Nepali/Punjabi **Can you host children or pets? :** Yes **Special diets :** We try to provide local grains and pulses like amaranth, barnyard millet, finger millet, horse gram, kidney beans etc. The food is mostly organic by default as it is mostly grown in farm or procured direct from neighbouring farm. **And any other specifics for your farm :** Farm is located at a 4 km trekk from the nearest village. We are at the top of mountain with a clear view of snow capped Himalayas, Forest, and lots of places from trekking. And lots of opportunities are there for cultural exchange. Tourist places like Chakrata, Mussurie, kempty falls and lakhamandal are nearby and day trip is possible to visit these places. There is famous trek called Nag Tibba(3015 metres ASL.) at trekking distance of 10 kms .

IND 368 Farm name : Natha Kendra **Contact Name :** Swami Omkar **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train) :** Coimbatore. Tamil Nadu. From Coimbatore town 22KM. From Train station take bus to Gandiphuram (2km) then take direct bus. From Airport taxi service are there. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :** We are Vedic Spiritual Community. 25 families are integrated to work towards community activities. We like to re-establish the vedic (old Indian method) of Agriculture. This method is much higher than organic farming. Organic farming will include natural manure and support. Vedic Agriculture will include planet based activity, energy

movements on fields, Mantra (Cosmic Sound influence) and Fire activities. Our most action towards farming will be based on Star, Sun and Moon positions based on Astrology. Natha Kendra is the only place working under Vedic Agriculture. Totally 5 acres of land, and 3.6 acres are cultivated different crops. Swami Omkar guiding this community using his Vedic Agriculture knowledge. Vegetable field- here we cultivate most vegetables for our usage, Herbal field – Here we grow herbs for our medical and healthy life style. Above mentioned fields are half acre. Millet and cow feed field is one acre. We are growing two millet for one session. We are having two seasons per year. Watermelon, Peanuts are seasonal crops for us (Jan and June). This seasonal crops we do in 2 acres. We have 15 cows, we use Pancha kavya and more natural fertilizer and Pest controls. We are totally use non-toxic pest control. More than 10 Bee houses are established around farm to get more natural honey. Our cultivations are used inside our community. We never sell outside or market. Its kind of integrated mutual farming ideas. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming :** Past 15 years. in this site past 3 years. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency :** We are the first in Vedic Agriculture. So we are only have the value to certify others in this methodology. Local Govt certified as Agriculture filed. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers :** Min 4 days and max as you wish. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time) :** We have dormitory for stay place. Its traditional thatch roof building with modern facilities. Two dormitory buildings one for men and other for women. More than 25 persons can stay in one dormitory. Common toilet complex located near stay place. Two bathrooms and two Indian toilets. Special tents are available in summer in our camping site. Simple farm stay buildings are there inside our place. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.) :** We do small traditional constructions in and around our farm. No need of construction skills. Need supportive hands to help. Documentations work for our Vedic agriculture and more our farm activities required no skills- just able to use computer. **Expectations of work for volunteers :** Cow management , Cow manure processing , Basic Farming activities – like Weeding/ irrigating etc.Cleaning and managing Agri storage place.Water management , Cooking for our community and helping others. **Is transportation available? :** Bikes, Motor Bikes available in location. car/taxi available for emergency. **Languages spoken :** English, Tamil and German **Can you host children or pets? :** Yes. **Special diets :** Natural Vegetable from our garden. Idly, Dosa and more south Indian based Vegetarian food we provide for volunteers. Note: its Spiritual place to follow vegetarian food and non toxic life style. **And any other specifics for your farm :** Its farm with Meditation and spiritual background. we are small Vedic community for sustainable living.Coimbatore city is 22 Km from our place. 50 KM Silent valley and more natural site seeing are located. Ooty is high lands located 90 km from Natha Kendra. Annaikatti.

IND 369 **Farm Name:** Amir's Apple Orchards **Contact Name:** Amir Farooq **Location:** District: Budgam, State: Jammu and Kashmir(the nearest airport is srinagar airport and also by road you can reach in trainuptojammu and from Jammu you can get a bus or taxi upto srinagar) **A brief description of organic activities:** All the volunteers would be asked to do farm related activities like manuring, looking after the farm, fencing, plucking and packaging of apples and storage. The farm is on 9 kanals of land and we only produce Apples there. We were into local varieties of apples but now I am introducing ultra high density varieties and all is done organically. We use non harmful fertilizers keeping in mind the health of people and environment. After the apples are ready to for plucking , we keep them on ground and then we start packing them in boxes and then we transport them to other parts of India.**How long have you been doing organic farming:** I have been doing it from past 4-5 years but my father has been doing it from past 25-30 years and the farm is more than 40 years old **Whether the farm is certified:** Yes it is certified by J&K horticulture department but not the organic certificate as here there is no ban on using harmful chemicals but we don't use them as believe both the individuals and the society should grow together and without affecting the society. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** Volunteers can come for as long as they want. We believe in complete freedom, so we don't keep time binding. **Accommodation:** 3 volunteers we can accommodate at one time. The

accommodation is inside the farm only. There is a small farm house with couple of rooms so Volunteers would be provided rooms with bathroom and kitchen. **Non farming activities:** Non farming activities involve care taking, cooking, watch keeping. Apple packaging would also include in this and it require packing skills which we can teach the volunteers. **Expectation of work for volunteers:** We treat everyone has a family. The volunteers wont be stressed but what is expected is that they should work with full zeal and motivation and should consider it as their own farm. Their is such no special skills required. They would be taught if something is there. **Is transportation available:** Yes. There is a local transport system which runs. And also I have my own vehicle which can be used in emergency. **Languages Spoken: English, Urdu, Hindi, Kashmiri** **Can you host Children or pets:** No **Special diets:** Someone on special diet can cook for himself or herself, materials would be provided. Local dishes that would be provided to the volunteers is Rice , dal, cheese, veggies, chicken, mutton. It would be on rotational basis **Other specifics of my Farm:** Kashmir is know as a tourist destination all over the world. All the famous tourist destinations are not far from the farm. Dal lake, mughal gardens, tulip garden all are located around 15 kms only. Also other famous places are also not that far.

IND 370 **Farm name :** Shree Ram Krushna Trust, Chintan Farm **Contact Name :** Mr. Jaydeep Solanki **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train) :** Shree Ram Krushna Trust, Block Bhuj, District Kutch, Gujarat, India **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :** Local Cow Based Organic Farming research and extension center. We are doing Cow based Organic Farming since 2001. Local vocational training, Artisans, Value addition. Panchgavya Products Animal fodder, All beans, Most of Fruits and Vegetables. We are giving free training on organic farming at every month for 3 days. Our goal is to spread ancient knowledge of Cow Based Organic Farming to make global natural harmony. The farm is 8 acres along with the trust campus premises; we have total 80 acres of cow based organic farming. We have started organic farming to demonstrate to the people that this is success model of agriculture since ancient time. We have started organic farming from 0 to 100. Here we grow crops like Wheat, Bajara, Jowar, corn, Mung bean, Cumin, Coriander, Traditional Cotton, Sunflowers, Groundnuts, Caster. We have our own recognition in our area so that we have advance orders to purchase before the crops grow and people are in wait list to purchase. We prepare most of all Liquid fertilizers and solid natural compost complete fertilizers like Jeevamrut, Beejamrut, Vermi compost , Cow dung compost, Biogas slurry compost etc to fertile our land. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming :** Since 2001 we are doing Cow Based Organic Farming. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency :** Certified by IMO, JATAN **Suggested length of stay for volunteers :** As per the requirement of volunteers. 4 to 5 days stay is suggested but if some volunteers want to stay for more days then it can be discussed and extend the stay here. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time) :** 5 to 10 volunteers are best but for more it can be discussed. we have two Hut type rooms built using limestone, pyramid shaped roof, cow dung plastered inside walls, attached western toilet, bathroom, a natural cool rooms in all seasons. We have two other rooms with roof tiles, cow dung plastered walls inside, attached Indian toilet, bathroom. We have other two rooms built using bamboos, grass roof, attached western toiled bathroom. We have two dormitory rooms for stay of 8 persons in each room, room with roof tiles, cow dung plaster inside, common toilet, bathroom. We have on big hall for stay of about 50 persons, common Indian-Western toilet, bathroom, cow dung plaster inside, sleeping on ground with mattress We have two tent rooms. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.) :** Panchagavya homemade cosmetics and medicines for human and farms also for pests control, Carpentry work, Blacksmith work, Pottery work, Cow dung crafts making, Vedic plaster, Color making etc are supportive activities being done here. **Expectations of work for volunteers :** Volunteers should physically work on the activities going on here, have hands on experience and live the nature for natural life to spread natural harmony. Our farm team is working on farm daily so volunteers can mix with the team and choose their work of interest in farming activities. **Is**

transportation available? : Yes, Government, Private, Train and Air ways are available for Bhuj-Kutch, Gujarat. During day time farm vehicle is available in case of any emergency. **Languages spoken** : Gujarati, Hindi and English. **Can you host children or pets?** : Children must come with their parents and pets not allowed. **Special diets** : Here is regular Gujarati food. Gujarati Veggies, Chapati, Rice, Daal, Jaggery, Buttermilk of Indian ancient cows, Poha, Traditional sweets on occasionally **And any other specifics for your farm** : Come and live with the nature in natural way. Nearby tourist places from our center, Village Bhujodi for traditional weaving of clothes, Museum, Vande Mataram Memorial, Organic fruit juices at Bhudia farm. About 10 kms. At Bhuj Aina Mahal (Palace), Museum, Swaminarayan Temple etc. About 15 kms. At Mandvi beach, Vijay Vilas Palace. About 70 kms White desert, Black hill, Ashapura Temple. About 100 kms

IND 371 **Farm name** : Aryan Eco Resort **Contact Name** : Rekha Mahajan **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : District-Jalgaon, State-Maharashtra. 306, Savkheda- 4 Kms from Jalgaon city (Maharashtra-425001) 200 Kms from Aurangabad, 8 hrs journey by train from Mumbai, Pune, Ahmedabad, Nagpur. Lot of trains & buses from all those metro cities to reach Jalgaon. Flights are from Mumbai to Aurangabad & from Aurangabad any one can come by bus or car its 2.5 hrs journey to reach our place. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Aryan Eco resort is 25 acres-certified organic farm situated on the bank of river Girna. Almost 30,000 plantation is done in the course of 15 years, it's a bio-diversity farm, different types of plantation is there like orchards, medicinal plants, ornamental plants, agro forestry, bamboo plan etc. 6 acres land is specially for organic vegetables & Grains. To grow all these plants. We made 2 acres, manmade lake under water conservation project. We are doing fish farming to get revenue from this farm & boating activity for tourist. After working as a doctor since last 30 years we found gradual increase in incidence of cancer, diabetes, hormonal imbalance, obesity, psychosomatic disorders. We think lifestyle is playing important role in all these problems, like abnormal eating habits absence of physical work and exercise, stress, chemically contaminated food by chemical & pesticides. To deal with such problems we have started feeling to create role model for ourself & society, with lot passion, hard work, & enthusiasm. we developed "Aryan Eco Resort" our theme is **Relax, Rejuvenate, Reconnect**, 1) We are trying to give- chemical free & most natural & organic food, pesticides free vegetables grains & fruits. 2) We made bio-fertilizers & vermicompost from our own biowaste. 3) We organize organic farming training workshops for our workers & we implement them in our resort. 4) To keep physical & mental health good, green gym facility is there & we conduct yoga & Meditation workshops under guidance of our dynamic yoga expert Ms. Anusha mahajan to make a positive impact on the environment Society & economy. Our resort is taken care by local Adivasi tribals from nearby villages, they are very good artisans, they make handicrafts from bamboo & wood. with their help we conduct workshops for students also. main objective of this project is to develop sustainable tourism by involving local commi=unities & create employment generation for locals, to give healthy food & healthy lifestyle to our society. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : Since 2014 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : certified agency- Lacron (accreditation no under NPOP / NAB/ 006 **Suggested length of stay for**

volunteers : Minimum 4 to 5 Days max= 4 weeks **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : at one time 15 volunteers we can accommodate in resort. we have 4 types of accommodation 1) Rustic cottage (AC)- Accommodate 2 pax with attach toilet 2) Rustic villas (AC) - Accommodate 4 pax with attach toilet 3) Swiss tents :- (AC)- Accommodate 3 pax with attach Toilet. 4) Eco Huts- Non Ac - Non attach toilet. Eco huts is a affordable accommodation made of bamboo with local material, for students, Nature lover & anyone who wishes too have simplistic living, experience, can stay in this type of accommodation. These eco-Huts are constructed using bamboo which are cultivated on the farm & made by our local tribal Artisans, for Eco huts toilet block is separately. **Non-farming opportunities / activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.):** Volunteers can work in Landscaping, construction of Mudhouse, bamboo house, creating walkways, Bamboo Fencing, making tree house. We also have free space for volunteers who have environmental background to conduct their projects or experiments. July to Jan we host residential camping trips for schools & Day trips (environmental) for schools. Volunteer can take educational activity through games & can interact with kids. They can work with local communities on sustainable living. volunteers can help in hospitality section of resort like communications, documentation, event management, family & photographers etc. **Expectations of work for volunteers** : These Type of Farming activities will be for volunteers. Cutting, weeding, ploughing, sowing, harvesting. To work in Vermicompost & Bio-fertilizers making project, Tree plantation, mulching .We have Live stocks like bullocks, cows, Horse, Emu & many birds. They can take care of birds, animals & their feeding. Working hours will be 4 to 5 hrs per day. There are lots of opportunities for adventure lovers, we have flying fox activity, Boating, Rain dance, Bullock kart ride & 17 high rope activities For them & beautiful swimming pool is there. **Is transportation available?** :Yes , We have our own vehicle. **Languages spoken** : Hindi, English, Marathi. **Can you host children or pets?** : No **Special diets** : We will provide you local nutritious dishes like kheer, puranpoli, bhakari, bhari etc. you are free to cook yourself in our kitchen. We **And any other specifics for your farm** : We have 4G Connectivity. Medical Assistance is available for 24 hrs. One more imp thing- Famous world heritage site Ajanta caves are 60 km away from our resort, we can arrange their visit for volunteer to give wonderful opportunities to see these beautiful caves

IND 372 **Farm name** :Divya Vatika **Contact Name** :Chaitanya Nayyar **Email** :chaitanyanayyar@gmail.com **Phone Number** :9097454211 **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** :Shanti Mandir, Village - Magod, Mahafalia, Post - Atul, District - Valsad, Gujarat - 396020. Volunteers can reach Valsad Station and then take private or shared auto-rickshaw. **Occupation** :Bio-Dynamic Farmer **Previous experience of organic farming / activities if any** :Organic farming gives relishing and nutritious food **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** :Fencing, watering, drip irrigation, weeding, ploughing, flower plucking, compost making. There are various plantation in patches inside a serene and holy atmosphere of 23 acres. We started vegetable and fruits crops plantation for in-house consumption and have a vision to expand the reach of same to nearby areas, we already use cow dung slurry as fertilizer along with ancient medicines which are bio-dynamically and organically prepared to control pests. Thus, with great love and respect all are welcome. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : since 2008 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** :No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** :5 days **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** :100 volunteers can be easily accommodated. Mostly accommodation is allotted on twin or triple sharing basis. Dormitory accommodation on request basis. Volunteers are welcome to bring their own tents for a harmonious and nature-loving feel. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :Welding - Electrode welding, Sculpture Restoration - Painting and Oiling, Carpentry - Furniture Making, Solar Energy - Solar plant maintenance, Bio-gas plant operations **Expectations of work for volunteers** :Enjoy your work and your work will be

best. Fencing, watering, drip irrigation, weeding, ploughing, flower plucking, compost making **Is transportation available?** :Public transportation available that is shared auto-rickshaw. In case of emergency on farm MD doctor along with ayurvedic or allopathic treatment is available along with an ambulance. **Languages spoken** :English, Hindi, Spanish, Punjabi, Sanskrit and Gujarati **Can you host children or pets?** :Yes **Special diets** :Non spicy is available everyday. Local delicacies like alphonso mango sweet or sour pickle, alphonso mangos and their pulp in month of May and June, year round organic chickoo, papaya and banana, Daily twice lemon-grass tea made from Desi cow A2+ milk served while A2+ milk and Clarified butter (golden ghee) available on payment basis. On special occasions Indian sweets will be served. **And any other specifics for your farm** :Tithal Beach (Arabian Sea) at 2km distance along with Govt. maintained lighthouse, Ganeshpuri - place of spiritual and cultural importance have hot spring baths round the year - Tour package available. Statue of Unity at Vadodara (3 hrs car travel distance), Surat - city of sun 1 hrs distance which is hub for diamond polishing and textile industry, Ankleshwar (2 hrs)- Reliance Petroleum Industry, Mumbai (3 hrs)- Economic capital of India

IND 373 **Farm name** : Atmatrupti **Contact Name** : Tushar **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : Khawali Taluka- Sudhagad District- Raigad MAHARASHTRA My land is located in a between Mumbai and Pune. . **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : For last 4 years I am practicing organic farming doing eco architecture. I have done so many projects in different states in India like, terrace garden, composting, vegetables farming. After two years of learning / studying Eco--architecture , I started my own project on my family land. I also have experience with snake catching. The current project is to create a self growing organic farm using local & natural materials like stone, bamboo, mud, grass and many more obtained in the wild. The farm is divided into two parts, one being the residential zone where you reside, chill, make music, hold discussions and sleep in the eco-friendly Geo-Dome (made out of bamboo and hey grass). Second zone being the earth friendly organic farm which has different veggies, fruits and pulses according to season. Organic farming is a slow-yield process, it would be really helpful if the volunteer can help me with the basic amenities provided in the farm to keep the earth friendly place alive for the next person who visits. I have 2.5 Acer off land. I am practicing farming in different ways in summer I have planted flowers and vegetables, in winter we grow pulses and in rainy session rice and vegetables. I am using cow dung, goat dung, cow urine and compost only.. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : Since 2015 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : Minimum 7 days and maximum how many days they want. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : 5 to 6 persons can be accommodated . The newly constructed house being a traditional tribal hut. We have Karvi house made by local Karavi grass, mud and cow dung, also we have beds which we can put under the open sky with mosquito net. We have toilets and attached bathrooms. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : Volunteers with the organic farming or the earth friendly constructions. This place is always open for new, creative and innovative methods and ideas of farming and building. Eco friendly construction, tourist guide, yoga, meditation. Expectations of work for volunteers : Volunteers will work 5 hours a day for 5 days in a week. Specific timings can be decided personally. Farm work includes making saplings, weeding, digging watering the plants. **Is transportation available?** : Yes I have a bike and in village have transportation available. City is only 7 km far from my place **Languages spoken** : Marathi, Hindi, English **Can you host children or pets?** : No children because no electricity at the farm. Pets is ok. **Special diets** : My mom , my wife and me like cooking we make dishes like chapati, Curry's dhals and poori. If you have any allergy to any kind of food or water, please let me know in advance, so that we can organize nutritious, organic food yet non allergic food specially for you **And any other specifics for your farm** : It is a small village where you can see clear skies in the day and spot constellations at night. Its a good spot for bird watchers. The areas vegetation is open scrub land and there is a nice flourishing river next to my farm. semi wild

cowherd passes by everyday and wild Indian animals can be spotted. People who struggle to find peace in their city life can makethis their Dojo/Ashram for meditation. My village is quite with the rich village Culture still intact. I would also request the volunteers to share theircultures and way of living or even leave a momento of their culture in my heterogeneous land . No drugs, no plastic, no electricity on the farm but you can use my parents house for everything Some RULES to follow! The best would be to avoid generating any inorganic waste but I would request everyone to avoid plastic and inorganic wastes. Also, excessive noise after a certain time at night would disturb the villagers who sleep early and wake early. If you are still awake after sunset don't walk without torch. There are some creepers and crawlers you don't want to step on. Sometimes I cant open this website on my mobile, for this I have to go to the cyber cafe. It is nice if you send me msg or whatsapp me. Its very easy for me to contact you.

IND 374**Farm name :** The Belgadia Palace **Contact Name :** Mrinalika M BhanjDeo**Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train) :** There are regular buses from Kolkata and BhubaneswarClosest train stations to the farm are Rupsa Station & Balasore station (about an hour away from the farm). The above stations can be reached from Kolkata and Bhubaneswar.**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :** Total area of the farmland – 4 acres. Important sectors we focus on – 1.Pomology 2.Floriculture 3.Holistic Horticulture Fruit Crops- Mango, Litchi, Tomatoes.mVegetable Crops- Okra, Brinjal, Chilly, Cauliflowers, Cabbage. SMART GOALS- All our goals are **S**pecific, **M**easurable, **A**chievable, **R**elevant and **T**ime line based. By 2024 achieve the status of going completely organic based farming techniques like going to have a completely chemical free produce. By 2025 increase the productivity of the farmland by doubling the results from the initial output. Work on Integrated Pest Management, Integrated Nutrition Management to make the place completely sustainable and ecologically viable. Decrease the Carbon Foot Print and increase Carbon Hand Print. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming :** Since 2017 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency :** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** 4-5 days to 3 months **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time) :** 4 to 5. Single occupancy style rooms with attached bath. We have 6 such rooms. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.):** Build boundary walls, Cleaning the campus, Do village surveys, mowing the hedges, cleaning pathways, cooking in the kitchen, cultural/heritage walks on the town, Guided tour of the property and farmland **Expectations of work for volunteers:** To work in Nutritional Garden.Growing crops, Harvesting crops,Finding a proper market to sell the product and help in revenue generation, Help in achieving the desired SMART goals,Adopt sustainable development initiatives. **Is transportation available? :**No **Languages spoken :** English, Hindi, Odia, Nepali, Bengali (conversational) **Can you host children or pets? :** Yes **Special diets :** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner to be given in the campus premises. Puffed rice with meat, fried potatoes in nepali style, chickpeas dal (with salt and sweet flavours), minced vegetable fritter, fish in mustard sauce, different herb fritter from the farm, Cheese dessert **And any other specifics for your farm :** Lulung, Khiching ,Devkund, Similipal tiger Reserve Local artisan villages- Dokra (metal casting), sabai grass (similar to bamboo products), stone carvers (black granite stone carving)

IND 375**Farm name :**Village Farm Volunteers**Contact Name :**C M Dubey**Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train) :**District- Chandauli ,Uttar Pradeshbuses avialable from Varanasi. UP .**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :** If anyone dreams about seeing a country from a different angle, be more than just another tourist, experience the everyday, 'real' India, India as Indian people do, then coming to the country side is a perfect way to do so. Me and my family own a small farm, 35 km from the city of Varanasi, with lots of greenery and lovely rice fields and other vegetables that we grow. Our modest home has a garden with mango trees and own few cows for milk that live in the backyard. We have pets as cows and we pet them and we take care of them and milk them as well , we have seasonal crop like in the mansion we grow rice and in the winter we grow wheat and lentils etc and seasonal vegetables and we

use this for our daily food . We have a small farm of 4.5 acre farm , and we work in the field and this is our survival . We depends on them . We dnt have other income source . We can grow food and we use this whole year . It's totally eco system , we can get everything from this whatever we need for our daily life. It's a natural place ,it's a rural area and we love to be here because we are not use to be in big cities etc.**How long you have been doing Organic Farming** :Since 2009 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** :No**Suggested length of stay for volunteers** :I am sure that people will love to stay here as long as they can do so there are no boundation of staying period, you can stay minimum 2 days and maximum as you can manage . We will love your long company as well..**Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** :5 Guests would share rooms with 2-3 others or have the option to sleep outside, under the sky, and we will provide the bed called 'khat' or use their own tent or sleeping bag. Our place is simple and toilet is basic, Indian style, and will be shared with family. Shower is also simple but this is a good way to understand the village way of life**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :Painting, building, gardening,etc . We can do other types of activities so they can learn other skills and help our fellow villagers. People here are nice and don't get the chance to see others from different countries in the world so they will be very happy and excited to meet them. Guests can also share their own skills with us, so we can make this a great learning experience that everyone can benefit from .**Expectations of work for volunteers** :Friendly behaviour, ability to stay with a family . Guests will work in the fields with us helping us with the crops and vegetables,me ,my family and villagers are curious to know lots of things whatever they dnt know and we will appreciate your work . If you feel like not working in the field always,you will have more options such as painting in the old wall, planting in our garden and our village , you can also teach languages, you can also build something for housing like mud cottage etc ,we can provide you things you need and we will be always there for your help..**Is transportation available?** :Bus is available but you have to pay your transportation. we have motorcycle, bicycles and in emergency some people have cars so no worries about transportation..**Languages spoken** :Hindi, English, Bhojpuri**Can you host children or pets?** :Yes**Special diets** :Rice and dal with vegetables,chapati. Local food from village .We're a vegetarian family and respect all lives so our guests will receive such meals every time. we have all local food such as rice and dal curry , chapati. Sometimes we can gather together and cook some local dishes like "Litti chokha" , etc. You can also teach how to cook your food as well and I am sure we will love it..**And any other specifics for your farm** :It's not a touristic area. It is situated 35 km far away from touristic culity Varanasi. . There is no commitment here, only good time, it's all for fun and experience. It's like an exchange cultural program that leaves everyone full of memories... big tourist attraction is the city of temple Varanasi which is 35 km away from our place . But we have lots of greenery, villages,some famous temple . You can lend the bicycle and go around

IND 376 **Farm name** : Haribagh **Contact Name** : Manan Rathore **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : The farm is about 30-km from Jaipur. Rajasthan The farm can be reached easily by road. There is public transport (change of two buses required) from Jaipur, Rajasthan's capital city. It takes about an hour to reach the farm from Jaipur. The closest train stations are Bassi and Kanota, both about 10 km or 30 minutes away. Private transport (cars / motor-bike) can be arranged at ease. **Occupation** : Farming & Livestock **Previous experience of organic farming / activities if any** : While new to farming, we've been involved full-time with farming since 2018. We try and blend traditional wisdom with the advances in science so we can rejuvenate the soil, grow organic produce and host guests. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : We are currently experimenting with different schools of natural chemical-free farming and adopting philosophies that best suit our land and climate. The 8-acre farm includes: 1. Inter-cropped vegetable patch 2. A young fruit orchard 3. A Moringa plantatio 4. Open fields for millet, wheat and peanut cultivation We also aim to set up a small herb garden and design a small food forest near the fruit orchard while adapting from the schools

of agroforestry and permaculture. No chemicals are brought in to the farm. We don't bring any additives from outside and use only organic manure, cow urine (gaumutra) and farm-made concoctions using neem and garlic leaves etc to nurture the soil and boost plant health. Natural neem sprays made on the farm help lower pest damage while we also emphasise on intercropping and adding natural wind-breakers. At another smaller farm of ours, about 6-km from this one, we keep maintain livestock - mostly goats and kadaknath chicken - all kept cage free, and provided access to the open fields and fed fresh grown fodder. Our produce is sold at the Farmer's Market of Jaipur - a growing community of organic growers and buyers, and also passed on to traders for home delivery in the city. We are exploring avenues to create naturally processed products using the farm produce that can be marketed in and around the city. Assistance with marketing is welcome as well. The farm is run and managed by me. A former engineer and journalist, I got into organic farming full-time in 2018 with a desire to grow food sustainably, to minimise our environmental impact while improving health and wellness. Building a sustainable business with a social enterprise at heart is a goal too. The slow life, as they say, also was a draw - like Masanobu Fukuoka wrote, "The ultimate goal of farming is not the growing of crops, but the cultivation and perfection of human beings." **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : Since August 2018. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : Not certified as yet, but we've applied to register as an organic grower as part of our local organic farming community soon. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : 3 days to 2 months **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : Two to three (on sharing basis) volunteers for now. The accommodation currently is in individual rooms, but does not have an attached bath. These are rooms with all basic amenities. Starting August-September, we'll add more comfortable lodging space - especially with attached baths. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : We've recently begun an alternative construction project at the farm as we build new rooms using rammed-earth, lime and sustainable building techniques. Some old mud walls are also being restored. We also aim to add solar power generation and amplify our efforts towards rain water harvesting. **Expectations of work for volunteers** : To contribute while learning actively in the regular and experimental farm chores, including working on the soil, watering, weeding (where required), planning new sowing, sowing, pruning, harvesting, working on new natural concoctions, seed saving, composting etc. While construction is on, would be happy to have volunteers assist with alternative building techniques as well, under supervision from experts in the field. And at the end of day, it's a farm, so there may be lots more happening that they volunteering help is welcome for - cooking, storing, cleaning tanks, feeding chicken and goats and lots more. **Is transportation available?** : While public transport is available from the city to the farm (change of bus required), booking a taxi is easy as well at nominal rates. We can arrange transport as and when required too. Could be a car ride, a bike ride or sometimes even a tractor ride! **Languages spoken** : English, Hindi, Marwari (local Rajasthani language) **Can you host children or pets?** : More the merrier. Children are welcome with parents, and pets with owners too, but only with prior information and with the parents taking full responsibility for their care, with special attention from us of course. We rather encourage children to explore the farm under supervision and (re)connect and learn about the ways of nature and to see where their food comes from. **Special diets** : While dal, baati and choorma is a typical regional dish in Rajasthan, we also have on offer other local curries like rabodi (papadum in curry), gatta and kadi along with seasonal vegetables cooked in the local style and served with pearl millet roti and rice. With prior information, we can arrange for other special diets as well. **And any other specifics for your farm** : The farm is located 30-km from Jaipur, a big tourist centre. Jaipur is home to some of the most magnificent forts (Amber, Nahargarh and Jaigarh), palaces and museums. The city is also the gateway to the other rich places in Rajasthan. Agra, famous for the Taj Mahal, is about 220-km from the farm and Bharatpur, which houses a bird sanctuary, is about 130-km away. Apart from these, the villages in the immediate neighbourhood have a few interesting temples and homes, some with unique Rajasthani architecture. The handcrafts and textile

pieces may also be of interest, along with the famous gems industry of Jaipur.

IND 377 Farm name :The Athops Farm **Contact Name :**Prashanth Venkataramana **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train) :**Coimbatore District, Tamil Nadu. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :**The farm is about 9 acres big and is blessed with water flowing from a perennial river that borders the farm. My grandfather used to grow paddy, bananas and mangoes on the same farm while my uncle planted coconut trees that are now 40 years old. I have recently planted about 150 Avocado trees, the first in the region. As I run a startup that has recently moved on to an expansion phase I am unable to spend time on the farm. We are also constructing a farm house on the property and the volunteer can also monitor the last phase of the construction activity. The neighbours are my aunts and we also have a beautiful tank and the farm gets peacocks through the day. I have maintained the farm as fully organic for the past 10 years. I use bone meal and cow dung for manure and sticker sheets to prevent white fly infestation. I have also started using bacteria based fertilisers for the past one year. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming :**10 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency :**No. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers :**Flexible from a minimum of 4 days to a maximum of 50 days. 30 days would be appreciated. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time) :**A room in a house about 40 km away or a room in a house at the neighbours based on their discretion. A building is under construction and volunteers are welcome to camp here. A room with attached bath in a traditional house with a ceiling fan. No wifi and limited mobile signal. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/restoration project, alternative energy, etc.) :**Final phase of construction and interior work of a farm house being built. Opportunity to clean up a community used portion of the river front and set up dust bins and seating for the community. **Expectations of work for volunteers :**Fertilising of Avocado trees, Planting of mango, papaya and areca nut saplings. Construction of a deck or a jetty by the river. **Is transportation available? :**Yes. On request - motorcycle or car. **Languages spoken :**English and Tamil. **Can you host children or pets? :**Yes if necessary. **Special diets :**Free South Indian meals through the day. Breakfast: Idli, Dosa, Pooori Lunch: Rice and Sambhar, Biryani Dinner: Chapati and lentils or chicken curry. Chicken and Mutton will be served. **And any other specifics for your farm :**The farm itself is very scenic and is probably the perfect place for a resort. Nearby is Valparai, Kodaikanal and Ooty. Also not too far away is Kerala and the Isha Yoga Center.

IND 378 Farm name : The Odd Gumnut Permaculture Farm **Contact Name :** Laura + Kunal Khanna **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train) :** Dist: Satara, Maharashtra 412805. You can reach by bus from Mumbai or Pune or by car. **Occupation :**Permaculture Farmers, Teachers & Designers **Previous experience of organic farming / activities if any :** We have been involved in agriculture for years, but always on a backyard garden scale in Melbourne, Australia (where we previously spent the last decade living); this land, 1/2 acre, is our first time farming a larger plot. But we have both studied Permaculture. We have lots to teach and also lots to learn! **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :** We are The Odd Gumnut Permaculture Farm. A couple of Indian-Australian-American hybrids living the natural life on our 1/2 acre plot in the beautiful Sahyadri Range (Western Ghats) in Maharashtra, India. We're the globe-trottin' type and bring the world's seeds, artifacts, guests, ideas, and experiences to our land. The Odd Gumnut is a homestead, permaculture farm, production house and workshop space. We are at the beginning stages of our working our land, so there is lots to do and create! Ongoing work is maintaining the veggie garden, food forest, compost, nursery, and creative/decorative projects. We are also always producing -- peanut butter, kombucha, seed packages, granola, teas etc. Our upcoming 2019 projects are: -Build a cob oven -Build a chicken coop -Build a greenhouse -Establish a rain water harvesting system -Lay drip irrigation -Fix up/paint/decorate a small house for volunteers -Build a composting toilet We would LOVE anyone that knows about natural building/bamboo building to help us with a structure! Or any general construction knowledge, you are needed! **How long you have**

been doing Organic Farming : We have been doing organic farming for years in Australia (our other home), but have only just started this property here in 2018. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : Not certified **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : 1 week at least; otherwise its completely negotiable. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : Types of Accommodation: 1. In our house in the spare room (can fit 2) 2. In tents in the front lawn (we have 1 large tent, you can also provide your own) 3. In a room for volunteers just outside our main house. (we are currently fixing this up to make is nicer! this is one of our ongoing projects). **Food: Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : Creative Projects: -Painting murals/art on walls -Tiling/Mosaic Building: -carpentry skills to build chicken coop, green house, tool shed etc -If you have the skills, we could build a bamboo structure together -Carpentry for composting toilet (structure, roof, etc) Permaculture Skills: If you are trained Permaculturist and/or designer, you may have the opportunity to participate in leading workshops/classes and participating in creating designs for other farmers. **Expectations of work for volunteers** : No real skills required to stay, but an enthusiastic and hard-working attitude is a must. We will work Monday-Friday from morning to late afternoon, with pauses for tea, coffee, lunch etc. Evenings and weekends are totally free. Kunal and I usually build a bonfire, eat a nice meal, read some books etc and on the weekends go to Mumbai, Pune, or go trekking and hiking and exploring. **Is transportation available?** : We can pick you up from the Panchgani bus stop. There is ample transportation from any major urban hub -- Mumbai, Pune, Goa **Languages spoken** : English, Hindi, Marathi, a little Spanish **Can you host children or pets?** : Sure. Yes we can accommodate. Just let us know what your expectations are to make it a comfortable **Special diets** : We will feed you delicious food three times a day with chai/coffee etc. We eat a lighter breakfast (eggs, smoothie, toast etc) with a coffee/chai and head out for farm work, then come in around 2 pm for a big delicious long lunch (seasonal sabji, daal, rice, roti etc), have some kind of afternoon chai, then usually have a lighter dinner around 7 or 8 pm. We cook and eat only vegetarian food but are not STRICT vegetarians, it is just our preference. We have no rules for volunteers about bringing meat onto the farm to eat. **And any other specifics for your farm** :We are at the beginning of the project and its a very exciting time to be involved! Can't wait to host you. Panchani and Mahabaleshwar is located in the Sayadhri ranges in Maharashtra. Mahabaleshwar is 12 kms from the farm and is a tourist hotspot with lush forests, waterfalls, incredible biodiversity, and an all round the year cool weather. Panchgani named after the plateaus that surround it has the 2nd largest plateau in Asia with a diameter of 4 kms also known as table land. There are a range of tourist activities from hiking, to mountain biking and exploring the many hills that we are surrounded by. We are looking for awesome guests -- people who are excited about life, open minded, positive, and have gifts to share -- be it food, music, natural building, farming, art etc.

IND 379 **Farm name** : Kalari Kshetram (ayurvedic & kalari traditional massage wellness centre and school of yoga, kalari martial art and massage, reiki, meditation, herbal and healing products, farming and cow valuable products, diagnosing methods of nadi tounge etc..we are provide like as our traditional gurukula system for wwoofers) **Contact Name** : Shajil Sivaram -**Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : Kizhupillikkara near thriprayar temple , 20 minutes from Thrissur railway station, Thrissur district(TCR), Kerala state, Thrissur to thriprayar by taxi or bus. from bus stop walkable distance to farm. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects goals, etc.)** Our land is located in a village near a river, and a natural pool is situated on our farm. Our gaushala operates here and on nearby plots, which are just 3 minutes away by motorbike. We have approx. 12 cows of native breeds. We are trained in Panchgavya techniques (ancient medicinal methods using cow products and herbal products). We want to share this healing knowledge with those who are interested. We make traditional ayurvedic medicines and health products. WWOOFERS may assist preparations of our natural products and they can involve yoga, kalari, massage, meditation and pranayama and we serve as national sports yoga coaches and judges - loves to cook and share traditional foods. Shajil has many

years training in, and currently practices Kalari, Ayurvedic massage and local botanical healing methods and people's will regularly visit and stay at treatment centre for healing. We are previously done farming using the techniques of zbnf(zero budget natural farming), Our farm grows a wide variety of fruits and vegetables for our personal needs, including coconut, nutmeg, rambutan, mangosteen, rose apple, Nendran banana, Charappoovan banana, Mysore banana, Njali Poovan, Kadali banana, Poovan banana, small orange, four types of jackfruit, six types of mangoes, papaya, small lime, and pickle lime. Additionally, we cultivate vegetables like moringa, taro, yam, tamarind, curry leaves, aloe vera, ginger, turmeric, pepper, green chili, spinach, and more. We also nurture over thirty medicinal plants on our farm **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : Since 2013. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : We do not have any certification, however we are committed to use only the most natural ingredients in all that we do. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : 5 to 30 days **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : 1-4 persons can be comfortably accommodated in our home (farm). They will have 3 bedrooms (1double bed) with attached common bathroom, a single bed in the living room (using the common bathroom). These rooms are in the same home where host is staying. We welcome them to live with us, in our home. We want the volunteers to experience a real traditional village life, while maintaining their comfort and wifi is available. All year welcome to our farm. The region receives about 151.8 to 361.8 mm rain per annum mostly between June and October. The temperature varies between 16 to 36 C. rainy (Jun-august), winter (sep -feb) & summer (april-May). **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : -We also offer training in Kalari healing massage (fee based training for very serious students only- enquire for details) and we provide free massage for wwoofers like relaxation massage, deep tissue massage, flexibility massage, thanthra massage 5 days for one month. **Expectations of work for volunteers** : 4 hours per day with cow tending, photography ,website maintaining, editing vedios and photos and traditional medicine preparations like massaging medicinal oil preparation, chyavanprash, lehyam, nasyam, ghee,thrifala, etc.. all work will change by the people's enquiry. **Is transportation available?** : Public transportation is available (buses), you can hire taxi and auto riksha, we get 24 hours ambulance service near the farm and there is one motor bike for necessary use. **Languages spoken** : English, Malayalam, Tamil, Hindi can be fluently spoken,. **Can you host children or pets?** : No pets but children's are welcome. **Special diets** : Vegetarian meals We serve. In morning we can provide fruit, oats ,bread or millet health drink. Only simple seasonal vegetarian food is available like as kerala and tamil style traditional food(food provided will be changed according to season and weather). The food is mainly rice & vegetable based and little spicy. For those interested in non-vegetarian food, it is available outside the farm. Clean drinking water is from an open well, distilled bottle water and A2 buttermilk when available. **And any other specifics for your farm** : Nearby are several ancient temples, beaches on the Arabian Sea, Athirappilly water falls and marottichal, thriprayar boat drive and the city of Thrissur known for festivals(world famous elephant festival and elephant camp sanctuary at punnathoor palace and carnivals throughout the year. (The biggest festival is Thrissur Pooram in April/May)

IND 380 **Farm name** Isha Dairy and Organic Farm **Contact name** Ananta Putel and Rajesh Bhatt **Location (address and description of land)** Bageshwar Uttarakhand Pin : 263641We are a small family and living on around 1 acre of cultivatable land in Kumaon region of Uttarakhand and we also have a dairy farm with 10 cows. Our land is divided into farm land and a living area. Our living area is surrounded by many fruit trees. The soil is mixed red and black soil. Weather becomes cold from December to February otherwise we have very pleasant weather most part of the year. It is a quiet village which is very close to the nature surrounded by gentle hills and agricultural field. We also run a school for unprivileged children from the region, such as orphans, girls, and children from poor families. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We mainly cultivate for our own consumption at the moment. However, our goal is to make a living from organic farming, i.e. sale of our own farm products. Among the plants we cultivate vegetables

(spinach, pumpkins, lentils (dhal), ladyfinger, tomatoes, cucumbers, and more) along with staple crops (rice and wheat), and fruit like peach, plums and pears. We use only organic seeds and manure/compost instead of chemical fertilizer. We also have small dairy farm with 10 cows and we use cow manure to for cultivation. Vegetable cultivation is done throughout the year. From December to March, there is the cool season where the wheat work has to be done. In the summer season from June to August is harvesting time for fruits and rice. The rainy season from July to November is paddy (rice) cultivation time. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming 2014 Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency No. Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum: 1 week Maximum: 4 weeks **Accommodations (number and type)** We can host a maximum of 4 volunteers at a time in one of our guest rooms at first floor of the living house which offer beds and mattresses, electricity, and mosquito nets in front of the window. We recommend bringing mosquito nets for the bed and a torch for power cuts. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** There are always construction works to be done, e.g. a store room, drain, cow shelter, and a new living house and construction of eco-friendly school building. During the fruit season, we need help with making pickles and jam. For those who enjoy working with young children there is always something to do in the school, too. We would be very happy to receive people with organic farming experience who can share their knowledge with us. If you are good at handicrafts (painting, carpentry, mechanical work...) we will sure find an interesting task for you. Artists (dancers, musicians...) and sportsmen are also very welcome, especially if you feel you can pass on some of your knowledge to the children in school. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Works for volunteers are varied, for example taking care of cows, making of organic compost, gardening activities like watering and removing weed, reforestation, planting and harvesting and our future water conservation project. We expect volunteers to work six days a week from Monday to Saturday 6 hours per day: 8 – 12 and 3 – 5. Sundays are free. **Is transportation available?** We have one train station: Kathgodam (KGM) 6 hours by taxi cost 400 per person or public bus cost Rs 350 per person. Trains are there from major cities of India. We have also an airport at Pant Nagar and we have frequent flight from Delhi and other major cities. From Pant Nagar our place is 7 hrs journeys by taxi or bus. In case medical emergency, there is a good hospital in Baijnath which is 2kms away from our farm and District Hospital with specialized doctors in Bageshwar which is 17kms away from our farm. We have our own van always available to carry the patients to hospital. In case of other emergency, there are numbers taxis available in our locality which can transport to Haldwani or Kathgodam and also if needed our van can also be used for emergency transportation. **Languages spoken** Hindi, English and French and local Kumaoni **Can you host children or pets?** Children are welcome (up to two). Please consider that we live in simple conditions which might be difficult for smaller children. No pets possible. (We have 1 dogs, 10 cows, 10 calves. **Special diets** The volunteers will be provided free of cost local vegetarian food 3 times a day as our gratitude to their help in our farm. Breakfast: Mostly Chapti/Paratha and vegetables sometimes bread/ eggs/ butter/j am Lunch: Rice, Dal (lentils), vegetables, salads and curd Dinner: Chapti, Vegetables and Milk **And any other specifics for your farm** Our aim is to live a life in quest for truth, or in other words, away from the business world that we used to be a part of. We are convinced that our activities here will contribute to making the world a better place. Several activities are possible, for example participating in the daily yoga and meditation lesson. Those who are interested in trekking and hiking in the Himalayan Hills, we will be happy organize it for them but the cost has to be borne by the participants. **Places Tourist Interests: Kausani 20kms away from farm:** A backpacker's happy place and a writers dreamland, **Kausani** is one such village of Uttarakhand which is also enjoying its stature as a quaint hill station. Cradled under the sheath of the crimson sun and the dark green hills, Kausani is known for offering a panoramic view of the massive Himalayan peaks such as Trishul, Nanda Devi, and the mighty Panchachuli peaks. Mahatma Gandhi once said Kausani is Switzerland of India. Here he had written his Anashakti Gita. Other places **Baijnath Temple , Chaukori , Pindari Glacier Roopkund**

IND 381 Farm name :VJ Organic Farms**Contact Name :**Vasant Jante **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train) :**Dist Latur, Maharashtra. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :**Vasant Jante, an Organic Farmer from the Village Hadoli in Latur District of Maharashtra After having spent 30 years in the media and publishing business, having created successful brands, I finally decided to go back to my grass roots with farming - a passion I have always nurtured. In 2015 I got into organic farming after looking at the soil conditions and the water problems. With a family owned-land of 12 acres and adding another 12 acres, I finally took the plunge. With a view to fighting input cost and changing the mindset of fellow farmers, I began planting trees and created a fruit forest. Currently I have 300+ trees of rich biodiversity. The journey of course has been full of challenges, the most difficult one being the mindset of people in the farming sector. During the 1st three years, there was zero success with converting any farmer and I had to rely on just my own 12 acres of land. But over three years I continued working closely with farm wastes, creating composts and liquid fertilizers with animal wastes (cow dung and urine) as inputs for farm. In 2019 I entered Bangalore with farm produce sourced from 12 acres of land and again, had to face all kinds of challenges. It is obvious that just good and honest organic produce is not enough. One needs a certification and a brand too. Jivan Organic is my 1st B2B customer in Bangalore, apart from few from my society. Today I am working on my certification and branding, so that as an organic farmer I can stand on own leg and make a difference to those 24 farmers who have joined me in 2019 and who are equally committed to organic farming. A new journey just started and I hope that with more like-minded people joining in, we can make a difference to what we grow and eat.**How long you have been doing Organic Farming :**From 2015**Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency :**This under certification from 2019 with Aditi Organic certification Bangalore**Suggested length of stay for volunteers :**6-7 days **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time) :**5 volunteers can be accommodated at ones. Proper farm house with attach wash room.**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.) :**Farm fencing/ water harvesting, river cleaning**Expectations of work for volunteers :**Weed removing, compost application, natural liquid sprays**Is transportation available? :**We have car at farm as transport available in farm in case of emergency**Languages spoken :**English, Hindi, Marathi**Can you host children or pets? :**Yes**Special diets :**Milletts like Lowar, Bajara, Ragi and local grown vegetables. Roti with Dal and vegetable Roti with besan Subji and Rice **And any other specifics for your farm :**Few mountains close to the farm they can go far trekking.

IND 382 Farm name :Abiotic Farm **Contact Name :**Anand Danjay**Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train) :**Direct bus from Chennai Koyambedu to Timiri town.. District - Vellore , State – Tamilnadu **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :**I own and develop lands near to hills based on forest sustainable methods . Main objective is to promote forest methods without any pesticides and artificial human methodsWe do rotational crops. currently we've millet cultivated. Ongoing activities of native forest tree plantations, banana trees, coconut trees and other various fruit trees. I started the farm mainly due to interest towards rainforest. I've visited various forest around world few to mention - Bolivia, Thailand, Brazil, USA National forest. I've found like-minded people helping me to take care of the farm without any commercial or profit making intention. We've about 500 traditional farmers practicing non-organic methods in our area. Our objective is to help them understand the basic principles of nature and adopt nature way of farming. I want to create food forest in my 5 acres of my land. We prepare panchagavya and leaves mulching is the main source of the fertilizer We prepare various natural remedies to prevent pest. Currently we market organic peanuts and millet crops. Future plan is to plant various fruit trees and unique high demand crops**How long you have been doing Organic Farming :**Since 2014**Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency :** Not yet**Suggested length of stay for volunteers :**minimum 10 days**Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time) :**5 volunteers with bath in a mud house with bedrooms**Non-farming opportunities/**

activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.) : Not required at the moment. **Expectations of work for volunteers** :We need help to make mulching area, tree plantations, seedballs making etc.**Is transportation available?** :We've a 4 wheeler (tractor, car) in the farm for any emergency use**Languages spoken** :Fluent English and Tamil local language**Can you host children or pets?** :Not at the moment**Special diets** :Native dishes what we cook, we don't use any modern cooking methods, only vegetables and herbs grown in the farm will be used for cooking. Strictly no plastics are used for any purpose.**And any other specifics for your farm** :Near by places we've reserved forest, ancient forts, and good places for trekking

IND 383 **Farm name** :Rice diversity center**Contact Name** :Syed Ghani **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : Mandya district Karnataka State pin 571424**Occupation** :Farming**Previous experience of organic farming / activities if any** :Yes we are certified organic farmer**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** :We do save more than 1000 varieties of traditional Rice , Mangoes,millets, vegetables, medicinal plants and live stock. We have 1.6 heacter land when I was started organic farming in 1991 and organic in1996 one day I was spraying a chemical yo my paddy fields suddenly I got headache then I started thinking farmer is Annadata but I am becoming a vishadata so I started thinking why we can't go for organic farming the we started organic farming from then we started conserving traditional varities of seeds know we have thousands of paddy varities and millet's vegetables etc **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** :Since 1996**Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** :lmo**Suggested length of stay for volunteers** :Minimum 5days **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** :2members**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :They should have the knowledge of computer and documention**Expectations of work for volunteers** :Help in farm related operations and Value added products and making value additional products from agriculture waste **Is transportation available?** :Two wheeler**Languages spoken** :English**Can you host children or pets?** :Yes **Special diets** :Rice items,millets,soups,and all local dishes**And any other specifics for your farm** :Many historical and tourists places nearby like Mysore,Srirangapatna,Somenathpura,Talkadu,Shivasamudra,Melkote etc

IND 384**Farm name** :Purakayam Farms**Contact Name** : Simon Paulose**Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** :Purakayam, Murinjapuzha P O Peruvanthanam Village, Idukki District. Kerala . The bus from Kottayam on the Kottayam - Kumily road you have to get down at Murinjapuzha.**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** 23 acres of multi-crop planting with fruit and spice plants. We have Mangoostin trees Jackfruit, Mango, and Pepper and vanilla. We also keep cows of the Kasargode dwarf variety.We use organic manure and organic means of pest control available in the market, you must understand it is our first year and we have just used the first season to clear and plant seedlings. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : 2018 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** :No**Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum stay of 7 days and maximum no limit as long it is beneficial to both sides. **Accommodations** At the moment we have a room bath attached to accommodate 2 people, we also have an additional room with sharing bath facilities. However, we do not intend to accommodate more than 2 persons**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc** Construction of a house, solar fencing, etc**Expectations of work for volunteers** Growing vegetables, weeding, planting, fertilizing, care of plants and trees and manually pollinating vanilla.**Is transportation available?** Transportation will be available just 4km before the plantation as 4w drive is necessary to reach the farm. Call before arriving. Auto is available with the caretaker who lives in the adjoining property, also neighbor has a jeep that can be used in case of emergency **Languages spoken** :English **Can you host children or pets?** :No **Special diets** :Rice and vegetables, roti/chapati, etcWe wish to grow our own vegetables and expect volunteers to cook for themselves. **And any other specifics for your farm** :We border the Periyar tiger reserve and Paniyar river separates us from the

jungle. We do have animals visiting the property at times but no dangerous situations to date . The area is naturally beautiful Periyar Tiger reserve is nearby tourist place

IND 385 **Farm name** :HEAL FARM **Contact Name** :Priyanka / Adnan (Adi) **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** :Bhowali, Distrrict Nainital, Uttrakhand, India - reach by Taxi (shared or private) **By Air** The nearest Airport is located at Pantnagar, from there you will have to book a private taxi to the farm which is approximately sixty kilometres **By Train** The nearest railhead is approximately thirty-five kilometres away located at Kathgodam, you will have to take a shared taxi or book a private taxi to the farm. **By Bus** The nearest bus station is located at Bhowali. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** :We are a sharing space, Himalayan Eco Alternative Lifestyle For Agriculture Recreation and Meditation .We belive in holistic living through the guidance of nature, farming gives us food to survive, livestock (currently chicken) needs to be supported to support us, regular maintenance along with recreation gives us comfort and joy. The farm is approximately five acres with a large part of it dedicated to regeneration of a mini biodiverse forest, it is home to chicken and dogs along with some humans. We work with natural fertilisers and organic pest repellents. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** :since the year 2016 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** :No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** :We generally prefer you stay for atleast a week **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** :A maximum of six volunteers can be accomodated **Non-farming oppportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :In the capacity of volunteers we welcome people with skills related to artistic and creative expression, farm hands, building and carpeting work, translating documents from english to native languages, cleaning, cooking, washing etc, everything required for daily life and beyond . **Expectations of work for volunteers** :In the capacity of volunteers we welcome people with skills related to artistic and creative expression, farm hands, building and carpeting work, translating documents from english to native languages, cleaning, cooking, washing etc... everything required for daily life and beyond. **Is transportation available?** :Taxi can be arranged on short notice. **Languages spoken** :Hindi, English, Gujarati **Can you host children or pets?** :Yes to both, Be aware this is loepard and tiger territory, while they aren't a problem for humans they may cosider pets to be a snack **Special diets** :We love experimenting and have a wood fired oven, local Kumaoni cuisine along with generic Indian food is usually prepared. **And any other specifics for your farm** :You can walk to the Sattal lake or the Garudtal lake (30-45minutes

IND 386 **Farm name** :Aman Bagh Mangar **Contact Name** :Harsh Singh Lohite **email Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** :Village Mangar, Tehsil Dhauj, District Faridabad, Haryana. India **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** :Location is a picturesque valley in the Aravali mountains, a short 45 minutes commute from South Delhi border. We farm 'naturally' which means so much more than farming just 'organically'; some might understand what I mean. Crop diversity and seasonality, animal and human energy driven (we have the only fully bullock driven plough for scores of kilometres), animal manuring, mulching, composting, natural methods/design and materials traditional home that is without unnecessary gadgets and runs on solar power,

a lovely farm community of local peasants from the village. We don't sell any produce any more, what is excess from my home consumption goes to the people and animals who work on the farm. It's an ode to what was, and a possibility of what can be. The farm is 2.7 Acres in total. All crops, fruits and vegetables are grown without any chemical inputs of any sort. Different crops are grown in different seasons: winter 1 acre wheat, ½ acre Mustard, ½ acre Chana and Masoor, 1 acre cattle fodder, fruit orchards, vegetables. Summer & monsoon: ¾ acre Bajra, 1 acre Jowar as fodder for cattle, 1 acre Arhar, Moong, Urad and so on

How long you have been doing Organic Farming : Since 2012. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency**: Yes. USOCA certified. **Suggested length of stay for volunteer** Medium term, two weeks . We expect the experience to be a two way street. Our farm hands should learn from the volunteers too, and be exposed to new cultures and ways of thinking. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : 2 person , we have a one bedroom with a bath, home food will be cooked daily, and volunteers can always make their own - but only with produce from the farm. Basic vegetarian food. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : Depends on the interest and time available from the volunteer There is no formal off-farm work available. **Expectations of work for volunteers** : Helping out in farm chores : weeding, watering, animal care (milking to massage), manuring, watering, digging, harvesting or sowing depending on the season. **Is transportation available?** : We have farm vehicles available at all time, either a Mahindra Thar or a motorcycle, and of course cycles. **Languages spoken** : English and Hindi by me, and Hindi by the four staff (three men and one woman). **Can you host children or pets?** : Children yes, pets no. **Special diets** : Vegetarian meals. Wheat chapati, lentils, seasonal farm green vegetables, farm cow milk and it's products. No food is allowed from off the farm as that defeats the purpose of self sufficiency. **And any other specifics for your farm** : Ancient Dhau forest 10 minutes away, the only one left in the Delhi region. Long treks in Aravali mountains possible, always accompanied by a farm hand

IND 387 **Farm name** : Shree Siddhi Vinayak Prakrutik farm **Contact Name** : Bhagirathsinh Jadeja **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : Village & Post- Dhrafa, Tal-Jamjodhapur, Dist-Jamnagar , Gujarat 360520 you can reach at my village by bus **brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : I have 20 acres farm. In all of my land I am doing organic farming. I have come in organic farming in year 2015 because I love nature. There is a very big & critical illness comes from fertilizer & chemical pesticides uses in farm. So I decided to come back with nature. In our farm we are growing groundnut, cotton, greengram, blackgram, Cheakpeace, & spices. I am doing cow based farming. For fertilise our crop we are using cow dung & cow urine. For protect our crop from pests we are using medicine made from cows urine & tree leaves of neem. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : I have started organic farming in 2015 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : Certification procedures is in progress **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : There is no limits **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : Maximum 2(two) volunteers. They will be stay in our home with us. With general bath & toilet which is using by our family. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : Only farm base work they have to do. I have nothing to do non farm work. **Expectations of work for volunteers** : There's no skills required in farm. They can do whatever they like to do. **Is transportation available?** : Yes I have car for transportation. There is no special skills required for work in farm. **Languages spoken** : Gujarati, Hindi & English **Can you host children or pets?** : Children's are always welcome. No pets please. **Special diets** : Fully nutritious Gujarati Thali **And any other specifics for your farm** : There is many tourists places in 100 kilometers area from my farm.

IND 388 **Farm name** : Amrita Bhoomi **Contact Name** : Coordinator Chukki Nanjundaswamy **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : Post Hondarabalu, District Chamarajanagara State Karnataka, You can reach both

by train or by Bus. By Bus, there are more option. If you are coming from Bangalore, there are many direct Buses to Chamarajanagar from the Satellite Bus Station on Mysore Road. Otherwise, you can come to Mysore and then take a Bus to Chamarajanagar and call us. The Farm is about 18 kms away from Chamarajanagar Town. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** :We save local seed diversity. We grow vegetables, Fruits, Cereals, Pulses, etc using cow dung and cow urine mixture. We also conduct hand on trainings for young people who wants to come and learn about agroecology . The farm is about 60 acres.We are growing diverse Crops. We practice "ZERO BUDGET NATURAL FARMING". We are working on rebuilding hope among the youth to invite them back to agriculture and revive the rural livelihoods and combat Climate Change and Global warming through agroecology.**How long you have been doing Organic Farming** :Since 2009**Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** :No**Suggested length of stay for volunteers** :5-7 days**Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** :We have an individual room with an attached bathroom where four people can be accommodated. We also have a dormitory with separate bathrooms where more than fifty people can be accommodated.**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :Yes.Anything related to Computer, Art, Painting, Music, Alternative Construction, Renewable Energy, Food Processing, Packing seeds and managing the seed home, take stock of seeds and grains, Help with marketing, Document the Biodiversity (flora and fauna)of the farm,photography, film making, to work with women, youth and children, etc..**Expectations of work for volunteers** :Volunteers are expected to join the work in the farm. Depending on the season,you will be expected to join hands. It can be from Sowing the seeds to weeding, Milking Cows to Vegetable Harvesting. Making Jeevamritha(a microbial culture) to preparation of Bio Pesticides is also involved. **Is transportation available?**:Yes . We have a pick up and a Motor Cycle. **Languages spoken** :English, Italian, Kannada, Hindi, Spanish, Marathi**Can you host children or pets?** :Yes to Children**Special diets** :We offer Vegetarian, Chicken and Fish**And any other specifics for your farm** :The farm is surrounded by a wild life sanctuary called the BiligiriRanga Hills, the meeting place of western and eastern ghats. Near by there is a water fall called Shivanasamudra. Bandipur and Madhumai are just one hour away from farm

IND 389**Farm name** :Dhaliwal Organic Farms**Contact Name** :Preeti Dhaliwal**Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** :Dhaliwal Farms, Jaipur , Rajasthan 302016. The connectivity is very good can reach by taxi , bus or private Car. The train will come till Jaipur and from there Taxi or Bus needs to be taken **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** :We grow lots of crops like peas , aubergine , spinach , okra , Fenugreek , Maize, Wheat , Sarson , Raddish , Beetroot , I hold a PHD in economics , My kids are Hungarian and African respectively. I am married to a Sikh business man who runs business for Cars , automobiles and 4X4 . I Speak French , English and Hindi fluently. Few years back I decided to move in to farming as i found a lot of health potential in growing food organically. I took multiple training and visiting all over the country to see how food is grown organically. We use organic products grown at home , we do not buy anything from market. We have 35 cows , Horses , and multiple other animals. We use there cow dung and urine to make manure and Pesticide. We even use own own urine for pesticides. We make pesticide through rotten butter milk and other dead plants. Recently we have started using jaggery as we. We are in to multiple cropping and uses the drip pipe irrigation andbed system . We have 9 inches bed and have 3-5 types of crops in 2.5 feet area. The marketing is done through website we do Digital Marketing , Also we have enrolled schools etc as well. The foot fall is of people who want to eat and live healthy.We make Oil of all times and we cultivate peanut , neem etc as well. We sell milk as well and organic eggs too. The farm is one of the biggest and beautiful in the city. We need people who can bring ideas internationally that is why I am posting this writeup. I Request and invite you to come to our farm work with us and teach us new things that we can implement. The knowledge will be both ways.**How long you have been doing Organic**

Farming :Since 2017 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** :We are in the process of getting certification**Suggested length of stay for volunteers** :4-5 days is a decent time for stay at the farm. We will make arrangements if longer stays are needed**Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** :We can accommodate at least 8-10 volunteers. We have rooms dormitory, can put up tents as well. We have WIFI also:)**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :NON-FARMING activities involve making of huts, making pickles , making customized goodies bags etc**Expectations of work for volunteers** :We have started bed farming and making of packages for the product selling. we look for landscaping and ideas where in we can improve. we can involve the volunteers in managing one section of flowers or interacting with locals. we are highly flexible and open for ideas . Our focus is to make the farm full of landscaping. I would need help in doing the landscaping and gardening. Along with I am making a organic beds so I would need the Bamboo poles to be put where the wires will be attached and vegetables will grow. I would need help in making a tree house as well .**Is transportation available?** :Yes, we have proper transportation . We always have cars and jeeps available on farm. In case volunteers need a Vehicle 24x7 we will provide the same .**Languages spoken** :ENGLISH , FRENCH , HINDIWe welcome kids and pets**Special diets** :Indian lentils , chapati , dal and baati , chicken, mutton , buttermilk , rice , simple salad , eggs**And any other specifics for your farm** :We are in Jaipur which is the biggest tourist attraction in India. See Hawa Mahal , Nahar Garh , pink city, local villages , castles, palaces etc

IND 390 Farm name : ABALI ORGANIC TEA ESTATE **Contact Name** : BINOD SAHARIA **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : P.O. ROING, ARUNACHAL PRADESH **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : PRODUCE AND PROCESS GREEN TEA, AND BLACK TEAS. ALSO PODUCE PLANTED AREA 35 HEC. PROCESS VRAKSHAYURVEDA (ANCIENT INDIAN VEDIC TECHNIC) OF AGRICULTURE. LIVING IS COMFORTABLE AND FOOD IS SIMPLE. ABOUT 100 PEOPLE WORK ON THE FARM. IT OVERLOOKS THE HIMALAYAS AND YOU CAN SEE THE SNOW IN WINTERS. INDIANS CAN GET A PERMIT AT THE INNERLINE GATE AT A SMALL FEES. FOREIGNERS CAN ALSO GET A PERMIT FOR A SMALL FEES AT EITHER GUWAHATI, DELHI, ITANAGAR. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : Since 2004 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : YES IT IS CERTIFIED BY INDOCERT **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : I SUGGEST ABOUT 10 DAYS **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : 4 VOLUNTEERS, WOOD & BAMBOO BUILDING. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : TEACHING WORKERS CHILDREN **Expectations of work for volunteers** : Plucking of tea leaves, pprocessing them in the green tea factory.**Is transportation available?** : There are 2 tractors, one SUV and one car with the manager. **Languages spoken** :HINDI, ENGLISH, ADIVASI, ASSAMESE, BENGALI, IDU MISHSMI **Can you host children or pets?** :YES **Special diets** :RICE, LENTILS, CHAPITIES, EGGS, AND OTHER NORMAL INDIAN NORMAL INDIAN FOOD**And any other specifics for your farm** :SCENIC BEAUTY OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH. LONGEST ROAD BRIDGE OF INDIA

IND 391Farm name :Prasanth Farmersgrow Private Limited**Contact Name** :Manukonda Prasanth**Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** :, Kallour Mandal, Khammam Dist, Telangana – 507209**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** :We are cultivating custard apple and mango orchids and white and red Sandal, Red Gram and pumpkin and vegetables we have different projects for each crop fields. we have different fields with the scale of 5 acres and 4 acres and 2.5 acres and 40 acres of land we prepare own compost and pest control management, we do market in local we have major customers are individuals, major work will be planting vegetables and pollination maintenance pruning and grafting**How long you have been doing Organic Farming** :Since2015**Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** :NO**Suggested length of stay for volunteers** :It is depending on volunteer,**Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)**

:We can accommodate up to 50 Volunteers, we have houses few have attached bath and few out side rooms but it is very comfortable and family atmosphere.**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :We don't have any other activities**Expectations of work for volunteers** :Planting Vegetables, weed controls, manure preparation, land preparation, growth and yield observation and prepare yield reports and pollination improvements**Is transportation available?** :Yes transportation is available if requiredWe have a Jeep and truck at the farm, and we have hospitals 6 Km far from the farm, and local doctor available 24/7 (Not recruited by us) and we maintain first Aid kit at each farm.. , **Languages spoken** :English, Hindi, Kannada and telugu**Can you host children or pets?** :No**Special diets** :Here we provide Rice and Chapati or Roti and all southern curries depending on their wish and taste**And any other specifics for your farm** :We have few temples and sugar Factory and Coal mine nearby

IND 392**Farm name** :Sanmitra Sheti Shala**Contact Name** :Yogesh Shinde**Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** :A/Tal.Khandala,Dist Satara,415521.Maharashtra Pune is nearest airport 90km,Pune railway station is 80km,you can travel by bus from Swarget bus stop(Pune) half hourly bus available from Swarget to Lonand,Lonand is nearest market place 11km from **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** :We have 2.5 acre farm land growing traditional millets, pulses,lentils,oilseed and fruits like banana,papaya,custard apple and many more.we have 50 type of native seeds growing in the farm in different season.we are using cow ding and urine as fertiliser,use cow urine,buttermilk,neem leaves for natural pest control. Most of our produce we sell directly to high standard customer. We built our house with local material like stone,wood and mud.we used mud as mortar and mud as plaster.we did minimum us of steel,cement,bricks and water during construction.**How long you have been doing Organic Farming** :Since 2012**Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** :No**Suggested length of stay for volunteers** :1 week and more**Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** :We have traditional eco constructed home we family of 10 person's (6 adult,4 kids)live together. All wwoofers are the part of our family for the duration they stay in . We have common toilet for family or use compost toilets. Bathroom is common you can use well side open area also. The wwoofers may use Tents also.**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :Alternatively we can work on construction and restoration, We are doing home schooling practices so activities related to teaching to kids like music,art, language, drawing are welcome.**Expectations of work for volunteers** :We have lots of work but we don't need volunteers as like labour. We welcome interested volunteer who help us for sustainable lifestyle,home schooling ideas,organic farming.Basic farming or Gardening skill like sowing,weeding,harvesting,seed collection, documentations. Basic teaching languages, art, music, painting, computer basics,photography,video editing,social media handling,writing skills.etcls **transportation available?** :We can arrange Transportation from Lonand(main city) 11km from farm or Khandala (from pune satara road)20 km to farm.we arrange four wheeler in case of emergency.**Languages spoken** :English,Hindi,Marathi.**Can you host children or pets?** :We welcome family with children's.**Special diets** :The food is traditional marathi cuisine, normally little bit spicy different oilseed chili powder,achar, traditional bread of grains.wild greens,and more rich varieties.**And any other specifics for your farm** :In the time off works wwoofers explore 1)Mahabaleshwar, hillstation 70km. 2) Pune city 80km pune is famous indian city. 3)Satara city 40km,Satara is traditional city with word heritage Kas Platue.(August/September) 4)Purandar fort 40 km 5) Jejuri temple 35km 6) Lonand10km traditional market(Thursday market day

IND 393**Farm name** :Permacultural Demonstration Plot**Contact Name** :Sai Sahitya**Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** :Tuensang District, Nagaland. Take train to Dimapur**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** :Ours is a Permacultural Demonstration Plot of 4 acres, the first official in Nagaland as sanctioned by the NABARD, Govt. of India, and

implemented by the Better Life Foundation, Nagaland. -- Crops: Apple (grafted), Plum, Kiwi, Pumpkin, Beans, Maize, Large Cardamom, Ginger, Indigenous vegetables -- Projects and Goals: (1) Restorative living - In a world where we are losing forests, species, and whole ecosystems, there are three concurrent and parallel responses to the environment: (a) Care or surviving natural assemblies, i.e., to leave the wilderness to heal itself after it's been burned down and drained of nutrients as cropland; (b) Rehabilitate degraded or eroded land, i.e., using complex pioneer species and long-term plant assemblies (trees, shrubs, ground covers); (c) Create our own complex living environment with as many species as we can save, or have need for, from wherever on earth they come---this is the purpose of our Permaculture Demonstration Plot, the end result of which will be to dramatically reduce the area of the agricultural environment needed by the households and the settlements of people, and to release much of the landscape for the sole use of wildlife and for re-occupation by endemic flora. Respect for all life forms is a basic, and in fact essential, ethic for all people and lay at the core of Permacultural philosophy. (2) Cooperation - The present great shift in emphasis is on how the parts interact, how they work together with each other, how dissonance or harmony in life systems or society is achieved. Life is cooperative rather than competitive, and life forms of very different qualities may interact beneficially with one another and with their physical environment. This, practically, manifests itself in the Farmers' Producers Organization we now are forming in the surrounding villages to help local produce reach the rest of India. (3) Awareness - There are many opportunities to create systems that work from the elements and technologies that exist. We already know how to build, maintain, and inhabit sustainable systems. Every essential problem is solved, but in the everyday life of people this is hardly apparent. There are 13 mountain states in India, which is almost half of the country's geo-political make-up, and yet far too little technology is designed for the region, resulting in a leaching of young talent. Our preferred method of precipitating change, i.e., by cooperation, is an acknowledgement of that vast potential of collective action in, here, addressing the crux of developmental issues---internet coverage (as modeled on Estonia) and energy (Trompes). (4) Innovation & Education - Be that as it may---that 'every essential problem is solved'---there is perhaps no fact about human nature more characteristic than our proclivity to weave our own destinies, to shape our futures, by creating technologies. Practically, this means creating technologies that make production in the mountains easier and in line with our principles, e.g., machinery for terracing, Trompes, etc. -- Fertilization and Pest-control: A mix of traditional and permacultural wisdom. Traditionally, these were achieved through crop-rotation and inter-cropping respectively, while Permacultural methodology is more involved---attracting predators, creating Guilds, etc.. In any case there is no record of biocide-use or chemical fertilization in this part of India owing to inauspicious logistics (poor roads and network connectivity). --**How long you have been doing Organic Farming** :Since 1982**Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** :NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development)**Suggested length of stay for volunteers** :Minimum 4 to 5 days**Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** :7 volunteers at a time. Bathroom is in an outhouse and not attached to the house, while the volunteers are provided tents with padding and linens.**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :Since this is all conducted under the auspices of the Better Life Foundation, volunteers may involve themselves, particularly in Documentation & Research, or they may choose to share their knowledge or skills with the community---language, art, or science classes; or sports coaching.**Expectations of work for volunteers** :Adding Value to the people around them; serving people who serve others. Examples include weeding, Planting, Digging, Wood-working, Landscaping, Electricals, Plumbing, Cooking, Cleaning, Documentation & Research, etc.**Is transportation available?** :Nagaland State Transport buses/Private buses/Private taxis (cars, SUVs) available in case of emergency.**Languages spoken** :Sangtam, Nagamese, Hindi, and English (in decreasing order of popularity)**Can you host children or pets?** :Yes**Special diets** :Rice, Squash, Greens, Corn, Potatoes**And any other specifics for your farm** :Places of public interest in the Tuensang District are there, however:1) Noklak is a village situated on the rim of the Tuensang District which

has gained a lot of tourism due to its tribal festivals, which the tourists attend to see the village's local art forms.2) Between the town of Tuensang and the Hakchung village lies a very interesting village- Changsangmongko. Legend has it that this place is referred to as Changsang because the Chang community settled here. 3) Longtrok is a legendary village which showcases the ancient remnants of the Tsongliyangti and Chungliyangti civilizations through its six celebrated stone structures.4) Tsadang is an off beat destination situated in the village of Longtrok. It is well known for its two ancient stones that pictures two friends who regularly visited the village of Longtrok.5) Dzükou Valley (300km from the FIC, and a famous spot for trekking). This valley is well known for its natural environment, seasonal flowers and flora and fauna. It is situated at an altitude of 2452 m above sea level. The rare Dzükou Lily is found only in this valley.

IND 394**Farm name :**Meena Bagh **Ratnari****Contact Name :**Sanjay austa**Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train) :**District Shimla, Via Narkanda State Himachal Pradesh . One can reach Shimla by Bus anywhere from India. Then they can take a taxi or a cab straight to Ratnari. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :**I have a farmhouse bang in the middle of an Apple orchards in the Himalayas (85kms from Shimla). It is an eco-home built for travellers who love nature, are eco-conscious, who love animals and organic produce. It's spread across 6 bighas of land , we have over 5 cats, one mountain dog, two sheep and a brood of chicken. We regularly conduct eco-campaigns from our farmhouse which include forest tree-plantation , plastic picking campaigns, prevention of forest fire campaigns among others. We are always looking for eco-conscious travellers to join us in our campaigns. All our campaigns are self-funded and are followed by seminars where we invite imminent environmentalists for a talk on climate change, water-harvesting and on forests. This November 2019 onwards, we have embarked on our Permaculture campaign for which we would love to have volunteers join us in building an organic farm producing, apples, pears, apricots, cherries and a host of organic vegetables. The guests can stay in our farmhouse known for its local aesthetics, apple, its warm hill hospitality and the surrounding beauty. Welcome all. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.) :**One could help in cooking. Painting, Restoration etc.**Expectations of work for volunteers :**The volunteers can help us in our Permaculture Project we just started. For now it will be learning the land of old trees and possibly also a bit of tilling.Would be non skilled work in the beginning. No need to have knowledge on Organic farming.**Is transportation available? :** A jeep is available in farm which can be used in case of emergency **Languages spoken :**English and Hindi**Can you host children or pets? :** No **Special diets :**Local dish including sidku but mostly Indian vegetarian food.**And any other specifics for your farm :**Hatu Peak close by makes for a good trek

IND 395**Farm name :**Anwar Sadat Farm**Contact Name :**Anwar Sadat**Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train) :**Tauru, Mewat next to Sohna Haryana Bus, Ola, Uber is easy to reach from Sohna and Manesar. I can share the location of the farm on whatsapp. Sikarpur easily reachable by public transport like Bus.**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :**4.5 Acre organic farm with underground water-rich with Lava minerals as it is on Aravali Hills, beautiful spot. We can grow any crop we need. I am currently focusing on Vegetable specialize depending on type of volunteers engage during cultivation time. I can have them for longer duration.**How long you have been doing Organic Farming :**Since inception of farm**Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency :**No certification yet**Suggested length of stay for volunteers :**10 days minimum**Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time) :**Tents. I have tents now but can built toilets and bath etc.**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.) :**We are planning for the windmill and solar plant and biogas plant with the animal farms for milk and chicken for meat barbeque.**Expectations of work for volunteers :**Help inVegetable cultivation and exotic fruit farm. **Is transportation available? :**Yes. Car will be available during their staywhich can be used in case of emergency**Languages spoken :**English and Hindi **Can you host children or pets?**

:YesSpecial diets :Local cuisine. Dal, Chawal, Sabzi, Roti, Chicken Barbeque etc.**And any other specifics for your farm** :Sohna Complex Hot water spring

IND 396Farm name :Aura Farm**Contact Name** :Anuja Lath**Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** Distt Kharar, SAS Nagar, Punjab (easily accessible by bus/car). Nearest bus station is Sector 17 Chandigarh, and the railway station in Chandigarh is closest.**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** :Over a 1 acre space, we have built over 100 raised garden beds and plant veggies and flowers in most of them. We practice permaculture concepts and do not use any chemicals. All beds follow the concept of companion farming. The organic kitchen garden serves as a food source for our own team within the premises. We started growing our own food with the idea of participating in farmers markets, and would like to take this to that level. Mostly we follow an annual calendar for vegetables and fruits & flowers. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** :1 year**Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** :No, but applied**Suggested length of stay for volunteers** :We typically need volunteers for a duration of minimum 2 to 12 weeks.**Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** :One volunteer only. Accommodation is on same gender twin sharing basis, with shared toiletsIf a single room is available, we're happy to accommodate you there.**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :Photography, digital marketing, content creation for social media. Since we have a range of activities going on at Aura, there are a lot of opportunities to participate in creative projects.**Expectations of work for volunteers** :We need your help in managing the garden beds, sowing and harvesting vegetables, irrigation, mulching etc. Tree plantation, adding fertilizers and overall management of all the garden beds is required.**Is transportation available?** :Yes, buses and cabs are easily available, we also have our own vehicles in case of emergency.**Languages spoken** :English , Hindi , Punjabi**Can you host children or pets?** :No**Special diets** :Simple Indian food comprising of vegetables, pulses, rice and bread**And any other specifics for your farm** :All Chandigarh tourist areas like the Capitol complex, Sukhna Lake, Rock Garden, Rose Garden, Govt. Museums, Art Galleries are close by

IND 397Farm name :Prakruthivanam**Contact Name** :Akilesh**Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** :Near Madanapalli Railway Station, Madanapalli-Tirupati high road, Madanapalli - 517325, Chittoor dist. Andhra Pradesh. It is located on Madanapalli - Tirupati highway National Highway, 8 km away from Madanapalli. Nearest airport is Bengaluru which is 120 km.**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** :This 70 acre ancestral farm was reclaimed during 1987 to 1990 after my graduation and chemical farming was continued till 2009. After meeting Mr. Subash palekar shifted to organic and natural faming by bringing in nature cattle breeds to be involved in farming activities. By controlling the cow manures and local plants we could check the pests and diseases. Once we started practising agriculture in organic ways we realised the importance of Air, water as well as food in our daily routine and their deeper connections with nature. This made us to involve more individuals who are thinking in these lines to work at prakruthivanam together now. There are around 60 persons working at this 70 acre farm producing Aromatic oils, some medicinal herbs, Sugarcane to make jaggery, vegetables, fruits and mushrooms. Educating the farmers, students, officials and individuals who are regularly visiting the farm is one of the important activities here. Adopting the local skills and to show the knowledge of local artisans and make eco friendly products available at our store situated in the farm has started in 2011. A library and a childrens park with a few

species of birds, cattle and domestic animals are part of our living here. The founder, the present Chief Co-ordinator, Mr. MCV Prasad and engineering graduate received awards in recognition to his service and passion in the field of organic farming. 1. 'Innovative Farmer' award by Agri University 2. 'Rural Entrepreneur' award from the then President of India, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

How long you have been doing Organic Farming : Since 2010

Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency : Awaiting certification

Suggested length of stay for volunteers : Minimum 5 to 6 days

Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time) : Two can be accommodated, Sheeted roof with attached bath, cots and beds will be provided.

Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.) : Documentation, videographing of the day to day farming activities, construction supervision, cooking

Expectations of work for volunteers : Mulching, controlling of pests and diseases, training the crops, irrigation and marketing

Is transportation available? : SUV

Languages spoken : English, telugu

Can you host children or pets? : No

Special diets : Finger millet recipes, rice and wheat products, locally grown vegetables

And any other specifics for your farm : Horsley hills, Rishi Valley, Thimmamma, largest banyan tree (reported in guinness book of records)

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Farm name The Kukkut Farms **Contact Nam** Ram Reddy **Location** Nallamada, Anathapur district, Andhra Pradesh state, India 515501. This place is 22km from Puttaparthi and 141km from Bengaluru airport. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : I was into IT for the past 20 years working in Singapore, Australia and Hong Kong. Returned to India in Sep 2017 for setting up this farm. Born in India and a citizen of Singapore, left a high paying IT career to learn how to raise chickens and provide a natural alternate to broilers Heirloom chicken farm that are unaltered by humans since ancient India. These are the last remains of the original domesticated chickens that did not go through any form of unnatural selection. Trying to grow these in numbers 100% naturally since 2.5 years with an intention to give an alternate option for broilers and other homogenous breeds. We are in the process of developing natural immunity to birds that are collected from the forest edge villages and growing them in numbers with out even giving vaccines. 100% natural practices where chickens hatch the eggs and raise the chicks. Naturally slow growing of about 6 months before slaughter and reaching a weight of 1.2 to 1.5 Kg's. Chickens are fed with heirloom seeds, vegetables etc that are organically grown. Doing this since 2.5 years and 1.5 more years estimated to enter market and start selling. 107 acres of land procured in 4 different sites that are with in 10 km radius. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2017 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** In the process of certification **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : 4 to 5 days is ok. Any person would need to have compassion towards animals and a natural interest to observe their behaviour and work towards improving their living standards. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : Preferably 2 people at once. Reasonable room in the farm with common bathrooms and toilets. Bed will be provided. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : Our chickens have no electricity connection, we have electricity only in a small area were staff resides... Chickens are sensitive to light, so even an extra 2 hours of artificial lighting will change their DNA. In this part of the world we have a perfect 11 ½ to 12 ½ hours of day light through out the year and chickens love that. This farm is built from scratch with traditional wisdom and the methods we use are carbon negative. We found ways to naturally cool & warm temperature, generate organic fertilizer and grow a diversified food for chickens consumption that are 100% free from pesticides, herbicides and synthetic fertilizers. We planted 20 thousand forest trees in our farms and now growing the shrub layer for chickens. We also found ways on how chickens can naturally escape ariel predators like eagles and hawks. We are still researching and developing... not yet reached marketing. **Expectations of work for volunteers** : Observation of the chickens natural behaviour and suggesting ways to improve. Documenting observations and monitoring changes. **Is transportation available?** Can provide a small bike if required **Languages spoken** English **Can you**

hostchildren or pets? Yes **Special diets** : Mostly vegetarian food like finger millets, rice, curries etc **And any other specifics for your farm** , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby .Puttappathi is 30km away. Thimmamma Marrimanu is a huge banyan tree which is located at about 20 Km. The name of this tree is preserved by the local people since ancient times.The enlightenment cave of yogi vemana is 15km away .Horsely hills is 60km away There are historical forts like penukonda, gooty, gandikota etc with in 3 hrs drive.

IND 399 **Farm name** : Natural Agri And Nursery **Contact Name** : Gandhi Ashok **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : Palayamkottai Pin Code 627151,Tirunelveli, Tamilnadu, India By train Tirunelveli Junction to Moondraippu Auto or Bus and Taxi also available to reach our farm. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** :It's 6 acers of land we bought 1998. Have coconut 175 trees. Mango 10 varieties. 75 trees Amla, chicko, guava, plantain (banana), Neem, teak etc. And started small Nursery 2 years before selling in small level of herbs, fruit plants timber varieties. We do not sell and cultivate high breeds. Produce our farm waste as decompose and use as fertilizer, vermicompost , EM. Etc. Mostly pesticides not using. Planning to make vegetables other crops. Going to buy weeder Machine. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** :18 years not using chemicals in our farm.**Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** :Not yet.**Suggested length of stay for volunteers** :5 to 10 days**Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** :4 to 5 volunteers. One farm house old type clay roof tiling. 2rooms hall kitchen common Indian type bath and toilet. Gents and ladies can bath separately in open area near well pumset water.**Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :Making of fencing with plam tree, coconut tree wasts, making huts for cattles. Green house makers, drip irrigation knowledge etc.**expectations of work for volunteers** :Weed cutting, planting new plants. Decomposing work, cutting off unwanted bushes and some nursery work like filling soil in nursery bags making new saplings etc. Want to paint my small house etc. **Is transportation available?** :2 wheeler, Auto can be used. **Languages spoken** :Tamil, Hindi Malayalam and English.**Can you host children or pets?** :Yes **Special diets** :South Indian special idly, Dosa sambar and chatny, break fast lunch and dinner and seasonal fruits. Etc. **And any other specifics for your farm** :65km Kanniyakumari End of India sun raise and sunset is famous for and Kuttallam falls. Ancient Temples in and around Tirunelveli, Tamilnadu, India.

IND 400 **Farm name** : Padinjattayil **Contact Name** : Krishnan **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : Wayanad district, Kerala . There is only Bus transport to wayanad, the nearest train station is three hours away which is Mysore and calicut. You will get buses to sultan bathery town of wayanad from any other city or state. From sultan bathery my town kenichira is 20 minutes bus travel. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : I had vast farm lands including rice paddy, pepper, coconut,arecanet etc. However due to my old age I have sold most of the land and cultivating in 1.5 acres of land currently. I grow coffee and arcanet mainly. There are more than 22 variance of fruit plants in the farm. Also we grow all kinds of vegetables for our needs. We use cow dung as fertilizer. we market arcanet, coffee and pepper in the local market of our town. We grow vegetables like tomato, cabbage, carrot, many kinds of beans, chilli, yam, tapioca,brinjal, pumpkin, spinach,bottle guard etc however we do not sell vegetables but we grow for our food. we grow spices like Bay Leaf, cardomam,black pepper,cinnomon,curry leaf,nutmeg, ginger,tamarind,holi basil,mint etc we sell pepper, tamarind,nutmeg ginger, turmeric etc in our local market in town **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : Since 1980 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : Not certified **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : Any number of days **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : Since I live alone with my wife, I can accommodate 3 to 4 people at a time in my home. I can provide homely organic food and accommodation with attached bathroom. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : My farmhouse is not painted yet and am looking for someone for that, would appreciate if some is there for that. **Expectations of work for volunteers** : 1. Plucking the

coffee bean, cutting weeds in the farm(we have hand machine for that, no training required) 2. To pluck coconut(we have machine to climb on tree, can be trained in 20 minutes) 3. For harvesting areca nut one should know to climb on tree, or should use the machine to pluck it manually(no training required for that) 4. spread organic manure in the farm(no skill required) 5. gardening and plantation. **Is transportation available?** : Transportation will be available as per their convenience. Jeep, Auto **Languages spoken** : Malayalam, English, Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** : Yes **Special diets** : Any Kerala dishes, chapati/roti can be served (both veg and non veg). **And any other specifics for your farm** : Wayanad is a tourist spot. There are more than 25 tourist attraction in wayanad. We can take care of their trip in wayanad

IND 401 **Farm Name** Mikara Organic Farms Pvt Ltd **Contact Name** Arafath Rasheed **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** Hobli, Gundlupet Taluk, Chamrajnagara Dist, Karnataka 571111. Nearest Railway Station/Airport - Mysore approx 60 kms away from the farm. Bus stand - Gundlupet - 18kms away **Occupation** Farmer **Previous experience of organic farming / activities if any** No **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Ours is a 45 acre organic farm started in 2018 with the organic farm project approval from the District Collector of Chamraj Nagara . The farm is located adjacent to the reserve forest and we share boundary with the Berambadi south east extension of the Maddur Range forest under the Bandipur Tiger Reserve. The farm land was unused for more than 15 years till we started cultivation in 2018. The land is pristine and there is no contamination from our neighbouring farms due to the geographical advantage that we have. We have been focusing on the agricultural infrastructure developments for the past 2 years like making the bunds to contain the soil erosion, check dams and water reservoirs have been built to conserve the rain water and also reduce the burden on the underground water table. We use very less sprinklers (only for specific crops which demand sprinkler irrigation) and the whole property is covered with drip irrigation lines. Access roads are built within the farm for better access and also to reduce the labour cost involved in the transportation. For security purpose, our property is secured with barbed wires and solar fences around the residential area. Additionally there is CCTV coverage as well We started large scale planting in 2019 and currently our main crops are Drumstick, Areca, Coconut, Mangoes, Guava, Supota. We also grow seasonal vegetables. Apart from this we have indigenous cows and goats grown for manure. As a passion and out of love we also have kept some chickens – different breeds – desi as well as ornamental ones We practice Vruksha Ayurveda under the guidance of Asia Agri History Foundation -Kerala Chapter. We have 2 native families residing in our farm and we use their indigenous expertise in planning the short term vegetable crops. Apart from using the Vruksha Ayurveda techniques, the practical knowledge that was passed on through generations of our resident families help us on practising a fool proof and economical farming system. Of course the modern machinery do help!!!. As per the Vruksha Ayurveda techniques, we prevent the attack of pests and other infections by ecological engineering. This is very effective since we are prepared in advance for the pests and infections and there is less fire-fighting and damage control after the infection . The fertilizers used are 100% organic and made using the locally available raw materials. The base of all the fertilizers is the cow and the goats that we have in the farm. Coming to the pesticides and insecticides, we prepare our own medicines using the cow urine, neem, garlic, tobacco and locally available resources. Utmost care is taken so that we do not harm the pristine land that we have. We are looking forward to welcome the volunteers who are passionate about agriculture without harming the mother nature. I am a novice in farming but want to learn new and modern techniques from people from different cultural backgrounds **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2018 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Applied for. INDOCERT **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 7 to 10 days **Accommodations** 2 volunteers on twin sharing basis in our Farmhouse with kitchen facility as well. Brick and mortar house with tile roofing **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Irrigation canals, Bund making, Solar fencing, **Expectations of work for volunteers** Perma Culture,Bee Keeping. Pisciculture, Aqua Ponics **Is**

transportation available? We have a 5 seater pick up (Mahindra Imperio) and additionally my personal vehicle (Mahindra Thar) in case of emergency . **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Ragi Mudda, Sambar Rice, Chitrangana **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** Gopal Swami Betta, Muthanga Wild Life Sanctuary, Bandipur Tiger Reserve

IND 402 **Farm name** : AVO Orchard **Contact Name** : Vinod Mehta **Location (How to reach by bus or train)** : Village Manjhotli, PO Chopal, District Shimla Himachal Pardesh 171211 farm could be reached by buses , taxi and private vehicles **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : Practicing Organic farming in my own Apple Orchard from past 6 years having Organic certification . Farm size-5 bigha Fruit Plants-500 Pest control- Neem oil, neem cake,cow urine, buttermilk Fertilizers- Organic waste decompose, vermicompost, neem cake + micronutrients, compost ,jeevamrit Marketing- Online door to door supply Key features- Organic certification from PGS India Founder of Organic FarmersGroup in District Shimla ,Mandi and Kinnaur of Himachal Pardesh Member of Kissan Kalyan Manch , Haryana **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** :Since 2014 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : Yes PGS India **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** :6 Days **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : 2 Home stays with attached bath also tents could be provided as per choice **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Selling, marketing and advertising of organic products. Extension activities and engagement with farmers and local groups. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Knowledge of organic pesticides and insecticides, foliar spray, mulching practices **Is transportation available?** : Yes **Languages** Hindi and English (translators will be available if required) **Can you host children or pets?** : No **Special diets** : Siddu ghee , Momos ,Morchella mushrooms.

IND 403 **Farm name** : NATURE ORGANICA **Contact Name** : SYED ILYAS HAMID**Location** Padampuri, Tehsil Dhari, Nainital **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : Setting up a Hyadrophonics and Aquaphonics based farming and planning Apple and walnut orchard. Land is about 4 acre, to see the market demand and changing lifestyle in this covid 19 times. Actually the land is a mountain cliff adjoining to the Maheshkhan forest very fertile and beautiful scenic views of Dhanachuli and Mukteshwar from the land. Very nice place to stay and explore the organic farming on hills. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : 1 yr **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : None **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : A week **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : We have tents and dormitory and can accommodate 4 to 6 people **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : Rainwater harvesting, jungle safaris, tracking and yoga can be done **Expectations of work for volunteers** : **Details of the farm related work in which the volunteers will be engaged in Skills required** We welcome any sort of volunteers but prefer Hydrophoncs and Aquaphonics related people **Is transportation available?** Not available . **Languages spoken** : English, Hindi, Urdu **Can you host children or pets?** : Yes **Special diets** : **Local Kumauni and Indian dishes And any other specifics for your farm** , Jim Corbett, Mukteshwar, Dhanachuli, Ranikhet, Almora and Nainital

IND 404 **Farm Name** Matrubhumi Natural Farm **Contact Name** Ajitsinh Lakhubha Gohil **Location** Dist. Bhavnagar, Gujarat . Farm is 250 km away from Ahmedabad, 90 km Away From Bhavnagar and 30km away from Palitana , Also reach by bus or train in palitana **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Farm is a established in 3 acre area Horticultural Mix cropping model our Aims in future 3 year getting 12 lakh per year in one acre land, main crop is Kesar mango in 2 acre land and mango with intercropping e.g. Turmeric, Drumstick, Black pippet showing near mango stem, Cashew nut, pomegranate, papaya, leguminous crop like green gram and cowpea and one acre

open field getting vegetables, Bansi Wheat, Millets, Pigeon pea Cow Based Fertilizer and Insect controller is hand made At basal and flowering stage applying Ghanjivamrut and Jivamrut prepared by Cow dung and cow urine and excellent result of Jivamrut, and insect controller e. g. Neemastra, Bramastra, Agnistra, Dasaparni Ark is made by neem, custard apple, jasmine, castor etc. Tree leaf and thats good controller of insect pests Processing and Packing after harvesting my product not direct selling in market but Direct selling to Customer, Natural ripening Mango selling costumer packing in box, Turmeric powder making natural processing by small chips and sundry and making powder by hand made, Wheat and bajra also making packing and selling direct customer at my farm. In last 2 years 9230 farmers visited our farm on training and visits programme from all over India . **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2016 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Rajasthan State Organic Certification Agency(RSOCA) **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 15 to 30 day **Accommodations** Accommodate 5 volunteers swimming bath, Dormitory **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Cooking, Handmade cow soap and Incense stick making , Horse riding, cow milking **Expectations of work for volunteers** Natural mulching with leaf, picking vegetables, wedding, drenching jivamrut, Preparing jivamrut, ghanjivamrut and hand made insecticide, Involve in digging turmeric and doing natural chips and powder, Picking and packing of mango with grading **Is transportation available?** Yes, Car, Two wheeler is available for transportation of volunteers **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, Gujarati **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Millet bread and wheat chapatti , green Vegetable subji, Milk, Buttermilk, Curd, Butter, Jaggary and green salad **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg** **Places of tourist interest nearby** Yes my farm also tourist point, seen Hills, Lack View, Sunset and Sunrise point, Matching bridge, Water fall

IND 405 **Farm Name** Shri Gajanan Farms **Contact Name** Nikhil Khamkar **Location** **Village** , **Post** , **District** , **State (How to reach by bus or train)** District: Raigad, State: Maharashtra. The nearest railway station is Bhivpuri on Central Suburban Local Train Line of Mumbai Local Trains. The famous second nearest railway station is Karjat Railway Junction. Both Bhivpuri Railway Station and Karjat Railway Station are on the Central Railway Line of Mumbai Suburban Train Line on the Mumbai – Pune Route. From Bhivpuri Railway Station, it is around 10 kms and from Karjat it is around 15 kms. You can hire an auto from both Bhivpuri or Karjat to our village Vaijanath. There is no bus station nearby. The farm is around 75 kms from Mumbai, and 115 kms from Pune. **Brief description** Project undergoing for a permaculture farm and eco resort where we plan to have eco houses, temple, pool, Yoga and meditation centre for people to come, learn, relax, rejuvenate, meditate, do Yoga and drawn more towards spirituality. We really want the world to be driven towards spirituality in our space so that humanity and love will spread more!! We aim to create food forest as well! Actually Our farm is located in beautiful location surrounded by mountains, in Karjat Maharashtra Dist. Raigad. At present we have many trees of coconut and mangoes.. We have 3 dogs and 1 cat, 6 cows and hens, in the space. The farm is 6.5 acres in size. Out of which there is 6 varieties of Rice growing in almost 3.5 acres of land. We are following traditional methods of organic farming. We prepare the magical Panchagavya which acts as a fertiliser for all plants. We have waste decomposer mother culture,. We also use buttermilk for spraying on plants. We have Dashparani which act as an insecticide. We really want to grow so much food with organic practices and create a food forest. The space must turn out soulful ultimately. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 3 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 5 days **Accommodations** 4. There is one simple house on the farm. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** So apart from Farming, we will be practicing Yoga, Meditation, Bhakti, Food Preparation and Anna Dan (Food Donation), developing a spiritual centre/retreat, Music, Arts. So, We have a dream of converting our farm into a combination of permaculture farm and eco retreat where we can have eco houses to stay, temple, pool, Yoga and meditation centre for people to come, learn, relax, rejuvenate, meditate, do Yoga and are drawn more towards spirituality. We will be inviting people for learning farming. We will be doing and developing this in stages gradually. **Expectations of work for volunteers**

Permaculture, farming, Architecture and design, planning, Yoga spiritual practices and meditation practices. We are looking for volunteers who have knowledge of Permaculture and Organic Farming – who can design farm, work in farms, sow seeds, apply natural fertilisers, water all plants. We are also looking for new young architects or designers and permaculture knowledgeable people and Spiritual people (different people) who shall help us make the place soulful and blissful. We are seeking devoted people in every category to help us transform our idea into reality. | **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** English, Marathi, Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Rice, vegetable curries, curd, cow milk, and all Maharashtra delicacies. **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** There are many mountain treks nearby like Bhimashankar, where people can climb the mountains and go on the top.

IND 406 **Farm Name** Satyadhara Yogalife Ashram **Contact Name** Dr. Radheshyam Mishra **Location** Post-Choral, Dist-Indore, Madhya Pradesh, India. Indore Railway Station- 35.4 kms Khandwa Railway station- 93 kms (2 hours 30 minutes). The station can be easily reached through cabs or buses. By Road Navlakha bus stand: Buses to all adjacent and most distant areas of Choral and Indore can be boarded from Navlakha bus stand.. **Brief description** Our purpose is to live in a peaceful and sustainable way trying to take care, in the best way we can, of this small piece of Mother Earth in the mountains, at Satyadhara Yogalife Ashram, Choral. We are an Yoga Ashram and willing to grow our own crops and vegetables that can be used by the ashram only. at present we have an 5 acres which has been used for pulses like Moong, Makka (Maize), Tuvar, Soyabean etc and vegetables like bottle gourd, okra, cucumber, sponge gourd, papaya, cabbage, coriander, mint, lettuce, bitter gourd, green peas, tomato, ginger etc. We control pests organically following the traditional pest control technique. The volunteers will be engaged in weeding, planting seeds, composting, maintenance of plants, watering of plants, taking care of fields etc. The volunteers can also be engaged in some other works as per the need of ashram. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** More than 5 years **NA Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 4-5 days to 2 weeks minimum **Accommodations** All the volunteers will be accommodated in a dormitory room with three meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) each day. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** volunteers will also be engaged in non farming work if there is a need for them in the ashram. They can be engaged in kitchen, gardening, office work, room maintenance and cleaning etc and as per the need of the ashram. **Expectations of work for volunteers** The volunteers will be engaged in weeding, planting seeds, composting, maintenance of plants, watering of plants, taking care of fields etc. The volunteers can also be engaged in some other works as per the need of ashram. **Is transportation available?** Yes, transportation is available. Ashram taxi will be available in case of any emergency. **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, Portuguese **Can you host children or pets?** Dal-Bhati/Dal-Paniya, Seu ki sabji, Baingan ki Bharta, Kadi pakode, Louki ki kofte etc will be served to volunteers in exchange of their farm work. **And any other specifics for your farm** Popular places to visit nearby: There are many places to be discovered around Choral and we encourage and facilitate our residents to do so. Omkareshwar: One of the 12 Jyotirlinga shrines of Lord Shiva. Distance- 43.1 km, 1 hour 11 min Maheshwar: Centre of handloom weaving, home to India's finest handloom fabrics. It is believed that Ahilya Bai herself designed the first saree. Distance- 76 kms, 1 hour 31 minutes Mandav: Ancient fort city, known for Afghan architectural heritage. Many known monuments are a part of this city. Distance- 95.7 km, 2 hours 20 minutes Ujjain: Situated on the Eastern banks of Kshipra river, Ujjain is one of the most renowned cities of Madhya Pradesh. Especially known for Mahakaleshwar jyotirlinga, Ujjain is a famous International tourist attraction since decades. Distance- 96.0 kms, 2 hours 7 minutes Patalpani waterfalls: Patalpani is a 300 feet high waterfall located near Mhow. It is a famous trekking spot, with many tourists commonly occupying the spot for day long picnics. Distance- 29.2 km, 55 minutes

IND 407 Farm name : Ridgeville Organics Pvt Ltd **Contact Name :** Davinder Singh (Project Manager) **Location(How to reach by bus or train) :** Dehradun , Uttarakhand - 248001 This is a very convenient location for people coming via bus or train. Ask the auto driver or city bus to drop off at ITI campus on Saharanpur Road. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We have three different micro sites (each approx 0.25 acres within Dehradun City) where we are building three different principles of organic farming namely; Permaculture, market gardening, aquaponics. The goal is to create a very efficient small scale farming model to promote urban farming so many more city dwellers can opt full/part time organic farming to support the growing demand of quality produce. These are demonstration farms also targeted to generate some income to keep the ends meet. We are testing various moderns and traditional methods of fertilizing and pest control. Our approach is to fix the soil and then soil will fix all the problems for us as the old saying goes by "It's the soil that grows a plant, not us". **How long you have been doing Organic Farming :** Jan 2019 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency :**No under process for US (NOP) **Suggested length of stay for volunteers :** Minimum 4-5 days, no max limit. (can allow 2-3 days depending upon the season and availability) **Accommodations** 1 room can host two individuals or a couple. There is an attached bath and kitchen . We will setup two more tents during summer and late spring **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.) :** We are not just an organic farm, but we are a company so there is always so much happening and volunteers can learn and contribute towards social media marketing, online content creation, research work. We do welcome people with creative skills to build and design handicraft to showcase and promote organic culture. **Expectations of work for volunteers :** Basic understanding of organic farming is preferred but not a must. We will try to engage volunteers in different areas so they can utilize the most out of their stay. This will include seed starting and propagation , plantation, harvest, green house / polyhouse maintenance . Animal care (if willing) **Is transportation available? :** Yes **Languages spoken :** Hindi, English **Can you host children or pets? :** No **Special diets :** Vegetarian north indian food prepared with best possible health and hygiene standards. Use of alcohol and tobacco is prohibited. **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** Dehradun is the gateway to some of the best tourist places in the country. We will provide all the information prior to the stay.

IND 408 Farm Name: Sholai school, Yahnai kaduh **Contact Name:** Jivan Jenkins **Location** Ganesh nagar, Kodaikanal, Dindigul District, Tamil Nadu . The nearest train station is called Kodai road and Dindigul. The closest bus station is in Perumal malai about 10 kms from the farm where we can arrange someone to pick up if necessary. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)**We are located in an elephants haven just at the edge of the sholar forest with 23 acres of lush forest, grassy hillsides and a food forest with in the estate. We are a growing community living an off grid sustainable regenerative lifestyle and aspire to inspire others to understand how to do that themselves. The estate is a plantation mostly consisting of coffee, pepper and avacados as well as a variety of other fruits and berries and mushrooms.. We are adopting different ways of processing all of our varied foods including dehydration, pickling, oil extraction and others. We use some organic pesticides and vermiculture as fertilizer for the coffee and have adopted various Permaculture principles amongst the design of our crops and the the lay of the land. Incorporating watershed management mechanisms as well has been essential to ensure the forest flourishes. Our way of farming is based more on developing a relationship with all the plants within the land and adjusting our diets in accordance with there growth. This allows much less labour and effort to attain sustenance with the least intervention to avoid destruction of local ecologies. Our eventual goal is to create waste management facility to cater to the villages waste with biogas and compost production as well as set up an educational venue to host workshops based around conservation, yoga, holistic living and diets/health. We hope to find people with similar outlooks to life through this volunteer program. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 1992 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Yes, Control union. **Suggested**

length of stay for volunteers Minimum 2 weeks and as long as one likes
Accommodation: We have 5 cosher cottages for volunteers with a shared bathroom
Non-farming opportunities/ activities Sustainable building construction, carpentry, art works
Expectations of work for Volunteers Farming, planting trees, Maintenance
Is transportation available? No but it is easily accessible
Languages spoken English, Tamil, Hindi and French
Can you host children or pets? Yes
Special diets Vegetarian
Any other specifics for your farm , There is a beautiful waterfall close by combined with many gorgeous treks to enjoy

IND 409 **Farm name** : Nisarga Farm **Contact Name** : Kabir & Bubbly **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** :, Purkhali, District: Ropar, Punjab. Chandigarh is the nearest city. You would have the option of Train, Bus or flight. We can pick you up in the city or arrange a pick up. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : The farm owners have had plenty of experience with organic farming activities including the organic farming movement in punjab and adjoining areas. The Farm is owned by a lovely couple namely Rickie Mann and Bubbly. They have been farming organically for more than 10 years now. Even though Rickie is into his early 70s it does not hinder him from driving an old tractor. Bubbly is the founder of the first organic farmers market in Chandigarh and does enormous work in promoting organic farming. She has also taken up the initiative to develop the surrounding villages responsibly in order for sustainable village life and activities. The Nisarga farm is 16 acres in size and has been organic for more than 10 years. As volunteers you would have the opportunity to do a lot of farm work as well as live on a farm that is cut off from the hustle-bustle of city life. The land is surrounded by forest and shivalik hills (the lower himalayas). The place is close to the Himalayas, it is perfect for someone who wants to live the indian farm life and then venture into the Himalayas. The farm is visited by plenty of wild antelopes, wild boars and numerous Birds. The place is a treat for a wildlife lover. Many peacocks have taken refuge at the farm. It is delightful to be woken up by the crow of many jungle fowls in the morning. We are in the midst of developing a jungle camp on one side of the farm. This will entail a camp stay for those tourists looking for some farm time. You will have the opportunity to assist in the running of the jungle camp as well. The farm is spread into many sections. One part of the farm has a 2 acres citrus orchard. Apart from citrus we also have plenty of guava, bananas, pomegranate, lemons and papaya. All the seasonal vegetables are grown in small beds. We are also home to three geese, who wander around the farm weeding, quacking and swimming in the pond. We have mustard, wheat, potato, cotton, sweet potato, turmeric, lentil fields on the farm. All our produce is organically grown and sold at the weekly organic market in chandigarh. Overall, You will have a wonderful time with us and will have plenty to do. please feel free to write to us if you are interested. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : 10 years, Since 2010 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : Yes, Punjab Agro **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : Minimum stay 5 days **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : 4 - 5 volunteers at a time, there are basic rooms to sleep as well as tented accommodation. we have a bathroom but not attached to the rooms. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : We are in the process of building a eco retreat/jungle camp which will also serve as a base for promoting organic farming. we will have a pottery workshop run by a village resident. **Expectations of work for volunteers** : Farm work such as weeding, cow care, ploughing, irrigation etc. the volunteers will help with the construction and the running of the eco retreat and the setting up of the organic farming centre. **Is transportation**

available? : The place is 30 Kilometres from Chandigarh. We can provide transport in our private cars. The local market in Purkhali is 1.5 kilometres away. We will have a taxi on call for any emergency and farm owner's car will be available for any urgent need. **Languages spoken** : English, Hindi and Punjabi. **Can you host children or pets?** : Yes **Special diets** : Rice, wheat, Roti, lentils and all kinds of vegetable dishes from the farm produce. The volunteers should expect to cook and will be provided with all the rations. **And any other specifics for your farm** : Chandigarh is a planned city designed by a Swiss-French architect. Many sightseeing opportunities are available in the city. The other nearby town is Ropar where there is an Indus Valley Civilisation Museum besides other places to visit.

IND 410 **Farm Name** Pippala farms **Contact Name** Vidya Koppal **Location** District Chitradurga, State Karnataka. Nandi Halli, Narasappa Layout. Nearest bus stop - Can reach our farm by mini buses plying from Hiriyur bus stop to Nandi Halli, we can organise for pickup for up to 3 people. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : Ours is a 7-acre farm. We have pomogranate on about 1+ acre. Another 1+ acre of banana (local variety). Small patch of assorted fruits, and 2+ acre is rain-fed & some crop that can sustain on rain only. Entire border is lined with timber trees. We have 3 native cows & some chicken. We follow natural farming - all manure required is generated within the farm. We make our own jeevamrutha in the farm. So is the pest control - completely natural methods. We intend to setup a fully functional traditional kitchen with all tools & equipments of the old style kitchen very soon. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2011 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Yes by Karnataka state govt body - Karnataka State Organic Certification Agency (KSOCA) **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** We can take volunteer for any duration from couple of days to 15 days **Accommodations** 1 Pakka house with kitchen, bath & toilet. Another room also available. Tents can be pitched as required **Non-farming opportunities/activities** Set up of local style hut using local materials & setup of traditional kitchen **Expectations of work for volunteers** Use of hand tiller, bush cutter, de-weeding, harvestings **Is transportation available?** Yes we can organise transport from nearest bus stop **Languages spoken** English, Kannada, Hindi. **Can you host children or pets?** Yes, unless they are ready to adjust with bare minimum necessities provided **Special diets** Rice, dal, roti, vegetables, millets, - basically regular Karnataka dishes **And any other specifics for your farm** Chitradurga fort, Vanivilas Sahar Dam

IND 411 **Farm Name** : Bhandary Estate **Contact Name** : Bhagavandas Bhandary **Location**: Survey # 20, Bhandary Estate, Bench Katte, Doddavadagere Road, Kammasandra Village, Kannamangala Post, Madhure Hibli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore District., Karnataka PIN 561203. From Majestic bus stand take a bus to Purusanahalli and get down at Bench Kate stop. 500mtrs walk to farm. (Train from Bangalore station (SBC) 8 am Hubli passenger, 9am Tumkur passenger, 1:30 Tumkur passenger, 3:30 Shimoga passenger, at 6pm Hubli passengers get down at Byranayakana Halli station. It's about 1.5km walk from station to farm and can arrange paid pick up if informed prior. kindly call us for more clarification **A brief description of organic activities (Crops, Projects, goals, etc):** We have been farming for 40 years and are into the cultivation of fruits and vegetables. We have 200 Mango trees, 250 Guava trees, 150 Dragon Fruit trees, 50 Avocado Trees amongst various other trees, and also farm seasonal crops of vegetables and pulses. We previously had a 2-acre greenhouse with floriculture and have also tried our hand at hydroponics. We have since moved on to only cultivate in an organic way. We also have cows, goats, and chicken on our farm. We are primarily into fruit tree cultivation - Mango, Guava, Avocado, Dragon Fruit, Custard Apple, Jack fruit, and other fruit trees spread across 5 acres. We have always been into organic farming keeping in mind the benefits it has on the health and taste of the produce. We initially were affiliated with Sahaja Samruddhi who certified our farm as an organic produce farm. We use farmyard manure produced on our farm from cows that are grazed in the farmland rather than just stall feeding. This gives mineral-rich manure which ensures healthy growth of plants. The soil is further fertilized with vermicompost and it is visible when we dig the soil layer by 7 to 10 inches, we find a host of earthworms which keeps the soil healthy. We seasonally plant horse gram by

broadcasting the seeds. Once harvested, we rotovate the horse gram plant into the soil which helps in nitrogen-fixing. We use light traps and pheromone traps to control pests. Along with that, we spray neem oil and Pongamia oil in regular intervals for surficial pest restriction. For soil conditioning, we use farmyard manure along with neem cake to keep soil-based diseases away. The marketing depends on the harvest, where we usually sell directly to customers in Bangalore or it is picked from the farm in the harvest season. As we are into pure organic farming, we often need a lot of help in weed clearing, tree pruning, and land preparation to keep the soil in the best condition. Any help from the volunteers is welcome. We will provide food and accommodation for 4 to 6 members on a sharing basis. **How long have you been doing organic farming?** Since 1995 **Whether the farm is certified?** Not currently **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** Minimum 3 weeks **Accommodation details:** 4 to 6 members can be accommodated in a single room with 1 queen-size bed and 4 single floor beds. The room has an attached bathroom with a western toilet. We are planning to extend the accommodation for 10 members in the future. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.):** **Details of the non-farm work in which the volunteers will be engaged in Skills required** Work for the restoration of 3 rooms for volunteers to stay. Building a farm shed for cows and goats. Setting up honey bee farming box. **Expectations of work for volunteers: Details of the farm-related work in which the volunteers will be engaged in Skills required** The volunteers will be engaged in the harvesting of season crops, helping in the construction of farm-related infrastructure like staking, fruit tree pillaring, etc. **Is transportation available?** Transportation is available through trains and buses. **Languages spoken** Kannada, English, Tulu, Hindi, Tamil, and Telugu **Can you host children or pets** No **Special diets: Name some local dishes that will be served for free to volunteers in exchange of the farm work they will do** Volunteers will be mainly served with vegetables grown on the farm along with regular food which may include, Ragi Muddhe, Rice, Chapati, Sambar, Curry, Fruits, Salad, Milk and Tea. **And any other specifics for your farm, e.g. Places of tourist interest nearby** We are 40 kilometers from Bangalore and there are attractions like Shivagange, Goravanahalli Temple, Nandi hills which is a 30 to 45 minutes' drive from the farm.

IND 412 **Farm Name** Krishna Prakruti **Contact Name** Sreejith VK **Location** Village , Post , District , State (**How to reach by bus or train**) P.O.: Pothundi; PIN: 678508, District: Palakkad; State : Kerala (Nearest Transit stop is Nemmara, nearest city is Palakkad; conveyance will be arranged from the nearest city transportation terminal) **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : We are doing organic farming, poultry, and animal husbandry for the past five years. Have been accredited by the Skill Council of India as an Organic Grower. Have been championing organic farming at the domestic level in my village and neighboring villages. Krishna Prakruti (The Nature from the Gods) is a 3.5-acre organic farm ensconced in the Nelliampathy hills with sweeping vistas of the valley below jotted with numerous viewpoints, rustic villages, uncharted trekking spots, rivulets, and waterfalls. I started Krishna Prakruti to have a place where humans can be one with nature, a place where fruits and vegetables need not know what a chemical fertilizer ever is, and a place where animals can graze and roam free during the day as they were supposed to. Being a wanderlust, I actually stumbled upon Krishna Prakruti during one of my trips through the Nelliampathy hills in my 1952 MD Jeep. And my tryst with this piece of heaven started there. Converting the rocky terrain into a cultivable land was no mean task either. I had to cut the rock into terraces using heavy machinery, and sometimes with my own hand with very little help. I got mocked by well-wishing neighbors as well as relatives for undertaking this project. And I did spend a big portion of my life's fortune on this place. But every step, I knew anything worthwhile was not going to be easy. And now, it feels so good to be right; the result of my work is my testimony. Of course, it's still a humble place with a cottage and a couple of mud houses. And I intend it to be that way. But the experience you will have here will be that of a lifetime. We grow vegetables, seasonal fruits, coconuts and bananas on our farm graciously graced by two-legged friends such as hens, roosters, peacocks, and ducks as well as many four-legged residents such as goats, rabbits, and

cows. Our farm runs by the concept of "Go-Adarith" (which literally means "dependant on cows" or "cow-based") since we derive multiple products, right from the fertilizer, to the pesticide, animal feed and dairy products such as milk, butter and ghee from the cows. At your stay, I will teach you the special way we make the indigenous cow-based organic fertilizer and insecticide, which is made from cow dung and urine, mixed with coconut products, neem leaves, garlic, and more. Believe me, this is ambrosia to the plants. I will teach you how to milk cows with your own hands and even how to prepare butter and desi ghee from the milk. The ghee and farm products will go into merchandise to support the farm, but everything else is free (as it is supposed to be). I will also guide you to all the unexplored trekking spots and majestic viewpoints in the vicinity. You can also do your own biking if that's your thing. But what I can promise you is an unforgettable experience. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2015 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No. But I'm a certified Organic Farmer from the Skill Council of India **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum stay suggested is 4 days. Volunteers are welcome to stay up to 30 days. **Accommodations** At any time, we can accommodate 6 guests. We have 1 cottage which can accommodate 2-3 people. We can also set up a thatched huts and make-shift camps which can accommodate 4 people in a week's notice. The cottage has a bathroom. We will provide you simple but comfortable bedding, and a table fan during the summers. But usually, the climate is absolutely pleasant and I would invite you to enjoy Kerala's breezy mountainous weather at its natural best. We also have enough facilities to do laundry and cook a simple meal. Also, we do barbeques on most nights. And you're most welcome to partake in that. I can assure you a comfortable stay here (we are equipped with a small kitchen, small but comfortable bedrooms and properly functioning and hygienically maintained bathrooms), **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** We are trying to build a couple more mud huts/thatched huts to accommodate more guests like you, so any help in building that is most welcome. I'm also trying to create a digital footprint about our little retreat, so I need a ton of help in that arena. We have scores of animals and poultry roaming the farm at any given point in the day. Sometimes we need to protect them from high-flying prey like eagles or a cunning fox (remember my place is quite in the middle of the forested Western Ghats). I'm thinking of setting up a simple security camera that would detect these preys (possibly using some kind of Image recognition software). If you know anything about that, please help me protect my little animals and birds. I'm always trying to revamp my place but keeping it close to nature. Laurie Baker is my inspiration. So if you're an eco-based architect/civil engineer, I solicit your planning skills. **Expectations of work for volunteers** As I told you, we have the loveliest of animals on the premises. Most of them have their own names and they need the utmost care and respect they deserve when it comes to feeding them as well as rearing them. You can also engage in vegetable growing, which we do all around the year. I will need help setting up compost pits and in preparing organic fertilizers that I told you about on almost a daily basis. I try to sell my farm products such as Ghee, organic milk, vegetables, eggs, etc. in the neighbouring markets. So I always need help cleaning, preparing, and packing them. **Is transportation available?** Yes, the conveyance will be arranged to the nearest transportation terminals or the neighbouring grocery stores. Private transportation can also be arranged at a reasonable cost for sight-seeing purposes. **Languages spoken** I speak English. Local workers on the premises, if any, might speak the local language of Malayalam and sometimes Tamil or Hindi. But they are the friendliest people on earth and you will find that language is no barrier in interacting with them. But I'll always be available for you guys on site during your stay. **Can you host children or pets?** Yes. Children and pets are welcome. **Special diets** We serve the freshest milk and seasonal fruits with an omelette for breakfast. Lunch is usually rice served with a vegetable dal or curry and a vegetable dish. Curd (yogurt) and fruit salad is also served along with lunch. Dinner is usually Roti/Rice porridge with a meat or vegetable. We also serve milk tea and a snack during the evenings. **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** Despite providing you a calm serene environment away from the bustle of the city life, my farm is in the vicinity of tons of amazing places to see, such as caves which have the drawings of the pre-historic

man, dozens of amazing waterfalls such as the Seetharkundu waterfalls, and majestic dams overlooking the valley such as the Pothundi Dam and Mangalam Dam. Trekking is my favorite hobby in the hills of Nelliampathy. If you're into the local culture, there are some beautiful temples and temple-festivals of Nemmara Vallanghi temples that you wouldn't want to miss.

IND 413 Farm Name Oorna Farm **Contact Name** Teja Shilpa **Location** Village , Post , District , State (**How to reach by bus or train**) Near chilukur Dist , Rangareddy, State Telangana 501504. Nearest railway station is Secunderabad. Bus station is Mehedipatnam **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Oorna farm is a one-acre organic farm and sculpture studio located to the west of Hyderabad, where we practice sustainable living through Permaculture practice and natural building. Oorna farm founded in 2019 which was barren land for last 10 years. The reason why we wanted to grow food organically is that we got awareness of how farmers are polluting the soil with the use of heavy pesticides in order to get a good yield. The only thing that was grown in this land until 2019 was thorny trees. In 2019 April we have planted 20 fruit trees and last rainy season we have cultivated onions, corn, chilies, radishes without using any kind of pesticides. Our aim is to build soil so that crops are taken care of automatically. Our aim is to build soil as our soil is rocky in some areas and clay in some areas. With Permaculture principles, we also want to use Greywater as much as to cultivate crops and we keep our greywater detergent free mostly so it does not affect plants, trees, and soil. We fertilize our soil by using cow manure mostly and also goat manure according to availability as goats are often seen here. Till now there was no such big pest attack for the crops and for small pests we have used Neem oil spray, Garlic spray, Dhasahaparni as pesticide and foliage so that small crops could not be affected by aphids and small insects. Most of the produce till now is been distributed among the family and friends. Planning of working with an organic cafe to buy our products. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2019 April **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** We are looking for volunteers for a minimum of 2 weeks **Accommodations** We provide simple yet healthy vegetarian meals and stay in tents. Tents must be brought by the volunteers and we can accommodate 2 volunteers at a time **Non-farming opportunities/activities** Volunteers are welcome to do DIY projects like building chicken coops, recycling plastic waste, organizing workshops of their interest and skillset they bring in **Expectations of work for volunteers** This volunteering experience is a chance to live on the farm and learn hands-on about organic farming practices, most of the work would be weeding, mulching, planting, preparing new beds, harvesting, seed saving, and other DIY works on the farm. minimum of 4-5 hrs of time must be dedicated on farm **Is transportation available?** Yes, we have 2 and 4 wheeler in case of emergency and local buses are the mode of transportation here. **Languages spoken** Telugu, English, Hindi, **Can you host children or pets?** Yes we can host children, no pets **Special diets** Idli, Dosa, Sambhar, Millet roti, Rice with curry all vegetables grown in the farm like papaya, beans, tubers, leafy **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg** **Places of tourist interest nearby** Mrugavani national park, Chilkuru balaji temple

IND 414 Farm name : Chandel farms **Contact Name** : Ashish Singh Chandel **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : District Kanpur , State Uttar Pradesh , near sidhi itara railway station, off bidhnu, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh. The nearest bus stop after Kanpur will be at Bidhnu. From Bidhnu small e-rickshaws offer drop to Sidhi-Itara railway station. Farm is about 6kms from there. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : The farm is about 40 hectares. It had been neglected over the years and has been exploited by locals with extensive chemical agriculture. I want to do permaculture here so have started from three orchards which will radiate Permaculture forest in all direction. In my lifetime I hope it will become a refuge for Indian indigenous cows who need rehabilitation, donkeys, mules, birds and bees of all kinds. All this self sustainable .I have just started the process of conversion. I have marked three orchards for my Permaculture work. These three orchards will cover about 10 hectares when ready. The remaining is being converted slowly. Recently I have introduced grasses and

sunhemp to create mulch on these fields .. the orchards should provide refuge to birds and insects which will be natural pest killers besides repellents like marigolds.. work in progress .
How long you have been doing Organic Farming : Just started **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : Not certified **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : Any duration they wish **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : 1-2 Accommodation will be in a dormitory in my ancestral property near the farm, with an option to stay at the farm also in tents. Will ensure its clean dry and comfortable . **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : Construction of structures for nursery, ground water recharging, introduction to new technology and tools, conducting workshops for local villagers, pottery , animal rehabilitation. **Expectations of work for volunteers** : Your brains will be more at work then hands. Guide me about plantation strategies . Plant replant , make mistakes. We are starting from zero. All experiments are welcome. **Is transportation available?** : Yes. I have a couple of four wheelers and two wheelers besides tractors **Languages spoken** : English Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** : Yes. We'd be delighted **Special diets** : Regular vegetarian fare. The villagers make delicious hot food at home. Mostly vegetarian. Fish and chicken available on demand. **And any other specifics for your farm** : Kanpur really doesn't have much to offer. Prayagraj and Lucknow are close by. Agra is about 5 hours drive. Fort Rampura will be an interesting getaway over weekend

IND 415 **Farm Name** Karki Farm **Contact Name** Durga Karki **email** **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** Sinyang Helipad area, Pelling post , Sikkim post code 737113 **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We have a small farm , in which we grow seasonal vegetables , fruits and potatoes . Since we dont have much time we are not able to give too much attention to our farm But we plan to grow more vegetables fruits and potatoes so that we can self sustain from our farm , We dont use any pest control as our farm is fully organic . From our farm you can see the view of Kanchenjunga and Sangacholing Monastery .Our farm is 1 acres **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** We have started organic farming since last couple of years since 2018 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 5 days minimum **Accommodations** We can accommodate only one volunteer at this moment , We provide them with bed with warm blankets , hot shower and attached WC in a room in a shared dormitory and 3 meals home cooked **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** construction activity and restoration project **Expectations of work for volunteers** Seeding , potting , painting the pots , re potting , ploughing etc **Is transportation available?** The house is located next to the farm , so no need for transportation. We have a jeep and taxi service **Languages spoken** English , Hindi and Nepali **Can you host children or pets?** No **Special diets** We will serve 3 meals a day with 2 times tea , for eg Rice Dal and side dish **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** Sangacholing Monastery, View of kanchenjunga everyday and also Helipad

IND 416 **Farm name** : Rosemary farm **Contact Name** : Abhay Pundir **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** :, kirtinagar Block , Tehri Garhwal **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : We are growing the named aromatic plants from past 5 years. We are cultivating rosemary, dandelion, lavender and many more aromatic plants We also have apple and kiwi farm. We are basically in production and distribution of French rosemary, dandelion and lavender, we also started with apple orchard and kiwi farms, we include bulk collection of these plant extracts like leaves and flower petals which are sold in the market for various usage. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : 5 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : Certificate applied in National Centre for Organic Farming under PMKVY **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** 5-7 days **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** 3 rooms with 6-12 people (twin/triple / quad)accommodation, attached toilets, we have bamboo house , earthen mud house and in coming days planning for tented accommodation **Non-farming opportunities/ activities**

(alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.) : engaged in
Skills required Tilling of land for making farm land, reconstruction, mending old houses, going for grass with villagers, teaching village children etc . Cleanness awareness drive every week to engage villagers into cleaning of the surroundings. **Expectations of work for volunteers** : No as such skill required for farm as the farming is done organic and will be explained about how the task has to be completed **Is transportation available?** : Transportation from Kirtinagar block to village is available **Languages spoken** : Hindi, English and Garhwali **Can you host children or pets?** : Only children no pets **Special diets** Local Garhwali cuisine, however the volunteers will prepare their meals on their own or pay for meals preparation (all the ingredients to prepare like vegetables etc. will be provided) **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** There are lots of tourist attractions and trekking sites which can be visited, we also have Yoga sessions in and around rishikesh and near Guptkashi (base of kedarnath) for minimum 5 people, which comes at an extra cost and can be discussed through mail

IND 417 **Farm Name** Siderbhan Coffee Estate **Contact Name** Ryan Lobo **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** Chijmangalur district, Karnataka state - 577130 - Chikmangalur city has a bus stop and a train station, there are frequent busses to mallandur and to the estate **Brief description** The estate is a total of 55 acres. I am looking for volunteers to set up an organic nursery for coffee, silver oak and Pepper. Other activities at the moment are painting and restoration of an old house **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** I am looking to make a start in this area Since 2021 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** The farm is not certified **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** One week minimum which would involve 5 working days and two days off. work will be for 5 hours every day **Accommodations** I can accommodate a total of 6 volunteers at a time - all volunteers get a mattress along with a sheet, pillow and blanket. I Have volunteer quarters where they will sleep **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Painting, wood work, cleaning, home stay activities **Expectations of work for volunteers** No specific skills required. Basic training will be given on the expected task - coffee harvesting, nursery building, painting, managing a vegetable garden, involving in some guest relations at the homestay **Is transportation available?** Transportation is available upto the property . The estate jeep is available in the case of any emergency **Languages spoken** English, Kannada, Hindi, Spanish and other regional languages **Can you host children or pets?** I cannot host children or pets at the moment **Special diets** Groceries will be provided for volunteers to cook their own meals. **And any other specifics for your farm** My farm is right next to the border of the Muthodi tiger sanctuary.

IND 418 **Farm Name** Gurvah farms **Contact Name** Vilas Gurav **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** Tehsil (Taluka) Jath, District Sangli, State Maharashtra, PIN 416413. Closeby airports are Belgavi and Hubli (both about 250 km), Pune (about 270 Km), Mumbai and Hyderabad (both about 400Km). Nearby railway stations are at Vijaypur (about 47 Km), Solapur (about 70 Km) and Sangli/Miraj (about 150Km). The village is connected by a metalled road. Village Balgaon, Tehsil (Taluka) Jath, District Sangli, State Maharashtra, PIN 416413. Closeby airports are Belgavi and Hubli (both about 250 km), Pune (about 270 Km), Mumbai and Hyderabad (both about 400Km). Nearby railway stations are at Vijaypur (about 47 Km), Solapur (about 70 Km) and Sangli/Miraj (about 150Km). The village is connected by a metalled road. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** It is a totally new project that I started on a piece of land that was lying fallow for last 40 years. I started work here post my voluntary retirement from the Navy in Mar 2020. I have set up a irrigation reservoir and some tilapia fish are growing in it. Planted Pomegranate saplings in 3 acres and another 3 acres will be planted with the same. The remaining area of about 6 acres will be used for growing vegetables. The place has a small collection of hens that are free range. The intent is to develop an integrated organic farm where one activity supplements the other such as left over/ by product of farm produce becomes food for the animals and their waste becomes nutrition for the plants. I plan to introduce cows/buffaloes, goats and bees soon and also use

ponies for hauling heavy stuff rather tractors. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2020 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Not yet. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Upto the discretion of the volunteer **Accommodations** Max 12 persons, 6 in 3 rooms and 6 in 6 person tent. Shared toilet. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Opportunities may exist for construction of barn, construction of mud house and biogas plant. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Primarily for picking vegetables, sowing seeds/saplings, taking care of livestock, irrigating the fields. No specific skill is required. **Is transportation available?** Yes, I can share my car alternately it can be hired locally **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, Kannada, Marathi **Can you host children or pets?** Yes. **Special diets** Rice, dal, bhakri, chappati, locally available vegetables such as brinjal, potato, sweet potato, spinach, fenugreet, tomato etc, chicken, fish and mutton. **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** Gol gummaz at Vijaypur (about 50 Km), Lord Vittal temple (about 60 Km)

IND 419 **Farm Name** Wild Eden Organic Farms Pvt Ltd **Contact Name** Ganesan Arunasalam (Ganny) **Location Village , Post , District , State** Kotagiri, The Nilgiris, TamilNadu , South India **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Certified Organic Farm , conducting Nature farming training to the farmers and active role in The Nilgiris Organic Mission from 2018 . Wild Eden Organic Farms is located deep in the jungle, surrounded by around 13 tribal villages, three sides reserve forest and two natural streams running inside the farm. We cultivate all Exotic vegetables like Broccoli, Brussel sprouts, Red, Green, Iceberg Lettuces, Celery , Carrot, beetroot, chow chow , garlic, potatoes. We use nature farm/permaculture type with inputs made within the farm. We have natti cows, fish, goat and chicken and is an Integrated collective farming land spread across 40 acres of land hidden inside the Western Ghats and Ooty , the Queens of Nilgiris is 40 km away. We provide class accommodation using Bamboo huts, cob house and camping swiss tents. Food will be served from our Organic kitchen. Our vision is to develop Wild eden as a Self sustainable Livelihood Academic farm by the year 2022. We prepare Panchakavya, Jeevamirtham, Poochi verati, Meen Amilam, agni karaisal all by ourselves and control pests. We do have bee hives all around. Later in the evenings volunteers can visit Tribal villages around and learn their culture too. We have the pre-historic cave arts, largest mountain bee hives and wild rivers surrounded. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2018 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** We are yet to be certified by TNOCD. Our farm has been awarded as the Organic Training farm by the Horticulture department of the district. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum week or two **Accommodations** We can host to around 40-50 guests at a time. We have bamboo huts, cob/mud house and also swiss tents along with attached bats/common baths/wash rooms. We have a fully organised Organic kitchen which serves vegetarian as well as Non-vegetarian food freshly harvested from our farm We do have vegan food served too. Milk, white sugar, artificial coloring agents, Aginimotto and chemical food are not used in our farm **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Volunteers can learn how to build sustainable livelihood houses and tree houses being built by the historic tribals called Irulas and kurumbas in the Nilgiris **Expectations of work for volunteers** Hands on to volunteer in all our farm is essential. We teach the rest. **Is transportation available?** Yes. We can provide transportation to pickup from Railway station/Airport -Coimbatore to the farm. We have a Home stay in Coimbatore which accommodates guests reaching and leaving in odd hours. **Languages spoken** English, Tamil, Telugu, American English as the Founder director and family moved from Toronto, Canada. **Can you host children or pets?** Yes we can host both. **Special diets** Natural food. Special millet food and authentic South Indian organic food will be served. When there are trainings for guests/school students special 12 course food will be entertained. **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** Ooty, Kotagiri, Coonoor, Kodanadu view point, Dolphin nose, Catherine falls, Lams rock, Doddabetta, Mudumalai wild life sanctuary are very closeby to visit.

IND 420 **Farm Name** Lad Farms **Contact Name** Parag Prakash Lad **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** Dhakmoli, Taluka - Chiplun, Dist -

Ratnagiri , Maharashtra Pin - 415 641 **Occupation** Farming **Previous experience of organic farming / activities if any** Yes **Brief description** My farm is located in natural and scenic kokan region of Maharashtra, India. I am a Mechanical Engineering graduate and a passionate organic farmer now. I do farming of ragi, rice, Turmeric, cashew. I have 2.5 acers of teak plantation, plants aging 5 years. I practice organic farming by using the resources available naturally in my farm area to feed and protect my plants. With the use of organic manure and jivamrut I keep my soil healthy. I am using dasahparni ark and ginger-garlic solution to protect my farm from pests and bugs. I am not using any of the chemicals feeds and fertilizers available in the market. The idea is to reduce the input cost of my farm and in tern increasing the profitability. I am selling my farm produces directly to the consumer and not to any agent thus creating win win situation to both for farmer and consumer eliminating the middle agents. My motto is genuine non toxic food should be produce and made easily available to myself as well as people at reasonable cost. I am staying in my farm for three days a week and my parents are available full time at the farm. We have a nest and clean typical kokani style house to stay. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 3 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Not certified **Suggested length of stay for volunteer** Minimum 4 to 5 days, Maximum - any duration as per visitors wish, **Accommodations** At a time 4 volunteers can be accommodated. Dormitory style with common bath and Toilet **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Water conservation activities. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Can choose farm activities as per individuals capacity and under guidance. Preparing jivamrut and other organic manure and applying it in farm. Water management. Soil preparation for plantation. Observing and monitoring the growth and progress of plants on daily basis and recording the notes. Harvesting activates. Processing and packaging activities **Is transportation available?** Transportation is available. The nearest kokan railway station is sawarde and chiplun. By bus or car 6 to 7 hours journey from Mumbai **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, Marathi **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Veg and Non Veg Kokani foods. Non veg food includes - fish, deshi chicken, Goat meat as per availability Veg food includes - chapati, bhakari (Rice/ Ragi/ Jwari) local bhaji, usal, dal, rice, local pickles, salad, local papad, Curd and butter milk as per availability **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg** **Places of tourist interest nearby** 1) Guhaghar beach is around 45 Kms away (1 Hour drive by road) from our farm 2) Hedavi Ganesh Temple is around 40/45 kms away from our farm 3) Shivrusti - Dervan a beautiful museum on Chhtrapati Shivaji Maharaj life story is around 13 kms from our 4) All season water fall and Lord Shiva temple at Marleshwar is around 85 Kms from our farm. 5) Ancient Parshuram temple is 30 Kms from our Farm

IND 421 **Farm Name** Kaaphal Hill **Contact Name** Tarun Mahara **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** Chaukori, Pithoragarh , Uttarakhand-262531. This place is 550kms from Delhi, and 196 kms from Kathgodam. One can reach this place by taking trains till kathgodam, and then a shared taxi or private one to chaukori. **Occupation** Homestay. Organic Farming. Adventure and Outdoors. **Previous experience of organic farming / activities if any** Since 1996, kaaphal Hill has been practising organic farming for its sustainability. Crops, Pulses and Greens are being grown using natural practices and integrated pest management. The organic farming not only helps provide foods free of pesticides but also drives our efforts to create natural forestry in the region. **Brief description** Our Farm is sprawled in an area of 264 Naali which mainly encompasses forest and organic field. It is pertinent to note that the area was barren and bald when we settled there. We laid emphasis on natural forestry by warding off wildfires and curtailing the movement of cattles in an effort to safeguard the small saplings growing in humid conditions. The preaching of natural forestry encourages organic farming in many a way. The natural compost we get is used as fertilizer along with cow dung. At Kaaphal Hill, we provide training classes on how to prepare Vermicompost using dry leaves, greens, waste materials, cow dung and its urine, coupled with soil rich in earthworms. Vermicompost is used in farming and small scale sustainable, organic farming. We grow rice, wheat, pulses, and greens, seasonal fruits, nuts. Kaaphal Hill provides travellers an opportunity to come across the ins and outs of organic farming. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** It has been 25 years

since we have been practising organic farming **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** We have not applied for any certification till now. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Volunteers are welcome to stay at Kaaphal Hill as long as they want. We have not put any bars on the number of days. **Accommodations** The volunteers will be accommodated in dormitory and tents. The bathroom will be used as shared basis. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Kaaphal Hill has a number of activities on line. Adventure activities like Rappelling, Jumaring, Bouldering, Valley crossing, Waterfall rappelling are organised under the guidance of certified mountaineers. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Volunteers will be engaged in organic farming activities. **Is transportation available?** Kaaphal Hill is well connected with roads from metro cities. Our place is 550kms from Delhi and 196kms from Kathgodam. One can hail a direct bus to our place from delhi. **Languages spoken** Hindi. English. Pahadi. **Can you host children or pets?** We can host children. Pets are not allowed at our property. **Special diets** Pahadi brown rice, Dubka, Rajma, Bhaat ki Daal, Baang ki chutney, Saag, Jholi. **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** There are few attractions nearby our place. A trek to waterfall, cave painting, temples and village walk is on the card.

IND 422 **Farm Name** Ultimate Survival Camp Site **Contact Name** Maj(Retd) Ramesh Chand Sharma **email** **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** Jwalamukhi Tehsil, Kangra District, Himachal Pradesh **Brief description** Its a 45 acre farm in the lap of Himalayas, midst of Ban Chelian reserve forest . Pursuing Organic farming as hobby since last 30 years , we practice permaculture and our crops include Rabi & kharif crops. We grow various fruits (Pomegranate , Banana, Litchi, Grapes, Strawberries, Guava, Papaya and many more seasonal fruits). We also grow cash crops like Turmeric, Garlic and vegetables. Our irrigation methods includes drip irrigation and water supply from natural dams. We also have Dairy, apiculture and pisciculture. we use only biofertilizers made from cow urine, neem etc for pests control .We use vermicompost made at our own site. Recently we have constructed a mud house using locally available material . **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 1990 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Certified Agriculturist of HP govt, certified Home stay Himachal govt ,certified adventure operator & certified rafting operator **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** One week on trial basis, extendable to 3-6 months if the host as well as volunteer are comfortable **Accommodations** We can host 10- 15 volunteers at one time. We have multiple tents with capacity of 2-4 persons in each tent with common toilets & provision of hot water. One mud house with personal toilet and bath. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Mud house building & Bee keeping **Expectations of work for volunteers** Basic farm activities, taking care of cattle etc **Is transportation available?** Can be arranged **Languages spoken** Hindi, English , Punjabi and Dogri **Can you host children or pets?**Yes**Special diets** Simple pahadi vegetarian food **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** Heritage village(Garli & Paragpur), Bageshwar temple, Jwalaji temple, His Holiness Dalai Lama temple, Kangra fort, Pong lake, Palampur and Bir. We also host adventure activities like Shivalik ultra run, Kangra cross country run ,Cycling events, Rafting , Jungle walks, Camping, fishing, quad biking and obstacles training.

IND 423 **Farm name:** K.P.S. Vanvasi Ashram **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** : K.P.S. Vanvasi Ashram, Devnathal, Lamgara , Almora 263625 UTTARAKHAND. From Delhi take a train or bus to Haldwani and then a bus or shared cab to Almora, our Ashram is 25 km from Almora. We own a vehicle and can provide transportation as needed. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : We have acres on a mountain side with old established terraced hills that range from 40-50 feet broad and are ideal for establishing gardens, orchards, and buildings. We use neem for pest control and plant plants that repel insects among our vegetables, such as petunias, marigolds, lavender, lemongrass. nasturtiums, geraniums, thyme and basil. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : Several of us have worked on organic gardens but this is the first time we are creating an organic farm on such a large scale **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : Not

yet... we are just beginning this venture **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : A week seems like a good minimum amount of time to get to know the place and contribute. For Wwoofers who really like our farm and practices, longer stays are encouraged. In the vicinity there are numerous ancient religious shrines and monuments, such as Jageshwar and Bhageshwar. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : We have several large, sturdy tents with attached toilets and bathing facilities. At anyone time we could facilitate 10 -12 Wwoofers. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : We are building numerous structures.... the building is on-going. We are using multi-medium such as wood, clay, stone, brick, and a wide variety of building styles. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Planting, weeding, digging new gardens, watering, reforestation (planting trees). Building and carpentry skills also valuable. **Is transportation available?** : The ashram has a large vehicle. **Languages spoken** :English, Hindi, Kumoani, Kanada, (rudimentary French and Spanish) **Can you host children or pets?** : Yes **Special diets** : Indian foods served daily, with dal and rice and veggies and roti (talli). Food is Indian style and spices can be adjusted for those who do not like spicy food, also special requests can be made for alternative menu. **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby.** There are many famous tourist sites nearby.

IND 424 **Farm Name** Sanjeev Mushroom and Guava orchard farm **Contact Name** Sanjeev **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** House number 2734, urban estate , District -Jind , State -Haryana , Pin code 126102. The nearest bus station or railway station is Jind city bus station or railway Station , Pin code 126102 . **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)**Working as an organic farmer for the last four years it is an organic farm expand over 23-acre land we grow different crops like wheat rice sugarcane and some vegetables on a seasonal basis it includes a guava farm on 3 acres and a small mushroom unit, sugarcane grows on three Acre vegetables on 2 Acer and rice and wheat grows on 15 Acer, for marketing crop are sales at city market and to neighbours and in the local community the total production of the farm is not much so it easily sale out in the local community and in friends circle, for fertilizer cow dung manure is used at the time of land preparation before seed showing it increases the land fertility very well, used another organic method popular in India as west decomposer to increase the fertility of land for pets control neem oil is used **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** I am doing organic farming Since 2017 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** National program for organic production , **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Volunteers can visit as suitable for them it starts from a minimum of one day **Accommodations** There are two large rooms at the farm one room consist two double bed and another with single double bed, 6 people can stay easily, there is river adjoining to farm where swimming activity can be done **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Can do teaching activity in the village **Expectations of work for volunteers** Fruit picking, mushroom harvesting, vegetable plant management **Is transportation available?** The farm is at a distance of one kilometer from the state highway so transport is easily available to the state highway for a one-kilometer distance from the state highway to the farm transport can be managed by farm **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, and Haryanv **Can you host children or pets?** Children and pets are welcome **Special diets** Rice kheer, churma, **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby**A lake at a distance of 35 KM

IND 425 **Farm name** : Sudha's Farms **Contact Name** : Sudha **email Location Village , Post , District , State** :Ooty, Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu . Can take the trian from Mettupalayam. Fly into Coimbatore and take a taxi from there to Ooty about a 2 hours drive. Almost all and how to reach farm by bus or train . Nearest Train and Bus station **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : We are doing agriculture in 4 acres on 3 different areas and elevation. We make and use all our weedicide and fungicide and leverage all microbes as well. Panchakavya, jeevamrutha, Amritha karisal, Meenamulam, Neem oil, Neem cake application, Chillies and garlic with Neem leaf for pesticide. We started the farm as it was the dream of my husband to turn our

ancestral lands into organic farming and go back to our roots and provide a platform and space for people who want to learn. We grow all hill vegetables like carrots, beans, beets, lettuce, cauliflower, cabbage, Kale, swiss chard etc. Our vegetables are sent to 6 major cities. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : Since 2017 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : No we are in the process with TNAU **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : Volunteers are required to stay for a minimum of 3 days and up to 3 or 4 months. This helps our volunteers learn organic practices and gain valuable skill and insight. We prefer longer stays so they can go through one cycle **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : **Details about the accommodation type attached bath , tents , dormitory etc** We provide a bed in a mixed dorm and shared bath. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : There are always new activities going as the goal is this will become a permaculture farm and there are other farmers who come to learn regularly. Volunteers are welcome to join in construction of tanks, walls and biofloc etc. But at this time this volunteering is specific for organic farming. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Plants, weeding, seeding, harvesting and all farm related work. Most volunteers should have some level of farming experience. We take a limited number of beginners each year who are either Agri students or want to learn in this space. **Is transportation available?** : **Details of the farm related work in which the volunteers will be engaged in** **Skills required** Not required. **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** : English, Tamil, Kannada, **Can you host children or pets?** : No **Special diets** : **Name some local dishes that will be served for free to volunteers in exchange of the farm work they will do** The kitchen is equipped Indian vegetarian grocery and with vegetables that are grown on the farm. All volunteers and management team join and cook the food and eat together. Fantastic opportunity to learn cooking for those who do not know how to cook. They can also teach and prepare. Rice, Curry, Chappati, Roti, Dosa, Idly etc.. **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** Ooty and the Nilgiris have the most ideal weather and clean environment. Located at 8000 feet above sea level. There are many places to visit and learn culture from many different tribes which live on the hills.

IND 426 **Farm Name** Shantivan **Contact Name** Mrs. Shanti Shaw **Location (Address and how to reach by bus or train)**, Virudunagar District, Tamil Nadu The farm can be reached by bus route. The nearest airport/train station is in Madurai. From there government buses regularly ply to the village. The bus stop name is "Thotiankulam". **Previous experience of organic farming / activities if any** Have experience in reclaiming soil and water management. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We are endeavouring to build a Agro-forest in a piece of land (Afforestation - Permaculture). It is a challenging and interesting project as the land and soil has to be reclaimed, landscaping and water management plan has to be done. We are pretty excited about it. We look forward to volunteers who has assist us with the same. The Project site area has an upcoming biodiversity park close by and is in the rural area surrounded by villages. Volunteers could have the opportunity to interact and experience the authentic Indian Village life. You are welcome to enter our home and family and be one of us! the soil is suitable for all tree sapling, rice cultivation, ground nuts, pumpkins, etc. We fertilise only though organic manure, cow dung and bio waste. We utilise only bio pest control. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2019 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 2 weeks to 3 months **Accommodations** 5 volunteers, dormitory type shared living space with attached washroom. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Help with Eco Projects Gardening DIY and building projects Animal Care Farmstay help Creating/ Cooking family meals Help around the house General Maintenance **Expectations of work for volunteers** Permaculture enthusiasts Open for your agro experiments **Is transportation available?** Bikes and motorbikes can be arranged if need be **Languages spoken** English, Tamil, Sign Language **Can you host children or pets?** Yes. They are most welcome **Special diets** Hot Fresh Sumptuous South India Vegetarian meals served. **And any other specifics for your farm**

Surrounded by village and rural bliss . few places of tourist interest nearby Meenakshi Amman Temple, Gandhi museum, Rameswaram. Etc

IND 427 Farm Name Spiritual Retreat **Contact Name** S.Ragini **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train) , Agraharam Potlapally,Dist Mahbubnagar. State** Telangana. Bus to Balanagar(Mahbubnagar Dist) **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** :I have a 3.5 acre organic farm and have been actively participating and cultivating all kinds of organic fruits and vegetables including paddy, which is the main seasonal crop. I also grow my own fodder that I feed to the three cows that I have in the farm. The fodder is also organically grown. Activities for kids will include a fun "treasure hunt" for different types of fruits and vegetables that are available throughout our farm. Growing Micro-greens is also an active part of the program that will be a fun takeaway for adults and kids alike, which will help to live a healthy lifestyle. We are growing leafy vegetables like palak, Amaranthis, Mint, coriander and Fenugreek and vegetables like bitter gourd, bottle gourd and sponge gourd. Also beans, tomatoes, chillies, Brinjal, drumsticks, radish and carrots. We have fruits like mangoes, guavas, custard apples, watermelon, pomegranate, water apple, limes, sweet limes, oranges and black jamun. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2015 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** N/A **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 1 week- 1 month **Accommodations** Upto two volunteers in one room with an attached bathroom. Accommodation will be provided in a traditionally constructed mud house. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Reinforcing fencing and beautifying the farm house and it's surroundings that include art and painting. Pottery will also be one of the activities. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Looking out for volunteers/interns who want to to gain practical, in the field knowledge about organic farming. Activities include preparation of manure (nutrients for the plants) and pest control methods done naturally . Weeding, plantation, preparation of soil/manure, feeding/grazing cows **Is transportation available?** Yes local transport is available. **Languages spoken** English, Telugu, Hindi, Tamil. **Can you host children or pets?** Yes, both. **Special diets** Rice, Dal and vegetarian diets, including vegetables that have been grown in the farm. **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** Hyderabad City 65 Kms from the farm with a lot of historically significant places to visit.

IND 428 Farm Name Kalahandi farm **Contact Name** Rajeev Pal **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** District- Kalahandi , State- Odisha and how to reach farm by bus- From Raipur 250 km away bus are available to Bhawanipatna (district headquarter) .You have reach Lanjigarh Road junction which is about 250 km from both Raipur and Vishakapatnam.Some local train are available between these two cities.In case you choose air travel , you can reach either Raipur or Vishakapatnam,from these cities train service is available. Lanjigarh Road junction, It is 35 km from Kesinga junction and 38 km Muniguda junction Samta express from Nizamuddin Delhi has halt at both station. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : Our farm is 42 acre , We are engaged in organic farming since last 10 year ,we do Permaculture, Hugel culture, Jeevaamrit , Multiple layers cropping pattern , Integrated farming systems with cow and poultry birds We are involved in slow food concept, we have free range grass fed cow we don't feed any extra feed similarly our Bird and duck are free range only we have perennial river at one side of farm. Most of area is covered with wild tree mainly Mahua, Cashew, Tendu, Sal, Palash and Neem , Curry leaves plant and wild Tulsi are in abundance .We have planted more than 20 types of fruit plants this year on about half acres. We want to expend our activities with Bird and cow and some more animals like goats etc .We have planted Coconut, Arecanut, Pomegranate, Apple ber, Sapota, Cashew, Tendu, Sal , Palash, Amla, Wood apple, Mango ,Lemon, Mosambi, Orange and few spices trees like black pepper etc apart from this we have number of wild trees naturally growing. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2011 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Any number of days from 1 week or more **Accommodations** Simple accommodation cement house, Mud house and we are having tents also ,we have one bathroom , if you like to bath near

river .**Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Construction of mud house and bamboo structure will do ,no extra skills required we shall work and learn concept. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Volunteers will choose from multiple activities as per their interest We do gardening, rear cow and poultry birds, milk cow cook food and lot more **Is transportation available?** We are well connected to road and train. Local taxi and auto are available from town. These are just a phone call away **Languages spoken** Hindi and English **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** We make kheer with milk and number of dish with milk ,we make dosa pickle , chutney, parantha, curd ,and lot other vegetarian recipes **And any other specifics for your farm** Area is covered by mountains and forest and you shall river bath , tracking, forest bath, exchange culture activities with local Tribes

IND 429 **Farm Name** AGRO RANGERS Regenerative Organic Farm **Contact Name** Siddhesh Sakore **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** Village - Dhamari, Pabal - Shikrapur Road, Tehsil - Shirur, Dist. - Pune, Maharashtra, India 412403 There is bus from Pune to Rajgurunagar and from Rajgurunagar to Pabal village. From Pabal village we will arrange transportation. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We are working on 3 acres of farm to build dry farming methodology as this area comes under drought prone region. We are monitoring 25 farmers group under our organization AGRO RANGERS. These farmers are following regenerative organic farming practices, and we are connected them to direct market in Pune for economic sustainability. This 3 acre farm is a live model farm training centre where we do farming and training part. We are building compost factory, agroforestry, rain water harvesting system, eco-friendly space and dry farming. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2018 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Not yet **Suggested length of stay for volunteer** For 10- 20 people, we organize 3 days, 5 days, 7 days workshop to monthly internship program. **Accommodations.** Tents with common composting toilet. One eco-friendly bamboo hut for seating and workshops. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Working on renewable energy sources to lift water, composting toilets, and eco-friendly construction, dry farming, soil restoration, composting, plantation, etc **Expectations of work for volunteers** Work Engaged – Composting Plantation , Watering Contour drawing Skills -Not specific skills are required, but eco-friendly architecture knowledge can benefit our project to prepare stay. Any kind of farming skills people are welcomed. **Is transportation available?** Buses are available and private vehicle will get arranged in case of emergency. Bike and cycles are available at spot. **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, Marathi **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Millet Roti, beans, vegetables, fruits **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** Places can visit nearby Vigyan Ashram NGO , Mastani Kabar Pabal 14 Trees Foundation's forest project J Krishnamurthy's Sahyadri School

IND 430 **Farm Name** Green Community Natural Farms **Contact Name** Joby Kumbukka **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** Elikkulam, PP Road, Kottayam, Kerala, (Nearest Railway Station is Kottayam) . **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Green Community is an environmental collective composed of 62 NGOs, involved in organic farming, traditional medicines and martial arts. We are currently farming about 4 acres of land. Main crops include Rambutan, passion fruit, Cassava, other indigenous root and tuber crops, plantain and vegetables. Organic fertilizers like cow dung and compost are mainly used. Neem oil is used for pest control. We market our products through reputed organic shops throughout Kerala. We also set up local farmers' market during the harvest from time to time. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2008 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No. All the products are self certified by farmers themselves. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 4-5 day minimum **Accommodations** Two tiny single rooms are available. Bathroom separate. Can accommodate two single people or two couples at the same time. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** The volunteers can associate with students in local school with agricultural activities and also work in the local fish farm. **Expectations of work for volunteers** General help with weeding and harvesting

(during harvesting times). Work will be mild with plenty of rest and relaxation. **Is transportation available** Yes, transportation available in the form of cars and two wheelers. There is opportunity for volunteers to participate in low budget house building for homeless in nearby districts. For that vehicles can be arranged, but fuel charged to be met by volunteers. **Languages spoke** English, Malayalam, Tamil, Hindi. **Can you host children or pets?** Kids younger than 6 years is not recommended since accommodation facility is limited. No pets please. **Special diets** Local south Indian delicacies will be served with Chicken and Seafood. If the volunteers wish they can make their own food or place orders for specials. **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** The tourist spot Vagamon which is considered one of the "50 most gorgeous spots to visit in India" is only 25 Kms away from our farm. Also Kumarakam "one of the must see places in a lifetime" by National Geographic magazine is only 40 Kms away. The wild life sanctuary "Thekkadi" is only 60 kms from the farm. The backwaters country, Alappuzha is only 80kms away. A lot of hiking and trekking trails are nearby surrounding the farm,

IND 431 **Farm Name** Tat Tvam Asi Organic Coffee Farm **Contact Name** Vishal Mehta **Location Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** 25 kms from Chikmagalur town and 250 kms from Bengaluru , Karnataka . You can reach the farm by bus up to Chikmagalur bus stop and then a Tuk tuk to the farm. The nearest train station is kadur, from where a tuk tuk or bus can be taken to the farm. **Brief description** The farm is 25 acres and coffee is the main crop with other varieties of citrus, java plum, fig, cardomom and pepper . Tat Tvam Asi Organic Plantation was formed in response to the Founder's love for nature. Amidst all the deforestation, Wildlife Habitat Loss. We wanted to secure a piece of land where our activities would give back equally not more than it took from mother nature. As a result the Founders Vishal Mehta & Aditi Mehta established a base in Bhadra Tiger Reserve and started an Organic Farm modeled on sustainable principles of Permaculture with its aim to conserve and promote Biodiversity through Organic/Agro Forestry, Annual Reforestation, Water/Soil Conservation, Off Grid Living and Sustainable Tourism. We grow varieties of Organic Arabica Coffee selection 795, Kaveri(Old Variety) and Organic Robusta Coffee. We process our Coffee in a few different methods:- Pulped Naturals (Yellow/ Brown/ Black/ Red) Fermented Washed(16Hrs/ 20Hrs) Naturals Washed Anaerobic Fermented(24Hrs/ 36Hrs/72Hrs.) We got our Coffee Cupped and scored above 80's. Our Coffee is getting better every season and are striving to produce a 90+ Coffee. Farm is located on the Bababudangiri range at an altitude of 1500 MTS above Sea Level surrounded by Bio diverse Shola grasslands and montane rain forest in heart of Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary. Its a Biodiversity Hot spot hosting around 200 species of Birds, 120 species of Plants as well as many other Mammals and Reptiles. 1/3rd of the farm is completely untouched for the wildlife. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2013 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Yes, certified by KSOCA(Karnataka State Organic Certification Agency)**Suggested length of stay for volunteers** We recommend a minimum stay of 10 to 15 days **Accommodations** We can accommodate around 7 people. We have a dormitory room with bunk beds attached bathroom with hot water facility and private balcony **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** We have a farmstay where we provide and welcome guests to experience our farm life, we may need help with hosting guest, taking them for treks, cooking, gardening etc. **Expectations of work for volunteers**Coffee picking, Pruning ,Weeding, Spraying , Manuring, Desuckering, Making liquid manure **Is transportation available?** We have our own pick up and car **Languages spoken** Hindi, English, Gujarati, Kannada, Bengali and language of love **Can you host children or pets?** No **Special diets**We serve a variety of Indian dishes all home cooked hearty meals **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** We are located in the bhadra tiger reserve in western ghats which is a biodiversity hotspot

IND 432 **Farm Name** Slaria Farm House **Contact Name** Sandeep Slaria **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** Tehsil-Bazpur, Distt. - Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand **State A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects,**

goals, etc.) : Farm size is 26 acres with 12.5 acre of fish ponds, 1 acre of fruit orchard and rest is commercial crops. I mainly grow fruits, vegetables and foodcrops for self consumption of my family & friendusing cowdung manure for improving the organic content in the soil and neem oil extract to control pests and fungal attacks. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2015 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No, as it is not a commercial venture **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 7 days or more **Accommodations** 5-6 on sharing basis 5-6 on sharing basis, the double bed accomodation in bedrooms with a common bathroom and kitchen whereas there are open areas in the farm that can be used to relax or work with internet availability **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Imparting their skill/education to farm children **Expectations of work for volunteers** Cleaning the farm areas/planting of crops/harvesting of crops/ milking farm animals/angling**Is transportation available?** Yes, driving a tractor or operating farm implements . Even an 108 ambulance can also be called from nearby CHC in Bazpur **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, Punjabi **Can you host children or pets?** Ye **Special diets** Some local dishes that will be served for free to volunteers in exchange of their farm work is FIRNI which is a sweet dish made from rice and milk. **And any other specifics for your farm** Jim corbett National park, Nainital hill station

433 **Farm Name** Vasisth Farm **Contact Name** Mahendra Pandya **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** Degvada, Nearby Railway station -Mahuva, Near airport - Bhavnagar.. 15 kilometers from mahuva town Gujarat **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Vasistha farm is doing organic farming since 2013..we have unique farming of black turmeric and bansi wheat (highly nutritive) we are first in Gujarat for started Agri tourism.. Our organic peanut oil is best selling product for society..our farm is cow based farming.. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 20013 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** APEDA (VAIDIK) **Suggested length of stay for volunteer** Up to 5 day **Accommodations** Upto 5 volunteers 2 big rooms and kitchen and roof a small pool.. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Making of eco friendly house.. **Expectations of work for volunteer** We have work of mango plant cutting and cleaning , Grass cutting for cows, picking vegetables etc.. **Is transportation available?** We have two Wheeler and car **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, Gujarti **Can you host children or pets?** Yes, only children **Special diets** Bharvan Brinjal, Dal dhokli, sukhdi, puranpoli **And any other specifics for your farm ,** Bhavani Beach, Rani Gala reserve lion forest, kaliya thakar ni jagya..

434 **Farm name** Samten Monastery **Contact Name** : Passang Lhakpa Sherpa **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** : P.O Rimbick Bazar 734201 D.T.D DARJEELING West-Bengal –You only need to sign up at the Maneybhanjang checkpoint when going from Darjeeling to Rimbik and then at the Foreigners Registration Office here in Rimbik.No other formalities are necessary **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** :I want to make the monastery an example for people to follow regarding sustainability. I apply to it the principles of permaculture as it was taught to me and try to teach them to the local people. You will be helping me turning this monastery into an eco-monastery which promotes farming in a traditional and organic manner, waste management and ecological conservation We especially started a tea plantation three years ago from seeds and take care of 1 000 plants nowadays. We plan to double this number next year to reach half hectare.**How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : Since 2010**Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : Non certified **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : Two weeks minimum **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** Three volunteers, individual room with shared bathroom and shared kitchen **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : PAINTING : We have painting project also. The base layer of paints has been finished, all that remains are the details. For this we are in need of any professional painters or artists. It would be a great help! The painting is in Thangka style. To do this huge project you must stay longer than 3 weeks. As it is inside paintings, it can be

done all year. **BUILDING RENOVATION** : Currently, I need help with the restoration and renovation of buildings (wood and clay) around the monastery. **ROCK CLEANING for PROFESSIONAL CLIMBER** : there are rocks and boulders around the monastery, on which Tibetan mantras are frescoed. There are from 3 meters high up to 15 meters - cf photos. Due to the weather, these beautiful masterpieces need to be cleaned. I think it might be a pleasant job for climbing fan. This kind of job cannot be done during the rainy season (from May to July). **COOKING** : I require help with cooking and taking care of this monastery (general housework, maintenance). We are in favor of cultural exchange and cooking is a great way to do it. Then, you can learn how to cook some local vegetable and the traditional recipe and we'd be glad to try new international meals. **DOG CARING** : Unfortunately, many dogs are abandoned around the monastery. It is usually female and pregnant dogs. Then, there is sometimes a need of taking care of them and the puppies. **Expectations of work for volunteers** : **GENERAL TIME TABLE** (this is more an example than the day-to-day schedule. Indeed, the kind of work, the weather and the mood make every day slightly different) : We usually wake up around 6 or 7 am and have a tea together. You'll have some time for you if you want to do your morning meditation or yoga. We start working and cooking breakfast at 8 am. Breakfast is around 9. Then, we work until lunch with usually a tea break during the morning. Lunch is around 1 pm. Depending on the work and also the weather, we work some hours during the afternoon with a tea break at the middle of it. Work usually finishes around 5 pm. Then we cook for dinner which we have around 7 pm. Tuesday is market day so there is no work and Sunday is also day-off Only hard working, enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers are welcome. **Important** : Let me remind you that, it is only possible to host volunteers willing to commit a minimum of three weeks continuous help at the monastery. There have been too many instances where volunteers come to the monastery with the wish of going for day/ week excursions to the forest and other parts of the district using the monastery as a stop over. If that is what you are looking for, sadly we can not host you **Is transportation available?** : **Yes** **Languages spoken** : English, Nepali, Hindi, Tibetan **Can you host children or pets?** :No **Special diets** : Vegetarian friendly, mainly Dal Bhat, Tukpas, and special meals for special days like french fries, Momos, Samoussas **And any other specifics for your farm** , Rimbik (or Rimbick) is a village in the Singalila National Park, famous for its natural flora and fauna, some 5-6 hours of jeep ride from Darjeeling and Siliguri There are many places to visit around the monastery and also the Singalila Ridge trek with magnificent views of Khangchendzonga. I try to promote a healthy lifestyle here by biking around, so feel free to bring your mountain bike or a pair of running shoes with you, since there are many beautiful trails to discover. I can guide you and show you all the beautiful and interesting places around, I can also lend you a tent, sleeping bags and cooking stove, if you would like to go trekking on the Singalila Ridge

IND 435 **Farm Name** Urvra farm **Contact Name** Ketan dixit **Location** : **Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** Post Office Bugarashi, District Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh nearest bus stations is in Siyana (sub district of Bulandshahr. It's easier to reach by bus if you are coming from New Delhi, otherwise from anywhere else in India take a train till Bulandshahr or Hapur station and from there take bus till Siyana, from their pickup can be arranged . **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** This farming operation was started by my partner on his land, project was started on self-sufficient model and now we are planning to grow some plantation for commercial usage. Unfortunately, some land has to shifted back to integrated method of farming where both organic and residue free fertilisers are used, keeping that aside we have around 40 bigah, some of which is right next to the Ganga. We have grown some staples earlier like wheat, and some potatoes. We have shifted to grow fresh organic vegetables like tomatoes, lettuce instead for nearest commercial market of Delhi, and later we plan to shift to next seasonal vegetables. We have some area where we grow green fodder for our composting project and for the animal's, cow and buffalo dung that we get is used for the composting project again. We started to shift toward organic cultivation 2 years back, under the supervision of Padam Shri Awardee Mr Bharat Bhushan Tyagi, since then we have harvested various staples like

wheat, barley, potatoes and some fodder etc. we have one dairy under supervision which helps us produce compost via various methods like vermicompost, thermophilic compost, and decomposition. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2018 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Yes, PGS **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 10 days minimum **Accommodations** 4-5 volunteers could be accommodated in Dormitory with attached bath and toilet **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Volunteers can do fishing, bird watching, sightseeing to old fort nearby in Ucha Gaon. River Ganga flows right to our farm, so if you are really lucky then you can see Gangetic dolphins as well. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Volunteers are expected to work in organic fields, they have to divide their time in following thing compost making seed treatment transplanting of saplings raised bed formation routine checks and rounds of the field for supervision **Is transportation available?** We have car in farm **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, Punjabi, Himachali **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Daal(pulses), seasonal Vegetables, Chapatti, rice, eggs **And any other specifics for your farm, for eg** Dolphin reserve

IND 436 **Farm Name** Mei Organic Farms **Contact Name** Praveen Kumar **Location** Village , **Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** Edamichi village, Kanchipuram District, Tamilnadu 603107. Direct bus from Chennai to Chengalpattu from there pickup will be arranged **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We are an organic dairy farm. It is spread over 3 acers. We specialise in making cultured butter, cultured ghee, farm yard manure, and cheese jerky (for dogs). We started this farm to showcase to the village that dairy farms can be sustainable, humane and free of chemicals. We welcome anyone interested in starting a small sustainable farm and we are willing to share our experiences. 1 acre of paddy and 2 acre of fodder grass(alfa-alfa). Our farm is surrounded by a mountain and a lake situated in a picturesque location. **How long you have been doing Organic Farm** since 2015 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 10 days minimum **Accommodations** Can accommodate 2- 3 volunteers. Sharing one room with bath attached. There is ample space, living room, full kitchen. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Photography to document our work for workshops and presentations, social media skills to upload farm-related activities on our Instagram page. And help plan the social media calendar **Expectations of work for volunteers** Weeding, planting, cow shed work, **Is transportation available?** Yes. We have a car for emergency transportation and also for daily use. **Languages spoken** English, Tamil **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Dosa, Rice, Briyani, Sambar, Chappati, Dhal, Eggs , Bread **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg** **Places of tourist interest nearby** Auroville(75 km from farm), Chennai (50 km from farm), Kanchipuram(35 km from farm), Mahabalipuram (40 km from farm)

IND 437 **Farm Name** Gratitude farm **Contact Name** Vinita Contractor **Location** Village , **Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)**, District Maval, Pune, Maharashtra. Off the Old Mumbai Pune highway. From Kanhe Phata 27 kms. State Transport buses are just outside the gate of the property. Train station, highway, market, hospital are at distances between 9 to 15 kms. To get to the property also one can come by bus, train and then if needed a private cab for the last part of the internal road. Nearest station railway is Lonavala or Kanhe. Bus stop would be at Talegoan/ Kanhe phata and then a local state transport bus for the internal road. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** It is a 5 acre property out of which about an acre is cultivable and can be considered a farm. The rest is full of natural rock and very steep slopes. There is a waterfall and streams flowing through the property during 4 months of the year. We are at the setting up stage with a few vegetable patches in place. Having someone with prior experience in organic farming or permaculture would be preferred or having completed an organic farming or permaculture course, would greatly help us get things into motion. We haven't used any pesticides. We use cow manure as a fertilizer. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2020 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers.** Minimum 1-

week **Accommodations**1. A comfortable room and washroom. May need to share accommodation if another volunteer joins in, in the future. 2. Access to a fully equipped kitchen in which you can make your meals. 3. High speed internet (up to 25 mbps) **Non-farming opportunities/ activities**4. Opportunity to work on the farm hands- on full time minimum of 5 hours daily, 5 times a week OR work remotely (WFH) from the farm as a freelancer and devote a minimum of 3 hours daily, 5 times a week mainly towards the farm and secondly with AirBnB guests when needed. We have 1 room on AirBnB. The volunteer will get to interact with locals from the villagers, explore the surrounding area which is primarily agrarian. The volunteer can also get to interact with us and get a deeper understanding of our culture and ideas. We would love to share our vision which is to live sustainably close to nature by being conscious towards the environment and inner growth. We also would like to set up an activity / centre for providing the locals with a means to an additional income by using their indigenous skills. The volunteer can also be a part of this if they wish to.. Meet & Greet our occasional AirBnB guests and make them feel at home or assist them with things that our helper couple can. Currently we give out 1 of our rooms on AirBnB.**Expectations of work for volunteers**1. Person with a background / experience in organic farming, permaculture would be preferred. To look into the day to day farm activities, preparing soil, sowing, transplanting saplings, composting. OR secondary preference for a person with a background in art, architecture, renewable energy, responsible travel or hospitality. 2. Passion for working and living on a farm. 3. Contribute towards developing the farm and working towards making it more sustainable. **Is transportation available?** 2 wheeler is there on farm **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, Marathi**Can you host children or pets?**Children above the age of 13 and pets for which the volunteer will be responsible are welcome **Special diets** Dal, Bhat, Sabzi. we are vegans so no non-vegetarian food **And any other specifics for your farm** There are many trails in the surrounding mountains. There is a adventure centre 5 minutes away where rock climbing, rappelling etc. are set up. About an hour away is a para-gliding school. In the monsoons there are loads of waterfalls to visit as well as a couple of campsites where one can kayak and partake of other activities.

IND 438 **Farm Name** Muktha Farm **Contact Name** Shivprasad Hiremath **Location** Village , **Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** Dharwad District, Karnataka State, India. (You can reach Dharwad / Hubli by bus/train/flight) **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** I'm an engineer by profession and was leaving in Dubai and my hobby was into travelling. Slowly, I put my consciousness into living the right way of life - This way it lead me to the farming and made me to quit my job. I was into full time organic farming from last 4 years and now I took a job related to organic certification (work from home) along with my farming activities. My farm is of 4 acre land and my intention is to make a sustainable living and to help other farmers on taking up organic farming. Vision is to create a good and healthy soil along with abundant biodiverse. At the moment, my farm boundary has tall teak wood and bamboos. Inside, apprx it has 200 coconut trees, Guava and few mango trees and in last three years we have added Lemon, Jamun, Jackfruit, Curry leaves, Banana etc., Recently I've planted Arecanut, Papaya, Banana and some exotic varieties of fruits. Other than that I've 3 vermicomposting units, a cow shed for cows and on top of it is a farm house with all time running water and electricity. To improve the soil fertility, I use mulching, Jeevamrut, biodigester and few inputs like Trichoderma, VAM, Pseudonomas in Vermicompost. We do maximum homemade inputs to ensure the quality and cost efficiency. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** It's been almost four years now **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum of one week stay is good. Depending upon their time and availability they can stay. **Accommodations** At one time I can accommodate from one person to four persons. A bed room is like a dormitory (8 people can stay easily). Two toilet room are available (one is attached and the other is outside). **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Art on the walls or revamping bamboo house in my farm; Water harvesting activities etc., **Expectations of work for volunteers** Above work and apart from that weeding, adding manure to plants, preparing bio fertilizers, mulching etc., **Is transportation available?** I can pick and drop to the nearest public transport facilities.

Languages spoken English, Hindi and Kannada **Can you host children or pets?** Ok
Special diets Rice and Dal / Sambar with pickles or any special rice varieties **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** Yes, a lot many. You can google places like Dandeli, Hampi, Doodhsagar etc.,

IND 439 **Farm Name** SKP ARMS **Contact Name** GAYATHRI ELANGO **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** Erode District ,Tamil Nadu, India . You may reach our farm from the Nearest Train station which is Erode Central station reach us by taking a bus to Muthugoundanpalayam Bus stop. **Brief description** Have been running a Nature based school with Waldorf pedagogy since 7 years. Our goal is to understand the ecosystem and educate young children in being better sensitive to the ecology and also develop a love for learning.We have a 5 acre coconut farm with organic farming and we make copra out coconuts and make our coconut oil and we also do composting and grow our own vegetables . We also have our Waldorf inspired school in the same campus. So volunteers may also involve themselves in teaching their passionate subjects like music ,movement, art,, housebuilding , ,carpentry etc along with farming activities.. We have Turmeric,till and home vegetable plots within **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2010 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** no **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum of 4 to 5days **Accommodations** we have 1 Room with attached bathroom and a kitchen and could accommodate 2 volunteers **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Our school involves carpentry, weaving, cooking ,sculpting and handwork activities which the volunteers may participate. **Expectations of work for volunteers** The volunteers may involve themselves in assisting in farm weeding, enzyme preparation, learning about the herbs and also coconut husking process. **Is transportation available?** yes transportation is available. We have our car **Languages spoken** English, Tamil **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Rice , Lentils, Idli , Dosa,, Upama, Pongal,Kitchdi, Herbal teas, Chappathi, Porridge **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** Cauvery, Kodumudi, ,Dams-Mettur ,Vellore bird Sanctuary, Sathyamangalam Tiger reserve

IND 440 **Farm Name** The Varhadi Farm **Contact Name** Ambar Prakash **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** Post Anjangaon Bari, Amravati, Maharashtra (Direct Railway Junction is present) Post -Anjangaon Bari District- Amravati, State -Maharashtra By Bus- Amravati to Anjangaon Bari Nearest Train Station- Badnera Bus stop- Amravati Private Bus/Car of the farm will take the volunteers at the destination. . **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)**We have been preparing our farm since 2010. The entire goal was to to make our soil residue free. Currently we are cultivating Wheat, Kesar Mango , A distinct variety of Taiwan Pink Guava, Allahabad Safeda , White Guava, NMK Golden Custard Apple, Oranges, Lemons, Organic Papaya, Bamboo, Turmeric, Ginger, Teakwood and Malabar Neem. Currently we are using Cow Dung as our pre fertiliser. Cow urine works best in few organic manures. Also all agriculture waste is recycled to make manure. We have beds of vermicompost too. All of this is an opportunity to learn and we are ready to share.The farm is 4 Acres Big. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2010 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Yes. Certified under Amravati District Organic Farmers Association. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum 10 Days to Maximum 180 Days **Accommodations** - Dormitory and special rooms, cottages and resort. Attached bath , 4 tents , 20 dormitories etc A total of 30 volunteers can easily stay at one time. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Excellent Architecture, Planning and Designing the Farm. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Planning on crop rotation, irrigation facilities, Management of weeds, Management of diseases on Fruits. **Is transportation available?** Yes Private Car/Jeep /Tractor and 2 wheelers are available 24x 7 in the farm. Doctors visit can be arranged within 10 minutes in case of emergency. **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, Marathi, Malayalam, Gujrati, French, German **Can you host children or pets?** Yes. **Special diets** Varhadi Thali Handi Mutton Varhadi Chicken Traditional Maharashtrian Food **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** Melghat Tiger Reserve, Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve Shri Ambadevi Temple, Shri Gajanan

Maharaj Sansthan Shegaon, The Varhadi Farmhouse, Bhankhed Lake Birdwatching Arena

IND 441 Farm Name BigMama Farm **Contact Name** Dr. Mangayarkarasy Leela **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** Mailam Main road, Ramanathapuram, Vanur Taluk, Villupuram district, Tamilnadu **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc)** . We are practicing Masanobu Fukuoka methodology of "Do Nothing" for the past 7 Years. Ours is a 3 acre land with 300 Guava Trees in it. The Guava trees are now 3 years old and gives us fruits for more than 7 months in a year. We also have trees like Neem, Mahua, Banana, Coconuts, Mango and many other indigenous trees. Ours is a Broader vision of farming. More than farming we believe in Reforestation and living along nature. Crows can grow neem trees, Bats can grow Mahua, Hares and rabbits can dig burrows and tunnels for nitrogen fixing, and everywhere you walk there is a medicine to pluck. Nature works in a great design and it is giving you in abundance. If we understand nature only then we become great farmers. On the Marketing part, We have 120 boxes of Bees and we collect honey every three months. Our guavas and fruits have a good value among organic sellers. They collect it from our farm directly and we also supply to Auroville and Pondicherry thrice a week. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2015 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum 5 days , Maximum 90 days **Accommodations** We have a hut in the farm with Lights, Fan, Kitchen and Solar Panels but don't have a toilet. So this hut is used by male interns who wish to stay close to nature. Some also bring their tents along. We also have a house close by the farm with kitchen, bathrooms and toilet for other interns. We can accommodate six volunteers comfortably at a time. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Cycling to Quarries, Activities like FireWood oven Pizza Making, Halloween Festival(growing pumpkins) , Servicing the village elders and kids with your politeness. and many more **Expectations of work for volunteers** Harvesting Guavas everyday, Building with Mud, Selling it on the road outside our farm, **Is transportation available?** We have a Jeep, a car and few bikes that we can use for emergency. **Languages spoken** Tamil, English, French, understandable Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** Yes if they are not wild **Special diets** We experiment with Millet based food, and we love all kinds of food so you dont have to worry. You will have a choice **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** People staying long has a chance to watch Tamil folklore, street plays and dramas, a nearby visit to National Fossil Park where there is 200 million years old fossil trees, and also have a chance to participate in Healing Nature walk in auroville. Places of visit nearby there are lots.

IND 442 Farm name : ADIL BEJON DOCTOR FARM **Contact Name :** ADIL DOCTOR **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train) :**Pat village, Dhutroli, Mandangad, Ratnagiri, Mandangad 415203. , Maharastra Can reach by road (Closest train station is Mangaon 35 KMs)**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects , goals, etc.)** Conservation of western Ghats . 12 Acres Orchard. Main crops Mangoes, Cashew nuts, Coconuts . Focused on Home staying, self-sufficiency , building vegetables patches , spices , chicken , fish etc . We sell Organic Mangoes and Packed cashew nuts **How long you have been doing Organic Farming:** Since 2014 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency :** Not Certified **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 5 TO 7 Days **Accommodations (How many volunteers you can accommodate at one time)** 2 /3 Volunteers at a time, in shared accommodation. Attached bath, toilet, kitchen. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.):** **Details of the non-farm work in which the volunteers will be engaged** Help needed in cooking food, building raised beds for vegetables, repairing road / Land Terraces, **Expectations of work for volunteers** Weeding, Pruning, Harvesting fruits, cleaning, sorting, packing, drying etc **Is transportation available?** Yes we have own car **Languages spoken:** English, Hindi, Marathi, Gujarati **Can you host children or pets?** No **Special diets:** VEG & NON-VEG **And any other specifics for your farm ,** Beautiful mountainous region of western ghats , home of amazing wildlife . 2

beautiful beaches Kelshi and Velas (Turtle conservation)

IND 443 **Farm Name** Vasudhaivakutumba **Contact Name** Niranjana **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** The farm is located 4km from the Bhalki main bus stand. Bhalki is a taluk of Bidar district in Karnataka state. You can reach here by train from Bangalore and other places buses are available to Bidar. From there 40km/an hour journey in bus. **Occupation** Farming **Previous experience of organic farming / activities if any.** I've myself volunteered in various farms across Karnataka, working with community projects and more. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We are living in a 70-acre organic farm. Ours is black cotton soil, our major cultivation is rain fed crops toor, jowar, bhajra, soya, channa, peas, greengram etc. We've fruit trees plan mutation of more than 25 variety in 4 acres. In 5 acre we do natural farming, agro forestry, fruit forest. We grow our own vegetables in our community garden. We work with community on education, skill development, biodiversity conservation, miyawaki forestation and other local farms. We welcome volunteers not just confined to farming activities, you can explore more life learning with these works. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2019 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum 1-week **Accommodations** Up to 20 can be accommodated, one common dormitory with single bath and toilet which can accommodate 10 people. 5 tents are available for outdoor people, again the bath and toilet is shared and+1 common toilets. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Trekking, slow cooking, star gazing, natural construction, watershed activities, community farm development, interaction with local people (making friends for lifetime), mainly enjoying and have a peaceful relaxed experience. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Volunteers are expected to work 5 hours a day in farm related activities (excluding cooking and house m maintenance). The house we stay is cleaned by ourselves, all the volunteers will have to participate. **Is transportation available?** No transportation available from our side. But will surely guide you the best way to reach here. We have our farm bicycle which you can rent and explore the places around. Type of transportation accessible at the time of emergency: We most of the time have two 2 wheelers by which we can drop you to the nearest transportation available for you/ cab facility is available which we can book for you at your own cost. **Languages spoken** Kannada, English, Hindi, Telugu, little of Tamil and Marathi **Can you host children or pets?** Children are welcome. Dogs and cats are welcome, however there are stray dogs around the farm at your own risk and responsibility. **Special diets** Local cuisine jowar roti(bread), Dal , rice, other Indian breads, idli, dosa, poori and more. Welcome to explore more cooking. **And any other specifics for your farm** There are many forts near Bidar, one in Bhalki. Gurudwara in Bidar. More to be explored

IND 444 **Farm Name** Adara Farmstay **Contact Name** Lieke Hulshof **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** We are located near the lap of the Himalayas 3 hours ride from Rishikesh in a mountain town called Pauri. . Village Pauri, District Pauri Garhwal, State Uttarakhand. How to reach farm: take a taxi from Dehradun airport or Rishikesh. **Brief description**We are a farmstay and inspiration centre at the start of its journey :). It's all about creating a place where internationals and locals can venture new ways for simple, creative, sustainable and abundant life.We have a longterm vision to help the position of community here as we go, providing a place of exchange, growth, skills, work and learning. Think of programs like: organic farming, homestay running, empowering education for youth, waste management, local craftsmanship activities like woodwork/pottery/tailoring, and a centre for yoga/music/arts. Our goal is to be a self reliant/self sustaining project one day in terms of finances and (food/energy/water) resources as much as we can. On a clear day, layers of mountains and The Himalayas greet us from our 0,5 hectare garden. Karan (India) and I (Lieke from Netherlands) started the project in April 2021 and we have done crowdfunding and some changes (foundations, terrace rebuild, electricity). Our main aim now is to get the homestay and organic garden up and running. The garden is not huge but enough to do many things with to create a small abundant eco-system. There are fruit trees and our aim is to use permaculture principles with bee-keeping, composting, chicken, vegetables, fruits, herbs and a greenhouse planning (different kinds of) mushrooms, broccoli, lettuce, zucchini, cherry tomatoes, bellpepper, herbs for teas and oranges. These will be mainly for consumption of the homestay guests. We are also planning bee-keeping to harvest organic honey, which can be for local sale. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** From 2021 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** -No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers**Flexible, but at least a week would be good. **Accommodations** We can accommodate two volunteers at a time, giving a private room and comfortable mattress to each. Keep in mind that the place is quite basic for now, but we'll be happy to host you and make you feel at home. Electricity is available and clean water too (not yet running water). Perfect to try out a little bit of simple living. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** For the homestay project we are renovating a 120+ year old colonial house that has been in Karans family for generations now. We want to use eco-paint and creative (local) craftsmanship (think of carpentry for furniture and kitchen). We'd like to do water harvesting, have smart solutions for grey water re-use and set up a system for waste management. We need help for these projects. We also started tuitions for a few children. In Pauri there are not many tourist facilities nor NGO's, so it's special to start here. **Expectations of work for volunteers** If you have experience in organic farming / permaculture, you are welcome to explore ideas of planning the garden. There might not be enough work for organic farming only these days, so you might want to do other activities like carpentry / cooking / eco-paint / giving tuitions / etc. **Is transportation available?**Transportation: from Rishikesh you can easily come to Pauri with a taxi (3-4 hours ride). Local (veggie) shops available down the road. Scooter is available in agreement with us. **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, Dutch. **Can you host children or pets?** Not at the moment. **Special diets** Think of dishes like rice and dahl, vegetables, eggs, raita, fruit salad, oats, roti's, vegetable curry, different kind of teas. We can work together for dishes and take into account certain food requests. **And any other specifics for your farm** ,It's beautiful to have a village walk up and down the slope, or to have a drive with the scooter into the mountains with beautiful views, forests and other mountain villages. There are some temples that you can visit (walking and/or by scooter).

IND 445 **Farm Name** Chakra Eco Farm **Contact Name** Avinash **email Address** Location **Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** Halladamanuganahalli village, Hampapura hobli, H.D. Kote taluk, Mysore district, Karnataka. **Brief description** An ecological farm that caters to organic farming practices and offers eco-sustai ability. We invite you to join us and co-create, collaborate and contribute to the community of self sustainable and progressive farmers of this generation. We manage our electricity needs by solar panels in our 4 acre farm located around 30 kms from Mysuru. We use only cow manure for all our crops and some bio fertilizers sprayed from time to time, which are mostly prepared at the farm. We manage pests organically by preventive measures and periodic checks than use harmful chemicals after the infestation. There is a mix of agro forestry and commercial crops in the farm. The crops include coconut, chickoo, banana, orange, seasonal veggies and herbs. The produce are mostly sold at one of the farmer's market in Mysuru and the leftovers are used at the farm and shared with the workers. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2020 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Not yet **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 1 week **Accommodations** Maximum of 5 volunteers: Shared accommodation or Tent stay with common washrooms **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Eco projects; Hospitality; Tourism; Art projects **Expectations of work for volunteers** Art Projects; Eco Projects; Gardening; DIY Building Projects; Animal Care; Cleaning and Helping; Cooking family meals; Help around the house; Hospitality/Tourism; General Maintenance **Is transportation available?** Yes, You can reach the farm by bus from Mysore city. In case of emergency, a two-wheeler is always available at the farm for short commute **Languages spoken** English Hindi Kannada **Can you host children or pets?** Yes, children above 12 years are allowed with parental discretion and responsibility and pets are allowed to stay at the farm only on the owner's resposibility. You can also play with our dog at the farm **Special diets** All meals include fresh farm harvest of the day. You can expect Ragi balls and rotis made from a variety of pulses and fresh green salads **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg** **Places of tourist interest nearby** A lot of tourist attractions between 20-40 kms from the farm. Mysore Palace Kabini jungle Safari Namdroling Monastery

IND 446 **Farm name** : Padinjattayil **Contact Name** : Krishnan **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train)** : Kenichira post and village, wayanad district, Kerala Sulthan Bathery is the nearest city and bus station(no train service to this district) from sulthan Bathery the farm is only 20 mins away, city bus service is available **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : I am Farmer since last fourty years. I had vast farm lands including rice paddy, pepper, coconut,arecanet etc. However due to my old age I have sold most of the land and cultivating in 1.5 acres of land currently. I had vast farm lands including rice paddy, pepper, coconut,arecanet etc. However due to my old age I have sold most of the land and cultivating in 1.5 acres of land currently. I grow coffee and arecanet mainly. There are more than 22 variance of fruit plants in the field. Also we grow all kinds of vegetables for our needs. We use cow dung as fertilizer. We sell coffee and arcanet in the local market in the village itself **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : Since 1980 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : Not certified **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : N number of days **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : Since I live alone with my wife, I can accommodate 3 to 4 people at a time in my home. I can provide homely organic food and accommodation with attached bathroom **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :Painting the house Our house is painted only interior so looking for some help to paint outer area. **Expectations of work for volunteers** : No skill required for any work in our farm, it can be learnt easily by anyone. At present we need help to fertilizing the crops by digging the soil slightly and keeping fertilizer and covering the same for all crops. And removing the extra grass and weeds from the farm. **Is transportation available?** :Cab, auto and bus **Languages spoken** : Malayalam, English, Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** : Yes **Special diets** : Kerala dishes, chapati/roti can be served (both veg and non veg) **And any other specifics for your farm** :

Wayanad is a tourist spot. There are more than 25 tourist attraction in Wayanad. We can take care of their trip in Wayana

IND 447 Farm Name Himkosi farms **Contact Name** Kunal Sanwal **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** P.O. Syalidhar, Dist Almora, Uttarakhand nearest railway station - Kathgodam (102 kms away) nearest bus stand -Almora (8kms away) **Brief description** Himkosi farm is in District Almora, and is situated around 9km from Almora town in Village Farka. The farm is alongside the Kosi river and offers a clear & pristine view of the snow capped Himalayan peaks. The farm provides an idyllic location away from the hustle bustle, and offers volunteers with opportunities to try and develop new and ingenious methods to aid & support plant growth and evolve sustainable practices. When we first started with the farm in June 2016, the farm land was very barren with zero forest cover and hence over the last few years we have taken steps to revive the forest cover; improve the soil quality; take steps to improve the water table; recharge the aquifers; increase bio diversity; and integrate permaculture practices and move towards a self-sufficiency. We have a small poly house at the farm and also experiment with hydroponic farming and growing mushroom which have so far yielded us with good success and has earned us mighty encouragement for taking on novel initiatives and ideas to aid and supplement our farming practices. We also ensure sustainable practices such as waste segregation; grey water treatment; rain water harvesting; and encourage our fellow residents to do the same. These are just some of the many practices that we adopted to develop the Farm land. The journey was not always a success story but often tested us with unforeseen difficulties due to the peculiar conditions of the local area. We would love to share our experience and anecdotes that we have encountered in our journey so far, and this invitation is an opportunity for us to share with you not just our experiences and journey so far but also to learn, aid, supplement and grow from your experiences and ingenuity. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 2015 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum stay of one week **Accommodations** 2 volunteers Basic clean room with attached bathroom **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** As of now the non farm work that we can be helped with is construction of greywater pond, setting up a solar unit, landscaping in and around the homestay, setting up a small hydroponic setup, help with marketing etc **Expectations of work for volunteers** The volunteers will be involved in simple farm work such as weeding, planting, tilling etc . The volunteers will be working for a period of 6 hours every day. **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** Hindi / English **Can you host children or pets?** No **Special diets** Bhatt ki dal, Raita , Roti, Dal, Chawal, Sabji **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** Almora - 8km Katarmal - 20km Kasar devi -16 km

IND 448 Farm Name Prakritik **Contact Name** Bhairab Saini **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)**, Post & Panchayat- Panchal, District-Bankura, West Bengal . Nearest Railway Station - Durgapur (40 km) & Bishnupur (32 km); Nearest Bus Station- Beliatore (14 km) **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Since the Green Revolution of the 1960s- Indigenous seeds have gradually been replaced by “modern” varieties; by early 2000, it was evident that 90% of indigenous seeds have already been lost. I got interested in folk rice conservation while assisting Ecologist & Folk Rice Seed Conservator- Dr Debal Deb in 2004 near my village. Started Folk Rice Conservation in 2010 independently; presently conserving 250 plus Rice varieties along with 9 other crops (Maize-40, Wheat-35, Cotton-21, Barley-5, Flaxseed-12, Mustard-Rapeseed-47, Millets-42, Pulses-14 & Vegetables-9) subsequently since 2013. Characterization & Documentation of all the varieties are also carried out to develop a catalog of crop descriptors. Also supply Folk Rice Seeds to Dept of Agriculture-Bankura for cultivation by farmers across 50 acres. Apart from conservation- different varieties of rice, pulses, vegetables etc are also cultivated for self-consumption and marketing in popular organic outlets (15) across India. Different value-added products like Rice Flakes, Puffed Rice, Popped Rice etc are also produced at home and locally. All conservation and farming

are carried out following organic approaches; no synthetic chemicals are used either in the form of fertilizers or pesticides etc. Farmyard Manures, Vermicompost, Liquid inoculants, Green manure and local biomass are used for soil building while Neem, botanical preparations etc are used to manage pests and diseases. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2004 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** PGS certification under Jalpaiguri Vivekananda Education Society **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 4/5days **Accommodations** Mud Plastered & Thatched House with 2 separate rooms and an attached toilet & kitchen; can comfortably house 4 persons. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Assisting in Research & Documentation on seeds & varieties; processing & value addition of farm produce; marketing support; organising local events; documenting local crafts, traditions, biodiversity, celestial sky watching etc. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Assisting in farm related operations-Seed Sowing, Preparation & Application of inputs, Irrigation, Weeding, Crop Watching, Harvesting, Post Harvest, Processing, Value Addition, Seed Keeping, Documenting Crop Characters, Rouging, Pollination Management etc. **Is transportation available?** Friend's Vehicle is available or can hire vehicles if needed. **Languages spoken** Bangla, Hindi, English **Can you host children or pets?** No **Special diets** Organic food will be provided. Local Rice, Roti, Dal, Vegetables, Desi Chicken, Fish etc **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** Bishnupur-32 km; WW II Aerodromes (Basudebpur & Bhaluka- 50 km); Susunia Pahar (60 km); Mukutmanipur (100 km); Sonamukhi (25Km)

IND 449 **Farm Name** Mikara Organic Farms **Contact Name** Ali **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** , Gundalpet Post. Chamrajnagar Dist. Karnataka State .Nearest Train Station is Mysore. And Bus Station is Gundalpet. **Occupation** Organic Farmer **Previous experience of organic farming / activities if any** Nil **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)**Started due to Passion of Organic Farming and Chemical Free Food. We use Cow Dung, Organic Pest control methods including Jeevamritha. We have Multiple Crops, Long Term Crops include Areca and Coconut, Mangoes, Various types of Fruits etc. Medium term crops include Pulses, Potato, Carrots, Turmeric, Ginger etc short 80 Acres Farm with a team of nearly 15 permanent staff and 10 daily wagers. we do not use any chemicals or related products in our farm. Farm is 6 years old and next to forest. farm is located in eco sensitive zone. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2016 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Certification Process is Ongoing. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** No limits provided they do not harm the serenity and ethics of our farm and nearby villages **Accommodations** Two volunteers at a time. we need to engage volunteers who can deliver some benefits for our farm and nearby villages. A minimum of 15 days with an option of extendable conditions would be appreciated. **On-farming opportunities/ activities** We are looking at developing education for children in nearby villages. any alternatives suggestions options are welcome. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Volunteers can participate in daily activities in the farm along with our team. Knowledge and expertise in organic farming would be highly appreciated. If the volunteers are new, they have to opt for working along with the team and get support works for the farm. **Is transportation available?** Local transports available. if incase farm vehicle goes to Mysore or nearby towns, the service can be availed if available only. **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, Kannada **Can you host children or pets?** No pets. Facilities may be limited for children. **Special diets** Vegetarian Food served for workers can be shared. else food has to be purchased from restaurants in nearby towns. we encourage cooking **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** The farm is located near Bandipur, Mudumalai and Moolaholle Forest

IND 450 **Farm Name** Artsy Farm Sanctuary **Contact Name** Rohit Jingar **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)**Village Gogunda, District Udaipur , State Rajasthan. Reach Gogunda bus stand for pickup or Udaipur train station and take a taxi or call us to arrange for pickup . **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)**In past I have Volunteered/Helped others for many years , . it's a 2

Acre farm house in peaceful, rocky, mountain region. Crops grown are Peanuts, Corn, Eggplant, Chilies, Coriander, etc. No chemical fertilizer or pesticides **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2022 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum 3 Days ,depends on the project(s); flexible. **Accommodations** Up to 2-3 volunteers in private room/house, tent available if preferred. **Non-farming opportunities/activities** Optional: Construction of tiny homes/buildings, children's playground, art/upcycling workshop; garden art and decor; ponds, composting area, cooking; skill share opportunities. If you're an artist, artist-related projects **Expectations of work for volunteers** 5 hours/day, 5 days/wk. Positive attitude, honest. WIFI available. Based on a Flexible, skill share program- projects will be assigned according to someone's skills, experience and interests; gardeners will choose which garden-related projects they resonate with and so on. Ex: Themed gardens, ponds, artsy decor/seating/projects, composting, natural tiny homes & buildings **Is transportation available?** Transportation available from and to bus stop. Tours of nearby areas possible. Type of transport available in farm in case of any emergency **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, some French/Spanish **Can you host children or pets?** Yes, but caretaker must monitor & clean up. Car **Special diets** Vegetarian &/or plant-based. Food: Rajasthani home style, dishes – Dal, Bati/chapati, vegetable-based curries and salads, according to local produce seasonally available **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** Udaipur/Lakes/City Palace, Mt. Abu, Jaipur, etc. Beautiful, peaceful mountain area with river nearby.

IND 451 Farm Name Aranyavas **Contact Name** Pravin Nahata **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** Village: Manpura Macheri; District: Jaipur rural, 40-50 kms from Jaipur station, 54 kms from Jaipur International Airport. PIN-303805, Rajasthan. Jaipur is well connected by all metro cities of India by train as well as Air. Distances from major nearby cities - Delhi - 225 Kms. IFFCO chowk, gurugram - 200 Kms. Connaught Place, Delhi - 225 Kms. Agra - 261 Kms. Jodhpur - 375 Kms. Udaipur - 430 Kms **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We are building a permaculture farm on a 2 acres land, right from scratch. We procured the bare land with a strange level, which we re-laid adding topographical features and liner levels. growing organic vegetables on raised and flat beds adapting hugelkultur tech. already planted 100 trees, will go upto 200-300 trees gradually during and after the coming monsoons. we are building our house, some guest rooms, already have 2 rooms build for in-house personnel, office and process rooms there's a natural pond, an overhead water tank farming: organic vegetables, trees, herbs, on soil, but no-till cultivation. irrigation: canal runs all around the property, draining into the pond, drip irrigation natural cow-dung and gau-mutra, jeevamrut, and in-house vermicompost for fertilisation. neem water, jeevamrut, flower beds and companion planting for pest control. Once you show interest, we can share our YT link with updates from scratch upto now. more than an acre will be dedicated to organic farming, rest for ancillary activities like accommodation for volunteers, guests, staff; store and processing rooms, activity area, farm pond, irrigation canal, my own house etc. Already we are growing different varieties of vegetables on 30000 sft . plantation includes vegetables, indigenous as well as experimental trees, medicinal plants and herbs, fruits, flowering trees. We have had a decent produce from our first plantings, which we distributed to neighbors, labours, friends and family. marketing will begin from September onwards. at farmer's markets in the city, vegetable wholesale market is around 20 kms from the farm. a close agriculturist friend and I built 2 farms - one in kolkata, and another in Jaipur about 3 years back with great results. which encouraged us to go for a bigger set-up where i can live on the farm in a rural setting and reap the benefits of nature with fresh farm produce, fresh, clean air and a relaxed, uncluttered life. which brings me to this place. the aravali hills are less than half a kilometer from the farm. there are trekking trails as well after around a kilometer. there are solar street lights all around the farm. Plus we are also in the process of installing a 7.5 KVA solar system. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2022 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Not certified as yet **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum 5 days, maximum as per mutual

agreement **Accommodations** Room on twin sharing basis. with attached toilet and bath, (boys and girls will be provided separate rooms) common kitchen, plus we have camping tents. We can accommodate 2 volunteers in the rooms, plus we have 2 camping tents. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Opportunity for helping us build vernacular / mud huts, machan, painting the walls with doodles, caricatures, symbolic references. cooking help, one can teach us their regional fare as well as learn local dishes **Expectations of work for volunteers** Weeding, leveling, watering, if required, harvesting, cleaning the harvest and packing for moving to markets, taking care of the general activities, animals, fishes etc may also keep you busy. occasional, ceremonial cooking **Is transportation available?** No outside farm related travel will be necessary. there will be motorbikes available in case of emergency. the farm manager stays in the adjacent farm as well. we will have an electric vehicle in a year's time **Languages spoken** Hindi, Rajasthani (Marwadi), Bengali, Tamil, English **Can you host children or pets?** Yes, We'd love if you can bring in your dogs as well. soon we'll be building a dedicated dog swimming pool in the farm itself. that'll be after august probably **Special diets** Apart from the regional, rich Rajasthani dishes, organic vegetables, with roti (wheat, millet, chickpeas, chapati-bread) lentils, pulses, rice (occasionally), if ingredients are available, you may cook your choice of food at times and teach us as well **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest** **Near by** Jaipur the capital of Rajasthan, is the hot spot of tourism in Bharat. but our farm is 50 kms from the city. if anyone is going to the city by car, you can tag along, if you like. Besides, there are hills to explore less than a kilometer from the farm on foot (ariel distance less than 400 Mtrs) local, ancient temples all around. some old, palaces close by

IND 452 **Farm Name** Mehr farm **Contact Name** Harish Mewani **Location** Village, Post , **District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** Nandgoan Village, Trimbakeshwar, Nashik ,Maharashtra. 422203. how to reach farm by bus or train . Nearest Train station : Nasik road , Bus stop Varasveer Kms **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** I am Professional Certified Permaculture Design Course from Aranya Hyderabad and practicing Parmaculture since last year Our farm has a lot of wild vegetation which flourishes during rainy season. We want to identify , document and sustain them. As for Agriculture : Rice / Jowar / Ragi (finger millet) / Varai (little millet) / Urad dal / Kurasni (Nigel oil seeds) is traditionally grown in our area. At our farm too, the local care takers do farm the above in the rainy season. On our farm we are working the following: Reforestation over 3 acres of the property wherein we have currently planted live fence saplings. The plan is to identify local tree species which are in decline due to conversion of land into farming / logging / lopping activities, recover their seeds / saplings, bring them to our nursery, and then plant them once they have grown and have a better chance of success (from being eaten by goats, cows, wild boar, etc) To preserve the existing wild vegetation and re-introduce more native varieties, so that we can make it a part of our daily diet To grow rice / millets for the family to become self-sustainable To grow seasonal vegetables using permaculture design methods so water and energy are used most efficiently. To do Bee keeping (planting trees to attract bees and then the process of bee keeping) To have a fruit orchard of local berries and fruits and have products (preserves, jams etc) from them in the future To make compost and mulching to increase the organic matter in the soil. We do not use any chemical fertilizers at the moment and have only added organic cow dung manure and rice husk during plantation this year from nearby village. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 2021 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum 5 days Maximum 1 Year **Accommodation**1 cottage with attached bathroom (western) , will accommodate up to 3 people. Kitchen and Dining area are separate, we have a cook for meals. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities**As a part of our Reforestation project, we are looking for volunteers / researchers who are interested in documentation and study of local flora, fauna, and fungi. The farm is located between mountains which are a part of the northern western ghats and as such, still have an abundance of small plants, fungi, and insects (especially spiders and moths) and frogs which have not yet been fully studied / documented. Maintenance of the place, Interaction with visitors and providing basic tour guide of the place. **Expectations of work for volunteers**1)

Identification, documentation of Native Trees, wild vegetation in and around the farm. 2) Maintenance of planted saplings - making compost, mulching, adding organic matter to current saplings and plants, watering the plants post rainy season. 3) collection of seeds and saplings of native trees and adding them to our nursery 4) maintenance of the existing structure -cottages have mud walls -which need repairs every now and then 5) to help during plantation period n farming activities 6) to help in post-production stage of grains harvested - activities like winnowing / de husking, cleaning and storing of grains.7) to interact with other guest present at the same, to conduct farm walks. 8) to observe / study/ document insects and birds at the farm. **Is transportation available?** From the city till the farm local transport is available (city bus runs twice a day at specific time). Currently we don't have any mode of transport other than our car, but bi-cycles can be arranged for. In case of emergency the neighboring villagers do have motor bikes / van. **Languages spoken** Marathi (local language spoken at the farm) , Hindi and English (we are comfortable communicating in English) **Can you host children or pets?** Children need to be supervised at all times. Pets yes but need to be supervised as to not cause damages to plants n in nursery **Special diets** Bhakari (local bread) , Chapati / Roti , Rice , Dal , vegetables as per availability **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** Waghera Fort ruins, which is a popular trek (thankfully not too popular and crowded) is a 90-120 minute medium difficulty trek from the farm. Lots of streams and waterfalls nearby in the monsoons.

IND 453 Farm Name THARWA FARM **Contact Name** DILBAGH SINGH **Location** Village, Post, District, State (How to reach by bus or train) VILL- DHARALI, TEHSIL DISTT- AMBALA (HARYANA). 5 KMS FROM AMBALA CANTT (SITUATED ON GT ROAD) AND CITY RAILWAY AND BUS STATION.AUTO AND MANUAL RICKSHAWs ARE AVAILABLE ALL TIME FROM THESE STATIONS. RICKSHAWs **Brief description** WE STARTED GROWING GUAVA ORGANICALLY ON OUR 3 ACRE FARM WITH A HIGH DENSITY FISH POND(USE HOME MADE FEED FOR FISHES).WE HAVE A BIG LAWN UNDER PROGRESS FOR GARDENING PURPOSE.WE STARTED THIS FARM WITH A VISION OF DIVERSIFING CROPS TO SAVE MOTHER EARTH AND DECLINING WATER LEVEL.WE HAVE A WATER RECHARGE SYSTEM ON FARM AND WHOLE FARM IS COVERED WITH DRIP SYSTEM FOR IRRIGATION TO SAVE WATER.WE MAKE PESTICIDES WITH LEAVES AND OTHER MATERIAL AVAILABLE LOCALLY TO CONTROL PESTS AND OTHER DISEASES.WASTE DECOMPOSER AND BUTTER MILK IS USED ON REGULAR BASIS, FOR GROWTH OF PLANTS WE MAKE PRODUCTS WITH MUSTARD CAKE,ASH,PULSES ETC.WE KEEP ON EXPERIMENTING NEW ORGANIC THINGS AND WELCOME MORE N MORE IDEAS SO WE CAN BOOST AGRICULTURE AND REDUCE COST ON PRODUCTION. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** STARTED IN 2020 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** NOT CERTIFIED **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 1 - 90 **DAYS.NO RESTRICTIONS. Accommodations** WE HAVE A NEWLY BUILT FARM HOUSE (INDOOR KITCHEN AND BATHROOM) WITH OPTION OF OUTDOOR COOKING.TWO BIG PERMANENT ROOF HUTS ON POND SIDE, TENTS CAN BE ARRANGED.5-8 PEOPLE CAN BE ACCOMODATED AT A TIME.OUR FARM IS LOCATED 5-7 MIN WALKING DISTANCE FROM VILLAGE WITH VERY QUIET SURROUNDINGS AND SECURED WITH BARBED WIRED FENCE. **On-farming opportunities/ activities** PLANNING TO START FARM STAY AND MEDITATION ACTIVITIES SOON.NEED MORE IDEAS TO DEVELOP FARM WITH DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE.CAN HELP TO EDUCATE LOCALS TO GROW ORGANICALLY AND DIVERSIFY CROPS. **Expectations of work for volunteers** CARING OF PLANTS, GRASS CUTTING, WEEDING AND FISH FEEDING AND CARE.NEED IDEAS SO WE CAN MAKE OUR FARM TO GROW HEALTHIER. **Is transportation available?** TWO AND FOUR-WHEELER CAN BE ARRANGED WHEN REQUIRED.ALL TYPES OF FARM RELATED WORK FROM WHICH WE CAN LEARN SOMETHING **Languages spoken** HINDI, PUNJABI, PUADHI(LOCALLANGUAGE). ENGLISH HELP CAN BE ARRANGED **Can you host children or pets?** YES, **Special diets** NORTH INDIAN VEGETARIAN FOOD (RICE, CHAPATI, PULSES, VEGETABLES) WITH OPTION OF NON-VEG. **And any other**

specifics for your farm, for eg Places of tourist interest nearby 200 KMS DELHI.. 50 KMS CHANDIGARH (THE CITY BEAUTIFUL),PATIALA(THE ROYAL CITY), KURUKSHETRA (THE PLACE OF MAHABHARATA), MORN HILLS . OUR FARM IS LOCATED ALMOST AT SAME DISTANCE FROM ALL THESE PLACES OF VISIT AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IS EASILY AVAILABLE ALL TIME

IND 454 **Farm name** : Makaka farms **Contact Name** : MK Jha **email** : **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** : There are 2 Farms :1) Kamman thotti 2) Bagalur land , near A. Kothur, Pukchandra Road, District Krishnagiri ,State Tamil nadu **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We have two locations 5 & 4 acres in size but at a distance of about 35 kms, located near a small township know as Hosur in Tamil Nadu. We have a mix of fruit trees such mangoes, Chikoo, Coconut, Papaya, Amla, Moringa. We have planted a number of Aloe vera roots. We harvested 2 tons of turmeric this year which we have replanted in both the locations. We plan to scale up the overall number of mango trees to about 350, coconut to 200, other fruit trees to 200, Amla -100, Papaya -2000. Likewise, grow about 500kgs of green vegetables every week. One location @ Kamanthotti has had fruit trees since 2001 but following my retirement last year, we have diversified into various other plants as detailed above. As regards fertiliser & pest controls, we use jeevamrit, panja kavya and neem based spray for pest control. We are in the process of market discovery. We believe in making most of the produce available for local markets for local consumption. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : Since 2020 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : Yes. Govt of TN certification valid till end of April 2023**Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : Ideally 10-15 days stint will be good. That's a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 15 days. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : I stay in a 2 room rented accommodation which has attached bath. This can easily accommodate 3-4 persons. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :**Details of the non farm work in which the volunteers will be engaged in** We intend constructing own accommodation in the land soon. Any skill set for making use of local material would be helpful. **Expectations of work for volunteers** : Try and help out with manual work just a bit but suggestions on taking the activities beyond our little holding and making it attractive for others in the neighbourhood to join organic farming activities would be very helpful. **Is transportation available?** : I don't own a transport. We have decent understanding with the neighbors. A transport, in case of emergency, can be arranged in a matter of minutes. Also, as a retired IPS officer from TN cadre, I can call and seek help from the nearby Police stations or the other district authorities. **Languages spoken** : Tamil, English, Hindi - local population also speaks Telugu and Kannada **Can you host children or pets?** : Should not be problem **Special diets** : I do my own cooking. Mostly do rice, khichdi and eggs etc. Lots of fruits available this side. D'mart mega store is just 8kms from the land. **And any other specifics for your farm** , The land is surrounded by hillocks and there are may very scenic and quiet places to sit back and meditate.

IND 455 **Farm Name** URVARA FARMS **Contact Name** TIBIN, **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)**, Post - Kanthalloor, District - Idukki, State- Kerala.. Nearest Air port- Cochin – nedumbasserry Train station - Aluva. Bus station- Direct bus from cochin and Aluva. Nearest main bus station is Munnar (Munnar is the famous tourist place in Kerala.) **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** For the past 12 years, I have been practicing organic farming. Main Crop- Strawberry, other exotic vegetables Spices like Cardamom, back pepper. Urvara Farms is a joint effort by a group of young people, who are dreaming of sustainable life in agriculture. Our main aim is a encourage agriculture and related sustainable development activities. Our farmland is 5 Acres. I do organic farming and train students and other farmers. We have a farmers group. They are doing traditional organic farming. We support to sell their products. We make compost, and different types natural herbs using pest control medicine. We using modern organic methods developed by kerala agricultural university. And our special and main plant growth booster are Jeevamritha and Vriksh ayurvedha medicine. **How long you have been**

doing Organic Farming Since 2010 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** You can stay minimum 5 days and maximum as long as you want **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** 5-10 volunteers. We have rooms in farm house and tents in farm. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** We have farming, value addition and farm tourism. If interested in segments /skill in these segments are good **Expectations of work for volunteers** Planting, Plants caring, fruit, in strawberry harvesting time we contact strawberry fest. Volunteers can join this work. This season we will planning to make value addition of strawberry, like preserve, jam, and dehydrated products. **Is transportation available?** Yes, we have Bike and Car. **Languages spoken** English, Malayalam, Hindi, Tamil. **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Kerala Diets, We will arrange Volunteer suggestion. Kerala main dish is Sadhaya. And different types of steam dishes for breakfast. And spicy non veg dishes. **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg** **Places of tourist interest nearby** Kanthaloor - Fruits bowl of kerala, It is near main tourist destination munnar, nice climate. Friendly people.. Munnar ,Kolukkumali, Meesapulimali ,. Iravikulam National Park, Rajamala(neelagi thar protection area.) , Marayoor sandal forest , Chinnar tiger reserve , Off road jeep safari , Forest trekking , Thekkady , Ramakkal medu.

IND 456 **Farm Name** Nailbagi Village **Contact Name** Divita Jain **Location: Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** We are in the Himalayan foothills, in the Saklana range, next to the Kaudia reserve forests. We are 300 kms from New Delhi, & are accessible from both Dehradun & Rishikesh side of the mountains at 90 kms. The closest town to us is Chamba, at 10 kms. Our region is dotted by villages & hamlets, small & big. The ridges here boast of snow peaked views of the Himalayan ranges & the big sized water body, that is the Tehri lake at the valley floor. Please note that Nailbagi village is not connected by road. The hike to the village starts from Chopariyal village and takes approximately 1 hour on a 3.5km long mountain path. The trail passes through a mixed oak forest and is at the basic level. Anyone with a decent fitness level can easily do it. Tehri Garhwal , Uttarakhand . **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** I am Director of Ecovita Foundation Ecovita Foundation is a non-profit organization working in the Northern part of India since 2017 in the field of community development, regenerative agriculture and health. The world can no longer sustain the damage caused by social, economic and environmental limits being reached, and in the near future, we will see the end of civilization as we know it. We need to transition to not just living sustainably, but in a way that heals and regenerates the damage that been done. Everything in nature is useful and serves a purpose in the web of life. We, too, have a purpose. Ours is to explore techniques and ideas that move towards creating healthy environments, healthy cultures, and healthy people. To know more about our work, follow our instagram handle: www.instagram.com/ecovitafoundation We have been learning and applying regenerative farming principles in different landscapes from last four years. The farm is close to 3 acres in size. We are working with different farmers in the village with each having an average holding of 0.5 acres. Main crops grown are: potato, onion, garlic, cabbage, beans, tomatoes, leafy greens, chillies, etc Cultivated trees: apple, pear, walnut, plum, peach, wild berries, sweet chestnut, etc . Our focus will be on experiential learning comprising theory, hands-on field work, and one-on-one mentorship. Your time will be designed in a way that lets you learn in a community setup and also thrive in your individual capacities. The space will allow you to reflect on your personal and professional goals and aspirations, while being guided by your natural instincts (and the mentors of course!) Most of our micro projects, long term programs & workshops are focused on broad overarching topics like: - Soil Management - Water Management - Ecological Restoration - Waste Management - Village Forests - Farmlands & Food forests - School/ After school programs - Social Heritage & Cuisine - Cultural Heritage: Folklore & Stories, Music & Songs, Arts & Crafts - Natural Building - Appropriate Technology - Diversity in livelihoods **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 2018 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum 1 week, suggested stay duration: 1-2 months **Accommodations** Food: Food served by us is homely and vegetarian.

A full day will consist of 3 big meals (breakfast, lunch & dinner) & 2 small refreshments (tea/coffee). Kindly talk to us for any special requirements. We will also be experimenting with lots of other dishes & processing of fruits from the orchard, & the kitchen will be open for everyone to do creative cooking & crazy salad making from the gardens **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** This is the first year of our ground work. During these months, we will be undertaking various projects mentioned below- Chemical free food production, Farmyard composting, understanding local cropping systems and native species, diversifying crops: planting fruit trees, Maintenance of crop fields, setting up a nursery for cultivated & forest plants. Forest ecology study, Experimenting with bio-fertilizers & bio-pesticides & other integrated pest management strategies. Village beautification, After school program with local children, Village level data capturing, Seed collections, Village pathway repair, Waste management, Bio enzymes and other ferments Apiculture Other specific projects that can independently be taken up: Set up a medical camp for villagers. Set up a kitchen garden in a local school. Adopt a dying stream & bring it back to life. Making a pond. Reforestation of burnt patches of the village forests. Set up a farming plot for a low-income family. Complete an appropriate tech project from start to finish like a windmill, solar water heater, electric fence etc. Make a local house carbon footprint negative. **Expectations of work for volunteers** You are expected to spend a minimum of 5 hours daily, working on the daily project tasks assigned, for 5 days a week. We expect that as a volunteer you have come to us with the intent to learn & will be serious about the tasks assigned to you. Certificates upon completion of your projects/time will be provided on requests at an extra cost of Rs. 100 Kindly note that we have a zero-tolerance policy towards drug usage & other such substance abuse. We work very closely with the local community & kids from local schools & will expect good behavior from visitors. **Is transportation available?** Our village is not connected by road. You have to hike for one hour on a stony mountain path to reach us. **Languages spoken** English and Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Traditional Garhwali cuisine **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** The local region is very scenic. The villages in the valley are very beautiful, quaint & deserve to be visited. You will find some very special heritage experiences on these visits. The Tehri lake (30 kms away) is also very close to us & you can enjoy water sports there. There is also a very nice 7 km forest walk in the 300-hectare Kaudia forest reserve, very nicely maintained by the forest department. The region is also very popular for numerous birds that live here & many birding groups flock the region to catch a glimpse of these airborne beauties. The temple of the local deity: Surkandadevi, is also a very popular temple visited by a lot of tourists.

IND 457 **Farm Name** Mudita Wellgrove **Contact Name** Shabana Diler **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** Taluka : Bhor, District Pune, State Maharashtra , one can reach the farm by bus from Swargate Pune . Nearest Train station is Pune. Cabs are also available from Pune city till the village. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Our farm is 2 acres and we are a 5 year old farm. We are still in the process of developing and are learning on the way. We have an orchard side which has a mix of native and fruit trees and we also do some annual seasonal cropping in the other section of the farm. We follow the natural farming methods of use of a lot of green mulch, no ploughing at all since the last 2 years, mixed cropping as far as possible and we attempt to create an eco system such that it takes care of the pests on its own. We also plant a lot of aromatic and colourful plants all through the farm to confuse the pests. Since the last year, we have also started doing syntropic farming in one section of the farm which is a method developed by a farmer from Brazil where we have a mix of rows of trees and vegetable beds next to each other and each benefits from the other. A lot of the trees are planted as support trees where they are continuously cut down/pruned for the green manure and in the process they release the growth hormone that also intimates the trees nearby to perform/reproduce fast or else it will also be cut down. We find this system of cropping quite an efficient way of farming and may gradually convert more and more parts of our farm towards this way. The major organic crops grown are Papaya, Banana, Mango, Chikoo, Custard apple, Guava and we take seasonal crops such as the

pulses, onions, garlic, groundnuts, haldi and vegetables such as brinjal, bhindi, gourds, chillies, etc **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2017 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No it is not yet certified. **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** For people who are interested in farming and living in rural India, we offer an excellent opportunity. We can offer our space anywhere between a week till 2-3 months for sincere and committed volunteers. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** We can accommodate up to 2 volunteers at a time. We have a kind of an enclosed lobby space which offers a good, large shared space for 2-3 volunteers. It has a bed and necessary bedding too. There is a shared bath room and toilet facility available at the farm. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** We are also engaged in running a library for the children of the village, very close to our farm. For those interested in engaging with young children and reading out stories to them, this is the place to be. Children are most excited to learn new games, stories and love playing in groups too. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Engaging in the work that is happening at the farm. The most common tasks available throughout the year are those of weeding and pruning of trees. We also have tasks such making of the vegetable beds, structures for climbers, any other maintenance work, chopping of wood, making of trenches as and when required, digging holes for tree plantations, sowing seeds, planting of trees, harvesting, collecting flowers, fruits during the season and drying them carefully. Skills required: Work in the field in the heat with their hands, Ability to learn new tasks, patience **Is transportation available?** Private vehicles and cabs are available in the village in case of any emergency. And once you reach the nearby town of Nasrapur, there are buses available too. **Languages spoken** Marathi, Hindi, English **Can you host children or pets?** Yes we can. **Special diets** Staple meal in terms of Dal, Vegetable, Bhakri (millet bread) can be served twice a day and a breakfast of eggs, or poha or paratha **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg** **Places of tourist interest nearby** There is a lake nearby which is a lovely place for walks in the evenings and we are surrounded by hills and forts that can be hiked /trekked by those interested in hiking/ trekking. There is also an ancient temple of Shankar, in the town nearby called the Baneshwar temple.

IND 458 **Farm Name** Fukuoka Farm **Contact Name** Nandakuma P. **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train) ,** Near Vandithavalam, Nanniyode .P.O, Palakkad District, Kerala State, India - 678534 - Nearest Train and Bus station - Nearest railway station - Palakkad Junction, Bus station - **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Got into farming as part of early retirement and as part of this read One straw revolution by Masanobu Fukuoka and got interested in natural farming. The farm is 9.25 acres, main crop is coconut, banana and mango. There are about 150 matured coconut trees, around 150 banana trees and around 30 mango trees. I also do rice (0.35 acres) in rainy season and some turmeric and greater yam. Farm is based on Masanobu Fukuoka principles, no fertilisation and no-tilling (except rice) and pest control. 0.35 acres of rice is done in organic/tilled way and around 0.15 acres is done in no-till fashion. In this area two upland rice varieties is being tried out without tilling. Also Masanobu Fukuoka developed happy hill rice is also being tried in a small area. In coconut area leguminous cover crop pureria javanica is grown and cut and mulches around trees. Also other crops like Gliricidia mexican sunflower and super napier grass is grown just for mulching purpose only. This year around 20 varieties of traditional mango seedlings are planted. Few products are sold through organic outlets in Palakkad and Thrissur. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2010 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** NO **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum 10 days and Maximum - 15 days **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** Maximum of 2 persons can be accommodated at a given time. one bed room kitchen with attached bath room. No electricity, hence has to be managed with candle light. Mobile charging purpose a solar charger will be provided **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Trenching for rainwater collection **Expectations of work for volunteers** In rainy season (June-August) fruit tree planting, banana planting and turmeric planting and also rice

planting related work. Planting and cutting weeds and mulching biomass around **Is transportation available?** In emergency cases, autos will be available on call. **Languages spoken** English and Malayalam (local language) **Can you host children or pets?** One child should be OK, no provision for pets now. They can be tied outside, but there will be risk of some stray dog attack **Special diets** Groceries and vegetables will be provided for cooking and cooking facility using firewood. Since time will be spent on cooking, expected work is only 5 hours per day. **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** Hill station Nelliampathy, Silent Valley national park etc,

IND 459 **Farm Name** Kashi Farm **Contact Name** Atul Tripathi **Location** Village , Post , District , State (**How to reach by bus or train**) Village and Post , Maheshpur , Azamgarh , UP state . It takes 4 hours to reach Azamgarh from Varanasi and 3 hours to reach Azamgarh from Lucknow By Bus/Taxi. 1). To reach Kashi farm take Train for Azamgarh, UP after reaching Azamgarh , you can Contact me I will arrange pick up . If you are unable to contact then from Azamgarh Bus Station or Azamgarh Railway Station book an Auto or taxi to Maharajganj..**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We have 3 Farms (2 Farms of 1.5 Acre at different place and another one is of 1 Acre). We started this Organic farm to educate people and tell them how important is organic culture and farming in this area, since last 20 years. We use Organic fresh cattle dung and manures from our Cattles Like Cow, Calf, Buffaloes and many other to control our pests. We also make organic Fertilizers. One can witness our unique method of organic farming. . We grow many organic Vegetables (like:- Tomato, Radish, Brinjal, Cauliflower, Okra, Onion, Spinach, Carrot, Potato, Beans, Broccoli, Turnip, Peas, Pumpkins, Bottle Grounds , Cabbage and many more) for our daily use purpose and also to sell them in the market; It also boost our economic condition. We make organic fertilizers and manure in a corner of our fields itself. We grow different Commercial and Non-Commercial crops by only Organic method. We use some ancient techniques which help us to make our environment clean because it does not consume Carbon. Our method of supplying Water in the Fields is also unique. Which follows in some areas of North India only. We have also some unique methods and techniques to protect our crops and vegetables wild small and big animals. One can learn how to grow all the kharif, rabi, and zaid crops, (Wheat, Pulses, Rice, Jowar, Bajra, Maize, Cotton, Groundnut, Sugarcane Pulses (like Urad Dal). As we have three different farms . You can learn too many new things related Organic Farming and North INDIA. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2000 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum-2 Days and Maximum 4 Days for free in Kashi Farms. **Accommodations** Two Persons at a time, No Attached bathroom but proper Furnished Bedrooms. If you are interested than we have proper place for tenting. You will be provided fan and heater accordingly. Freshwater to drink and bath. Will get proper two vegetarian meals and Breakfast in the Morning. Will get Tea and Coffee. You can buy Non-Vegetarian Food and soft drinks by yourself from local stores and Supermarkets. You will get proper 4G Internet Network and all the availability of goods. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Care of cows , making boundaries around the field to protect the crop from wild animals. Can learn different Bamboo craft & rope making from coconut waste, Bamboo container to carry manures from one place to another. You can learn building huts , help in flower garden take care of Mango garden more than 100 trees, Guava, , Lemon . You can do different rides (Horse Ride, Donkey Ride and many more) . You Can enjoy. Landscapes of villages in Bike. You can do fishing in the nearby rivers and Ponds with locals and get opportunity to learn some new and traditional techniques of Fishing. You can also interact with many experienced locals about Organic Farming . **Expectations of work for volunteers** : Driving tractor to plow and till our farm. In this, you will learn that before the arrival of tractors, how people used to plow in North India with the help of oxen. Help in making plots in our fields so that we can supply water to the whole field. You will get different works in our three different organic fields . **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** English , Hindi, French, Spanish, German and Russian little bit Japanese. **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Vegetarian dishes and drinks Like as a mango juice drink which is made with a unique style , sugarcane juice

and many other. **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** We can arrange tour package for you to visit Varanasi and Ayodhya dham (Ram Temple). You can also support local artisans by buying local hand made products . You can see many historical temple and Mosques near the farm too . The cost of such tours , you will have to bear such us rent of Vehicle , food , snacks etc . The details could be discussed when you are at farm. Many fun activity are also available like Waterparks, Summer camps, Traditional dance etc on payment basis

IND 460 **Farm Name** Sambrahma **Contact Name** KAUSHIK S S **Location** Village , Post , **District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** Sandanapalli village, Denkanikottai taluk, Krishnagiri Krishnagiri district, Tamilnadu state **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)**This is 120 acre of land. This is project belongs to Hosachiguru farm land management company. It very hilly type of landscape. we Following syntropic planting techniques here. Here we are facing challenges of soil erosion and water seepage. Also taking control measuring. To enrich the soil we trying to increase biomass and more organic matter input like compost making using within the farm ingredients. Earthworks like swale, bioswale, lakes for rain water harvesting. We won't produce any of products here we mainly concentrating on soil enrichment, water harvesting and management. We will plant fruit and timber, nitrogen fixing and bio mass plantation to balance with nature. Creating food forest for the future. In vegetable garden also for internal consumption. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2020 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** NO **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 15 days **Accommodations** 2 members at time, room without attached bathroom **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** They can enjoy the nature with near by forest. They can engage with in the kitchen **Expectations of work for volunteers** They will work in planting, mulching-, erosion controlling, organic preparation like jeevamrutha, nee seeds spray, compost making, nursery take caring **Is transportation available?** Transportation available. **Languages spoken** English must **Can you host children or pets?** NO **Special diets** Ragi ball, roti, dosa, upma **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** 1.Aiyur: it is an eco tourism park. 2. Hogenakal fall: it's an water falls, where Kaveri river enters from Karnataka to Tamilnadu state of India.

IND 461 **Farm Name:-** Sarvotham Farm's **Contact name:-** Vijay Sarvotham **Location (address, description of land and how to reach by bus or train) :** Sarvotham Farm's , Kunaghalli Road Kollegal , Chamrajnagar District Karnataka **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** A Farm volunteer decision is spiritual, priceless experience and responsible contribution towards the society. I warmly welcome you to Sarvotham Farm's Its a 25 Acres plot matured over 15 years, located within "Kollegal" town Limit walkable to the town for all shopping & medical Needs, the farm is fully compounded with park chain link & solar fencing. We Grow the native Tiptur tall coconuts, Alphonso (Hapus) Mango, Yalaki & G9 bananas majorly, other fruit bearing trees along with seasonal produces etc. From the regular farming practices we are marching towards being organic, We are equipped to produce Forty thousand (40,000) Litres of Jeevamruth every fifteen day cycle with native Indian local cattle in the most effective and cost efficient manor and inject the same along with the irrigation water, its a very unique way to produce such large quantity of Jeevamruth along with Biogas a compact well integrated design to house the cattle dung storage and produce biogas and process the organic manure (Jeevamruth), its a great learning experience for the volunteer and also to propagate such methods along with technology We adapt technology at its best, to ease hard Labour our irrigation is advanced Netafim to deliver water needs most efficiently, we produce our own solar power for living. One can also enjoy a verity of fresh seasonal fruits of the farm with the morning dew and freshness its a great place to bond with nature. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming:-** Sunce 2021 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:-** No But Soon **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum of two weeks or more. **Accommodations (number and type):-** Independent well equipped and maintained Studio accommodation with attached toilet & Bathing area with Solar water heater, & 24H backup solar power **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative**

construction/ restoration project, alternative energy):- Lots to do e.g. to increase efficiency of the existing farming practice, to improve the infrastructure to support better farming and workers happiness...etc **Expectations of work for volunteers** To be actively participating in most of the activities in the farm, along with the employed staff, to do all round work and also enjoy leisure. **Is transportation available:-** Yes **Languages spoken:-** Kannada, English, Tamil, Hindi **Can you host children or pets:-** Yes **Special diets:-** Simple Vegetarian **And any other specifics for your farm:-** It is a well secured place for foreign nationals to come work and experience the typical virgin south Indian village living we have hosted volunteers from across the globe and India. I Vijay as an individual also have been a volunteer in the year 1999.

IND 462 **Farm Name** Samridhi Agro Farm **Contact Name** Shekhar Tripathi **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** **Post** :Sahjaura **District:** Raibareiley **State:** Uttar Pradesh **Nearest railway station:**Lalganj(10km) Bachrawan(30km) **Bus station:** Lalganj,bachrawana 70 km away from Lucknow **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** The Farm is approx. 2 acre,we are doing natural farming there and having a cow dairy also right now we have 70 cows,2 buffalo, and goat also. We have processing unit of ghee ,rice and natural produce based store also. We are making Jeevamrit, Neemastra as fertiliser and insecticide **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2015 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** One week **Accommodations** 5 bedded, 2 dormitories,2 bedrooms with attached toilet **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Construction, alternative energy and teaching **Expectations of work for volunteers** Farming, making of Jeevamrit (a type of compost in natural way) making of ghee, work in dairy **Is transportation available?** Yes, **Languages spoken** Hindi, English **Can you host children or pets?** Children allowed but no pets **Special diets** Veg food like Fara, Nimona, Daal, chawal, kadhi **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg** **Places of tourist interest nearby** River Gangaji is very near,dalmau ghat and fort and bheetargaon Temple(ASI site) and Parwati temple Sataon.

IND 463 **Farm Name** Thamarasseril- Green valley Agro farm and Homestay **Contact Name** Prasannan **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** Dist: Pathanamthitta, Kerala-689667 **Nearest Rly stn:** Chengannor, **Nearest Airport:**Cochin/ Trivandrum. **Nearest Bus station:** Seethathode (30 km from Pathanamthitta) . **Brief description** We are couples having 8 acres of farm land and Homestay, cultivating Rubber trees, Black pepper, Coconut and other various fruits and seasonable vegetables, we use organic manure, organic pest control, organic fertilizer like cow manure. Natural streams and ponds are the additional beauty and facilities of our farm. We are developing our farm for medicated plants and shrubs. We are Encouraging and arranging a platform for the nearby tribal people to sell their genuine forest products like honey and other valuable items in a reasonable price directly to customers. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2016 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Under processing **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 1-2 weeks minimum and 1-month maximum **Accommodations** We can accommodate 2 persons as Couples/ or female woofers. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Fencing, development of farm walkways, maintenance of accommodation area and garden. Experienced woofers in Eco building expertise of making eco huts, swimming pool using local material are welcome. Painting walls and laying bricks on the walkways etc We are developing our farm for eco-friendly Tree huts/ eco building, painting walls and laying bricks on the walkways etc. We are also planning for a small restaurant for the comfortable stay of the visitors and volunteers in small resort. Experienced architects, land scaping, wood work and civil work volunteers are most welcome. **Expectations of work for volunteers** All farm related work ie Planting of trees and Seeding, chopping branches, watering, making compost and apply to the trees or vegetables plots, fencing, maintenance and development of the farm. Eco resort with restaurant are under consideration with participation and ideas of our well-wishers are welcome.**Working time:**Morning 3 hrs Evening 2 hrs.**Nature of work:** Co-ordination with

Family members on farm/ home related work. Sunday-Rest **Is transportation available?** Up on arrival call us and we will guide. No need to catch any taxi. Walkable distance to our main home from nearest bus station. **Languages spoken** English, Malayalam, Hindi, Tamil **Can you host children or pets?** Children's yes, no pets' **Special diets** Kerala/South Indian/North Indian style of foods, Veg or Non/western type on choice. facilities will be available to prepare any type of foods. Cooking, serving and eating together as family members **And any other specifics for your farm, for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** Our area is recognized as eco tourist place, surrounded by forest and pilgrims center, calm and quite place having moderate temperature at all time, Best time August ~May and June~ July Rainy season. Recommended places to visit: Gavi tourist destination, one day tour through the dense forest by state run bus service. Starting time 6.30 AM to 4PM (prior booking required) so many other tourist destinations and pilgrims' centers are available. We can arrange and guide the visitors on request. A rare opportunity to get involved in farming and ecotourism and to experience the real charming stress-free life and rejuvenate the the mind and body by Yoga and meditation, classes can be arranged on prior information with some nominal charges.

IND 464 **Farm Name** Sembaruthi Natural Farms **Contact Name** Ramya Devi **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** District: Tirupur State: Tamil Nadu Our farm is located at Karattupalayam village which is 2 km away from Alagumalai (landmark). This place is connected by town bus that runs from Tirupur old bus stand (16kms away). There are busses available at particular timings. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : I am a Farmer and Educational trainer (conducting nature-oriented workshops for both children and adults). I have attended few workshops and also along with the help of few youtube channels, I have been successfully doing my farming practices. I generally love nature and therefore . The total area of the farm is 4 acres. It all started in 2019 and since then I have been engaged in natural farming. I started growing 3 varieties of vegetables of huge quantity for the local market, but soon I learnt that it was difficult to get a decent price in the regular market. Therefore, I started producing more varieties but of less quantity and started selling directly to the customers in the nearby town (twice a week). One of my relatives offered me a small space in front of a huge complex. Since this place is situated in the main town our make-shift shop gradually gained popularity. The shop was gaining popularity until first wave of Covid hit our country. Since marketing was tough during those time, we produced limited vegetables and sold it locally. During this time we started planting varieties of fruit trees of which some of them have already started bearing fruits. We also planted lot of native trees using Miyawaki method and created mini forest in one area of the farm. We also dug trenches in and around the farm and made bunds so that the rain water percolates in the farm itself instead of letting it wash away the top soil. We started dividing the land into different patches so that different crops can be planned at different intervals. Initially, we were producing 10 to 12 varieties of native vegetables and 6 to 10 varieties of greens. In addition to that, we also started producing value added products like coconut oil, natural soaps, pickles, juices, turmeric powder and chilly powder and sold it in our make-shift shop. We could generate decent money from selling directly to the customers. However, the expenditure on farming was too high that I hardly could make any profit. Worker salary over rides all other costs. I had regular workers who used to take care of the farm. Apart from difficulty in paying the wages, it is not all that easy to manage the labourers. since the neighboring town is famous for textile industry, it is difficult to get continuous supply of labourers to work in the farm. Most of them have started going to the factory as they get more salary and a modern work atmosphere. Since 2019, we have successfully avoided all kinds of chemical fertilizers and insecticides. We prepare natural fertilizers like "Jeevamrutham" (using cowdung, cow urine, native sugar and pulses) and Meenamalam (using fish waste and native sugar). We also prepare natural pest control using neem oil, herbal plants, cow urine, chillies, tobacco, etc. We also prepare compost piles using dry waste and green waste from the farm. This is later used as manure for the vegetable plants. There are farm animals whose waste goes to the compost pit and later used a manure. We have one native cow, calf and a goat. Apart from

them, the campus stays lively with four dogs and one cat. They are very friendly with the guests and we have a separate dog house to keep them inside whenever necessary. In 2021 we constructed a nature learning center called MOUNAM (Silence) at our farm for holding nature oriented workshops. Since January 2022 we started conducting various workshops on Yoga, health, art & craft, natural farming. The idea behind this learning center is to provide a space for mind to engage in a creative journey. This center has the facility of accommodating 25 to 40 participants and sometimes we also hold residential workshops where adults upto 25 can stay comfortably in the common hall. We also invite resource persons from various fields to conduct nature oriented workshops. To sum up, there are two major activities that regularly happens in the farm- farming and workshops. Firstly, my major focus of this year would be hosting various workshops in the farm. Apart from generating income through workshops, the major idea is to make this place into a learning space for creative exploration. Very recently I have started using social media to promote our activities to reach the prospective learners across the state and country. Secondly, there is a major shift in my approach regarding my farming practices. Since I was unable to generate any profit in natural farming, I have temporarily decided to stop producing vegetables for our shop. Rather, I want to produce for our own consumption (for home and center) and also focus on turmeric crop and fruit trees, as it needs relatively less attention, therefore less labour. Off late, I have been interested in converting the major part of the farm into food forest using permaculture method. Therefore, in the coming months my focus is on planting more fruit trees and herbal plants and some timber trees. Maybe in between, until the trees spreads out, I am also planning to cultivate cereals and pulses. In the future, I would like to prepare more value added products like juices, powders and health mixes, pickles, herbal soaps, shampoos and washing soaps. I hope all these would help make the farm self-sustainable. I would like to host volunteers who are willing to learn natural farming and intern help by participating in various farm activities. We have a separate, simple and safe accommodation for the volunteers within the campus. You get to experience staying in a 100 year old mud house surrounded with trees. The simple and tasty vegetarian food prepared here contains majorly our farm vegetables and oil. Apart from farm activities, volunteers are encouraged to share the daily chores like cooking, washing vessels and cleaning campus, as we do not have regular supply of labours. As this farm is considered sacred, we do not allow any alcohol, cigarette, non-vegetarian food and loud music. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** since 2019 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Not yet certified **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** One week to three months **Accommodations** We have a separate room for volunteers which can host up to 4 members at a time. This is an old mud house which is simple and aesthetically appealing. We will provide bed for each volunteer which will be spread on the floor. We have a community kitchen where we expect everyone to participate in cutting vegetables, cooking and washing vessels. There is a common toilet (Indian style) with enough water supply. we also have a washing place outside for laundry along with cloth lines for drying washed cloths. Volunteers are expected to take care of their laundry. We have a huge courtyard in front which is used for multiple purpose. we also have a huge tamarind tree on the front side of the house, where we have kept few benches for sitting, reading or dining. Volunteers are also welcome to bring their own tent and pitch it on the courtyard. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** preparing value-added products like soaps, oil, herbal powder, pickles juices, etc.. Involving in Mud construction, firewood stove construction, painting work, helping with marketing through social media (like preparing posters, content writing, posting photos and editing videos) **Expectations of work for volunteers** Tree planting, weeding, preparing beds, mulching, preparing organic manure and fertilizers, tilling the land using power tiller, harvesting, preparing value added products like turmeric powder, natural soaps, oil, pickles, etc, taking care of farm animals (4 dogs, 1 cat, 1 cow, 1 calf, and 1 goat) **Is transportation available?** Yes, transportation is available. We have a two wheeler and the closest clinic for medical emergency is just 3 kms away. **Languages spoken** English, Tamil, Telugu and Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** Yes i would like to host children as well as pets. **Special diets** Breakfast- Generally farm fruits (papaya and banana) &

herbal tea (generally fresh fruits) Early Lunch- Rice, vegetables/greens, pulses Dinner- Dosa/ upma/ roti and some vegetables **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** There are few Mountains and dams which are just 80 kms from the farm, Isha foundation is just 65 kms from the farm. Kerala border is just 80 kms from the farm.

IND 465 Farm Name: Arvi **Farm Contact Name:** Ramachandran.A **Location Village, Postal, District, State (How to reach by bus or train** Thennampatty P.O, Vadamadurai via, Dindugul-624802, Tamilnadu, India. Train Route: Nearest Railway station is Dindigul junction. From there 22 Km to reach the farm by Bus / car. Bus route: Nearest bus terminal is vadamadurai. **Brief description of organic operations (crops, projects, goals, etc.):** 12 Acre organic farm with more than 500 coconut trees, 500 banana plants, 60 Amla trees and 10 Sapota trees, and a few medicinal plants available on our farm. 2 well and 2 borewells are on our farm for water. 24 hours unlimited water supply available for farming and own use. Separate tents/ huts also can be arranged on request. The entire area of the Farm is fully fenced and secured. Cows, sheep, and Country chickens and dogs are also on the farm. **How long have you been farming organically:** Since 2018 **Is the farm certified (if yes) Name of certification body:** under process **Suggested length of stay for volunteers :** 5 days to 90 days **Accommodation (How many volunteers you can accommodate at a time)** 5 to 8 volunteers can stay at a time. 3 toilets and bathrooms with pucca RC new Building located in the center of the Farm. It's surrounded by Coconut and Banana trees. Individual cot and bedding items are available. We can provide a separate room, with whiteboard, computers, projectors, printers, Internet Connection two-wheelers, and four Wheelers. Near our farm on 'Aathinatha Perumal Renganayagi Thayar Temple' is located within 300 meters on the upside of the small hill, Volunteers can do prayer and enjoy the Hindu Bajans every day. **Non-Farm Opportunities/Activities** Hands-on Experience in School for the Intellectually Disabled, Spiritual trips, particularly trekking to see the god in the mountain, Attending local village festivals, and Arranging Local historical and spiritual, and famous places. Experience in NGO management and Proposal writing. Crowdfunding, Fundraising, Documentation, teaching special education, painting, Construction of one cow shed for cow/goat rearing.10 plan for weekly, monthly, quarterly, and annual income from farming. **Expectations of work for volunteers :** Farming works, Very basic knowledge of farming. Preparation of organic fertilizers, Plantation of traditional millets. irrigation of plantations, organic fertilizers preparation, removing unwanted plants harvesting, etc. Plantation of vegetables, Lettuce (Keerai), Banana, and other local verities. Collection of Honey from bee boxes and. Livestock management. Preparation of Azolla at the farm. **Is transportation available?** Yes farming, Type of transport available in farm in case of any emergency **Languages spoken:** Tamil, English **Can you host children or pets?** : Yes **Special foods:** Idly, Dosa, Vegetarian and Non-vegetarian, and local traditional meals. Vegetables from our farm will also be used for cooking. **Any other details for your farm** Meenatchi Amman temple (80 km), Madurai, Lord Muruga temple (60 km), Palani, Ramanatha Swamy temple (250km), Rameswaram, Kodaikanal hills (100 km), Munnar (150km)and Mullai Periyar dam (180 km), Kerala.

IND 466 Farm Name Indravathi Estate **Contact Name** Sohan Shetty **Location Village, Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** Mudigere Taluk, Chikmagalur District, Karnataka State The nearest bus station is Kottigehara (17km from farm). The better-connected bus stations are Mudigere (35 km from farm) and Chikmagalur (80km from farm). A paid taxi pick will be have to be pre-arranged from each of these bus stops. Hassan and Chikmagalur have train connectivity as well. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We stopped applying chemicals in 2019. Thereafter we have been continuously learning and implementing organic and natural methods of farming. We are a 300 acre certified organic coffee plantation. Besides coffee we have diversified into fruit and vegetable as well. We are heading towards natural farming and currently we produce our own vermicompost and jeevamrutha. Our pest control methods are using neem oil and microbial cultures. A typical day at the farm will involve brewing your own coffee, weeding and mulching at the vegetable plots, or caring for the fruit plants which are planted in the estate. This may involve pruning, feeding, protecting young plants, harvesting. Depending on the season, planting of new saplings, setting up new vegetable plots, setting up germination trays in nurseries are also available. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2020 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Yes, Aditi Organics India **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 4 days. Extendable based on availability and compatibility **Accommodation (How many volunteers you can accommodate at a time)**We have 3 rooms in the main house and 2 rooms in the outhouse. All bedrooms have attached bathrooms. We can accommodate 10 volunteers. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Yes there are opportunities other than farming. These can be discussed specifically before the volunteer arrives. **Expectations of work for volunteers** We want volunteers who enjoy farming. There is plenty of work for everyone, from skilled to novices. You can opt for multiple types of works as well based on availability. **Is transportation available?** For emergencies we have a jeep and a utility in house. **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, Kannada **Can you host children or pets?** No **Special diets** South Indian vegetarian cuisine with a few north Indian items. **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** Significant Historical and Cultural heritage sites like Belur & Halebedu Temples, Wildlife Safari at Mutthodi Tiger Reserve and Hiking and site seeing around hill tops are available.

IND 467 Farm Name Ransom **Contact Name** Samuel Pradheep Rajah **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** Malayankulam village, Uthereramerur, Magral Post, Kanchipuram District Tamil Nadu . **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We grow veggies for our project need. 3000Sqft. planning to extend. for another 1000Sqft. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2021 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No . **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** They can stay for more than a week. even a month or 2. But they should not have the habit of drinking and smoking. They can even be part of our social work projects with children empowerment and women empowerment. **Accommodation (How many volunteers you can accommodate at a time)** 6 to 8 volunteers indivial rooms with attached bathrooms **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Children and women empowerment projects. they can be involved in teaching students their subjects or help them with English or they them arts and games. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Help in Veggie garden and animal husbandry **Is transportation available?** We can arrange transport they need to pay for it. on direct public transport facility available. We will arrange a car or van to pick you up and drop off. **Languages spoken** English & Tamil **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Dosa, Poori, Pongal, Idely etc., **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** Vendathakal.

IND 468 Farm Name Thada Estate **Contact Name** Ashu Pandey **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** Village Sarna Block Dhari, Distt Nainital , Uttarakhand. Reaching point is Haldwani, by train or by road, From Haldwani, we have multiple taxis to the farm which we will ensure. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** We are practising organic farming since last 4 years on our

farm which is located in the lap of Himalayan region of Kumaun, Uttarakhand. The farm size is approx 100 naali and we are growing teas, different herbs like rosemary, dandelion, marjoram, stevia, oregano, parsley and many, and developing our fruits orchards for apple, pear, peach, apricot, strawberry. We only use natural fertilisers like Vermicompost etc and do not promote the use of any chemicals on our fields and also developing rainwater harvesting system for our farming needs. Not only farming but we are also working on sustainable construction model where we are using only natural building materials for developing our farm. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2019 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Not yet **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 15 days minimum 30 days maximum **Accommodation (How many volunteers you can accommodate at a time)** Shared room in century old earth house, attached washroom. Maximum capacity 10 volunteers **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** 1 cooking 2 content creation 3 housekeeping 4 woodwork 5 paint work 6 Sustainable construction/earth house construction **Expectations of work for volunteers** 1. Farming skills **Is transportation available?** Yes transportation available **Languages spoken** English Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** No **Special diets** Pure vegetarian food, farm to table mostly, local cuisines like aalo gutkhe, Himalayan millets like barnyard, ragi, amaranth, Black soya bean, firewood prepared food **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** Nearby attractions: Mukteshwar, Kaichi Dham, Nainital, Almora, Ranikhet Corbett park

IND 469 **Farm Name** NANNILAM **Contact Name** ASHUTOSH DHASMANA **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** Attur Taluk, Karumandurai, Tamil Nadu 636138 . The driving distance from Salem to Karumandurai via Karumandurai is 67 km and regular buses are available to Karumandurai. For more details, once a volunteer registers a "How to get here pdf" will be shared with them with a calling number for assisting and clarifying any doubts they have. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Welcome to Nannilam Eco Village, a living laboratory of sustainable green enterprises nestled in the beautiful eastern ghats on the Kalvarayan hill range. Our dream is to create an eco-self-sufficient community that's both economically and socially viable, inspiring others to live an alternative lifestyle with self-development at the core. Spread over 125 acres, our farm boasts a fruit forest with over 20 varieties of mangoes, bananas, tamarinds, timber, bamboo, and more. We only use natural means of agriculture inspired by great farmers like Nammalvar, Masunobu Fukuoka. We make our own fertilisers and bio-pesticides for internal farm usage. Aside from farming, we have plenty of other interests and opportunities, including a green enterprise section where we make furniture from local wood, value-added products from the fruits we grow, and other herbal concoctions. Our farm school promotes agricultural practices and teaches basic agricultural skills, such as mushroom growing, beekeeping, manure and fertiliser making, and water management. We accept volunteers from all backgrounds and skill sets, with volunteer captains who have extensive experience in running value exchange programs. As a team of kind and passionate people, we welcome volunteers to join us in cultural events, music festivals, and setting up small farmers' markets to engage with local indigenous communities. We are also open to creators and collaborators and would provide them with all materials and assistance they need. We assure all our volunteers of their safety and security, and we are excited to collaborate with like-minded individuals to create positive change. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2021 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum 4 days, maximum as long as you want **Accommodation (How many volunteers you can accommodate at a time)** 100 people can be accommodated. We have tree houses , Bamboo houses , and washrooms , we have dormitory as well **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Swimming , cycling , body movement , yoga , meditation , creative story telling , Photography etc **Expectations of work for volunteers** Basic building work and basic hand on farm working on veggie patches **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** ENGLISH, HINDI, TAMIL **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Idli , Dosa , Millets , Chapati Coconut dishes **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg**

Places of tourist interest nearby Yes big lake and 8 water falls nearby

IND 470 **Farm Name** Laharri Village Farm **Contact Name** Prateek Bijjam ; Facilitator : Matthew Swift **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** Post : Salli, District: Kangra State: Himachal Pradesh , Pincode: 176206 . 1 hour and 30 mins by road from either Dharamshala or Kangra airport. The easiest way is to find a local transport like Bus or Cab to Shahpur and then head upwards on the road for 15 kms to reach

A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) Matt has experience in setting up variety of permaculture gardens in the USA as well as has history of patents in building processing units for essential oil extraction. He is Permaculture garden design architect/ Social Activist . He has keen interest in building local sustainable infrastructure, he is here on a business visa in collaboration with Yenna Tech for local community development and promoting regenerative agriculture practices Project Brief : Village Laharri(Lahadi in hindi) is situated on one the foothills of Dhauladhar range with a daunting view of snowy mountains. the village consists of a population of 155 in about 39 homes. Yenna Tech is a global community of 1500+ changemakers that seek to support small holders(rural) farmers by renting their excess land and promoting natural farming practices by financing the costs of operation, material & market access. Goal: Our motive behind the project is restoration of soil and abandon houses in the village, followed by building hobbit houses(homestays) around the terrace fields to support the livelihood of the villagers and our community members. We are currently supporting 4 farmers named Rajesh Thakur, Machendar sikh, Mast Ram & Keval Thakur covering an area of 6 acres of farm land. However we intend to create a support structure for the whole village over time with Community & volunteer participation. We are fairly in the early stages of our infrastructure set up and will fertilize our farm with old manure with is rich in nutrients, less stinky and good for building a top soil quality which is free of pests. This process will take about 3 months of time where the majority of cover crops will be left to die on the field to furthermore increase the top soil quality. During these 3 months starting from May of 2023, we have involved in restoring about 8 rooms in the village with shared outdoor washrooms for volunteers. however the work involved in the early months will be more intensive including of carpentry, plastering of houses and setting up basics for the nursery like making compost tea's, supporting the villagers in pruning and rooting saplings to create more saplings etc. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since May 2023 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** N/A **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum 1-4 weeks, Any volunteer who successfully completes 4 quarters in our farms will be eligible and skilled to scout small holder farmers Pan India and build a support infrastructure. **Accommodations** We have accommodate 8 volunteers at a time with 4 beds in dormitory type space in a mud house and 4 beds in private rooms. Washrooms are unattached. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** If you have zero experience in farming, one can opt for any 3 off the following non farming tasks 1) Making mud bricks 2) Collecting small stones for donkeys to carry 3) Plastering houses 4) Carpentry 5) Harvesting Bamboos 6) Building hobbit houses **Expectations of work for volunteers** The following tasks will be available for volunteers to participate from the 1st of July as we are still 1)Pruning branches for samplings 2) Making compost Tea 3) Clearing weeds 4) Planting saplings 5) Giggling Irrigation trench **Is transportation available?** In case of any emergency there is a cab available 24x7 for transport to nearest hospital or airport **Languages spoken** Hindi, English **Can you host children or pets?** Yes, we like pets & children. **Special diets** Morning chai with Aloo Paratha Evening chai Local sag/ Dal/ Kadi + 1 Veg Sabji (potato/cauliflower/ladies finger) + Rice/roti .Along with stay we will also provide chai and aloo paratha for breakfast and 1 time meal at night in exchange of the skills shared One can opt for an afternoon meal for 100 INR or cook for themselves in the kitchen. We suggest individuals to buy enough groceries/snacks for the early days of their arrival if they feel the need for it. A separate common kitchen space will be provided for volunteers **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg** **Places of tourist interest nearby** The farm is located near Dhauladhar range

and have several treks to snowy mountains, hidden waterfalls and variety of free wild animals can be spotted in the vicinity like deer, rabbits, leopards(rare sight), black bears (rare sight), blue hens & goats etc

IND 471 Farm name : AVE MARIA FARM **Contact Name :** Noel Selvaraj **Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train) :** Karatampadu Village, Atmakur Mandal, Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh 524307 Near by Railway Station Nellore 60 Kms Bus to Kadapa / Udayagiri pass through Karatampadu Village **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.):** Since 2019 I am following Organic farming methods only The land had Eucalyptus Trees on my farm in 2019 cleared all trees and prepared for organic cultivation planted nellore masoora rice variety and got a good yield of 8 tons paddy on 4.2 Acres, Planted different varieties of seeds for enriching the soil fertility, Last season cultivated Navara red rice, Now preparing to plant multilayer farming with inter cultivation plant and trees **How long you have been doing Organic Farming :** Since 2019 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency :** Not yet certified **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Yes Certainly I can accommodate volunteers as per there wish **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** I have a rented village home where 5 person can be accommodated **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** To built a farm house within my land if the volunteer can give me a hand in building farm house in natural way **Expectations of work for volunteers :** I am planning to set up Multilayer Tree Plantation with Inter Cultivation Seasonal Crops and to set up Animal Husbandry Shed with Living Quarters of Natural **Is transportation available?** Yes my personal car is available for transportation in case of emergency **Languages spoken :** Tamil, English, Telugu, Hindi **Can you host children or pets? :** Yes **Special diets :** South Indian food and sometimes Fish, Chicken , Mutton will be served **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** Few tourist places to visit around my farm name some places please Udayagiri Hills , Kanigiri Hills , Somasila Dam,

IND 472 Farm Name Amalaki Permaculture Farm **Contact Name** Amalaki **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** Jharet Jaggian, Ghanetta, Tehsil-Palampur, Himachal Pradesh. Nearest Airport- Gaggal Airport(45 min), Dharamshala. Nearest Railway station- Pathankot (3 hrs),Una (3 hrs). Direct overnight Volvo Bus from ITBT Kashmiri Gate , travel time 10 Hrs. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Our farm is a east facing slope of 9 Kanal. The land has been lying barren since ages,we have started from the scratch. The primary goal is 1. Water harvesting 2. Improving the soil health 3. Prevent soil erosion. We intend to practice only organic farming. The land is like a blank paper and while working in the farm volunteers will get opportunity to design the basic elements on the land. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Just started Jun 2023 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Not Yet **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** As long as the volunteer wishes, though it will be better to start from short durations as we are slowly growing. **Accommodations** 2-3 volunteers can be accommodated at one time. Authentic Himachali home stay , sharing bathroom, simple food **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Ecological construction, permaculture design, Rain water harvesting. No skill required . **Expectations of work for volunteers** Presently we are building stone retention wall. Plantation is planned for the rainy season. **Is transportation available?** Can be arranged **Languages spoken** English and Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** No **Special diets** Simple tasty meals **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** Rising star hill trek, Bir billing Para gliding, Tea gardens

IND 473 Farm Name Vaani Vanam **Contact Name** K.Priyadarshini **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** Raakiya Kounden Pudur, (Land Mark - Jayaram arts and Science College), Attayamparappu, Appipalayam Post, Karur – Tamil Nadu 639003. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** . I have witnessed my family farm paddy sugar cane, turmeric, green gram, black gram, cotton,

ragi, pearl millet etc. But ever since my grand mother passed away all had been abruptly stopped and half of the land sold. I wanted to revive the system with the help of volunteers. Also have been studying about the forgotten foods and tubers which should be brought into our food practices. The few I remember are flooding the field with water and ploughing neem leaves into them for soil fertility, sprinkling sand with ash on the leaves for pest control etc.. Right now it is a small farm consisting of 4 acres. For almost an acre Sesame seeds and castor oil seeds are planted. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Whenever we farmed it was predominantly in an organic manner. Right now I wanted to revive the defunct farm **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Not yet **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum 4 days is absolutely fine and Maximum can be 1,month or more. **Accommodations** There are multiple option : People can set up a tent . Or can set up a make shift home in the field itself. There is an old home which we are no longer using next to the newly constructed home. I'm negotiating with my cousins for the following - Our ancestral village is beside the river bank 2 miles away from our farm. You get to stay in the house which is 100 year old and big enough to accomodate 20 people.Currently no one is living there. The house in the farm has space on the terrace. Transportation can be provided. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Build a cob house in the farm. Renovate a 200 year old Kulumi Kalam (seed bank). This is the priority as of now. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Repair the live fence, making composte pit, lanscaping, demarking area for food forest, preparing the soil. Basically creating a forest from scratch. Also Planting Palm Trees **Is transportation available?** A two wheeler is always present. When my father is present a four seater car is available. (In case of an emergency a car can be arranged. But the volunteers should bear the expense) **Languages spoken** Tamil, English, Malayalam and a little bit of Hindi **Can you host children or pets** Yes Of course. Children are most welcome. Would love to have my 3 year old daughter interact with them. They can also learn Classical Dance, music instrument - Veena, Carnatic Music. I'm planning to drive my kid every evening to the classes 10 Kms away from the farm. **Special diets** The authentic South Indian Food. Will teach you guys the recipies for certain masalas shared by our great grandmother. **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** 1.)Temples 2.) Trekking mountain (Semi Arid), 3.) Vanagam ecological foundation founded by renowned agricultural scientis and activist. (Nammaalvar was the person who created awareness among people about indigenous varieties which are in the blink of extinction. He was part of the team that was responsible for the European Patent office revoking a US Firm's claim to patent Thr Neem. He breathed his last at the Vanagam Foundation with his death wish of planting the Neem tree as a Pillow for his resting Head at his burial ground) 4.) India's first Sanctuary for Slender Loris at Kadavur and much more.... These are in and around Karur. As I had already stated before you guys can explore places all over Tamil Nadu as this farm is in a centrally located District. And can go Inter state as it is well connected with National High way which links Kashmir - Kanyamuari.

IND 474 Farm Name Poornam Farms **Contact Name** Sankaran **Location** Village , **Post** , **District** , **State** (**How to reach by bus or train**) Neelamangalam village, nearThirukazhukundram,Chengalpattu District, Thatchur Post, Tamil Nadu. You can reach the farm by bus fromThirukazhukundram or Chenglepattu by public bus. The nearest train station is Madhurantakam. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Poornam Farms is a 40-acre fully organic certified farm in Neelamangalam village, on the river Killiyar. With mango trees, coconut and palmyrah palms, guava, sapita, and custard apple trees, and hosting over 50 cows, we grow vegetables for the local market. All inputs are made in the farm with cow based ingredients. Come visit us to know and experience more. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2005 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Yes. NPOP Certified by the Tamilnadu Organic Certification Department **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 5 days or more **Accommodations** 4 or 5. One room, two huts, two western style toilets, cots, shed **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Carpentry, mechanical repairs of machinery **Expectations of work for volunteers** Soil preparation, bio inputs preparation, cattle

herding, tilling, seeding, harvesting, packing **Is transportation available?** A bike is always available. When guests are visiting, we will have a minivan as well. **Languages spoken** Tamil, English **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Dosa, idli **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** Mahabalipuram, Pondicherry, Vedanthangal or nearby

IND 475 Farm Name Muruga's Our Farm **Contact Name** Murugiah (Muru) **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** Post - Kizhapuliyur, District - Tenkasi, State - Tamil Nadu - 627814, Nearest Domestic Airport : Toothukudi (TCR) - 90.0 KM International Air Port : 1) Thiruvananthapuram (TRV) - 110.0 KM 2) Madurai (IXM) - 155.0 KM Taxi will be available from Railway Station and Airports. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** The farm is in 6 Acres. Crops are Banana, Goava, Lemon, Coconut, Indian Gooseberry, Mango and other trees. Description of Farming: We follow the traditional method of farming without using chemicals. We prepare Jeevamirtham from Cow Dung and Cow Urine. We use natural items such as Neem leaves, Garlic, and Ginger to control pesticides. To preserve water we use drip irrigation. We market the produce in the nearby Vegetable Market which is 3.0 KM from our Farm. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 5 Years Since 2018 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum - 1 Week **Accommodations** Maximum 4, Bath Rooms are attached with Wester Toilets - 2 Nos. Big building of about 1600 SF available for staying with separate rooms and dormitory with open kitchen. The diet will be Vegetarian only. Local food will be served. Volunteers options are also considered in a possible way. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Building renovation, Arts, and Constructing a shed with available farm materials **Expectations of work for volunteers** We teach Natural Farming, watering for trees, weeding, and animal husbandry **Is transportation available?** Transport will not required as the volunteers stay inside the Farm. Car and motorbikes will be available on the farm in case of any emergency. **Languages spoken** Tamil, English, Hindi and Malayalam **Can you host children or pets?** No **Special diets** Only vegetarian. Mostly joint cooking and serving. Local dishes include Rice Cake (Idli), Dosai (Rice Platter), Upuma, Bread and Jam, vegetable salads and Steamed Rice with Indian spices. **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** There a lot of Natural Falls, Rivers, Ancient Temples, and mountains are there to visit

IND 476 Farm Name Desibandhu Farm **Contact Name** Saurabh Jalan **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus)** , Post : Sakadbhaav, Taluka : Shahpur, District : Thane Pincode : 421601, State : Maharashtra. One have to come to Asangaon by Train and take a share rickshaw to Shahpur cost : Rs 20. There are direct State Government Buses from Shahpur Bus Station to our farm at 7.00 am, 9.30 am, 1.15 pm, 4.15 pm, 7.30 pm. Bus ticket cost : Rs 50 **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc)** Our Farm is completely new site, so it's an opportunity to Learn alot. Our farm is a little more than 1 acre. We are planning to make a Multilayer organic farm model which will involve taking care of Indian Cows Breed. These cows dung is used for making very nutritious manure which is used as compost. Cows urine and buttermilk solution can be used as pesticide. Apart from that we are making a buffer zone with the help of big Trees cover at the boundary of the farm to protect from pest. Our Short term Goal is get 1000 families and 10 farmes in our organic food network who can buy Goal Ghee, (product like butter made from milk), coal pressed oil, turmeric and fruits Our vision is to serve organic food to every plate possible. We reach out to people by putting up stalls, banners, social media. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** I started as a Volunteer in the year 2011 and served in many farms, After covid I started looking for one for myself and bought one for my own in July 2023. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum: 5 days and Maximum 3 months. **Accommodations - Tents stay with** with an Indian, Western toilet and bath room just newly made. We are making this Farm Model to Connect the Urban Society with Remote Farm/ Artisan community. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Social media maketing, engineering, Help in kitchen if they wish to

learn, Mud floor, fencing work, mud house etc are some work that can we given if it's going on, Medical Check up for Village, banner board painting. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Volunteers must have patience and must be ready to do all kind of work, stay in challenging condition out of their comfort zone. Farm work may involve digging, weeding wild grass, making the farm beds, planting nursery, watering the trees and plants, many such farm works which can we done easily with patience. **Is transportation available?** Local Transport is always available. During emergency we can arrange vehicles, ambulance etc if required. **Languages spoken** English, Hindi and Marathi **Can you host children or pets?** **No Special diets** Dal, Rice, Roti, Sabzi And Tea, Fruits, random Barbeque. (We are 100% Veg). No alcohol permitted. **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** Manas Jain Temple, Sasu Water Fall, nearby picnic spot we call it, Scotland of Maharashtra.

IND 477 **Farm Name** Saagauniya **Contact Name** Niranjan Araveti **Location** Village , Post , District , State (**How to reach by bus or train**) Kirnapur, Balaghat, Madhya Pradesh . The nearest bus station and railway station are like 40 kms away from our place which are well connected one is Balaghat which comes into Madhya Pradesh and on is Gondia which come in to Maharashtra and from there we pickup our volunteers to our farm **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Permaculture projects which have to be experienced in real time because we have build this conservatory in such a way that we are constantly checking our sustainability towards agricultural practices which means likes least interference farming, seed to harvest farming, no till farming We have been growing vegetables grains millets legumes and many a more as a part of our project Our farm is 5 acres but we even have 6 fellow farmers nearby where we have more land and people of similar mindset to work along **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2018 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** We are not certified as an organic farm yet because we are in a way pursuing permaculture for which the certification becomes a stressful process as the certification agencies doesn't understand this yet completely beyond monoculture **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 5-10 days **Accommodations** Common house attached which can lodge 6 people and 2 huge tents which can hold 10 each **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Yoga , Meditation **Expectations of work for volunteers** Sowing, weeding, composting, harvesting, consuming **Is transportation available?** We have a two wheeler and a helping staff and fellow volunteers at my place besides this there is always someone available to make necessary arrangements if there is an emergency that we have to attend to **Languages spoken** English, Hindi, Telugu **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Biryani, kheer **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** River which is at a walkable distance

IND 478 **Farm Name** Prithvi Puttar Organic Fruit Farm **Contact Name** : Vinod Sai **email** : **Village , Post ,District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** :.P.O GOVIND PURA , SRI GANGANAGAR , Rajasthan State . Can be reached by Bus , village is at a distance of 7 km from Sri Ganganagar , nearest bus station is Sri Ganganagar bus station to reach Sri Ganganagar buses and trains are available from Delhi, Jaipur, Bikaner, Jodhpur. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : 10 ha. Area , started organic citrus fruits farming in 2022 , Home made medicine, cow dung and cow urine used in fertilizer. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming.** Since 2022 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : Applied to Rajasthan State Organic Certification Board **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 7-30 days **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** 2 volunteers could be accommodated 1 room facility with joint bathroom and washroom. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Social service **Expectations of work for volunteer** All farm work related to for citrus orchards .Volunteers having knowledge about organic farming, plus citrus farming are most welcome. Pruning, weeding, etc. Even the volunteer accepted if they don't know anything about organic farming because it would be their new experience in **Is transportation available?** : **Details of the farm-related work in which the volunteers will**

be engaged in Skills required Yes transportation is available. **Languages spoken** Hindi, Punjabi, and English **Can you host children or pets?** : No **Special diets:** Rajasthani traditional veg food. Dishes like lassi, chatni, ,curd ,etc. **And any other specifics for your farm, for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** Bikaner Fort around 200 km

IND 479 **Farm Name** Chi & Yen Farms **Contact Name** Chi and Yen **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train),** Malvan Taluka, Sindhudurg Zhilla, Maharashtra The nearest train station is Kankavali. State transport Bus is available from Kankavali bus stand to the farm location. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** The farm is 2 acres in size. The goal is to have a fully functional organic food forest. The vision is to have a large variety of tropical fruits and vegetables for self-sustenance and community sharing. We do not use any chemical pesticides or fertilizers. We make our own liquid fertilizer known as Jeevamrut. Shortly we will also make vermicompost and for pesticides we either let nature take its course or use distraction techniques which is growing a lot of flower plants or in rare cases make neem-based pesticides ourselves. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2014 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) Name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** minimum one week up to as long as possible. **Accommodations** We can accommodate up to 6 volunteers The volunteers will be living in their own rooms in our village farmhouse which has 3 bedrooms and we have 2 toilets and 1 bathroom. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Simple and basic tasks like painting, building fence **Expectations of work for volunteers** Weeding, planting, trimming, harvesting, watering, gardening **Is transportation available?** I have my own vehicle that will be used in case of any emergency. Or else there is a rickshaw stand very close to my farm house **Languages spoken** Marathi, English, Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** No Children. Pets welcome **Special diets** Various types of vegetarian and non-vegetarian food will be served. **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** Malvan beach is about 30 minutes by road. North Goa is about 2 hours by road.

IND 480 **Farm Name** PULIMOOTTIL HILL FARM (PHF) **Contact Name** Joseph Pulimoottil Chacko **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** P.O, Koodaranji, Kozhikode Kozhikode Kerala , from Kozhikode KSRTC bus stand, and Palayam bus stand there are frequent buses Koombara via Mukkam, Thiruvambady, Koodaranji, It's only 350 metres from Koombara Town to my farm. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** My farm is only around 5 acres it's an ancestral property and I remember my grandfather telling me that a farm without earthworms is a dead land. Farmer/Teacher From childhood days I was involved in farming activities, initially we were an organic farming family but in the 80 along with others we too started using chemical fertilisers and pesticides. Soon we realised the mistakes we had made. For the past 15 years our farm is organic again. I used to cultivate vegetables and fruits from my childhood days in the organic way. I'm developing my farm into a farm tourist destination. It's only 30 km from Kozhikode air port and railway station. I'll be available to pick my guests from both the airport and the railway station. We cultivate coconut, pepper, nutmeg, areecanut, banana, mangosteen, pappaya, ginger, turmeric, coffee, coco, rubber and vegetables. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2009 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 3 to 5 people can stay for 4 to 7 days **Accommodations** I have built a beautiful 5 bedroom house with attached bathrooms. My wife and my mother live with me in this house. I have an old farmhouse behind my new house which needs repairing and furnishing. My house has a small swimming pool and shuttle court. Two separate bedroom with attached bathrooms are available for 3 to 5 people at a time. If it's a group of 8 or more we can use balconies and upper living room. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Looking for people with creative ideas to renovate my old farmhouse and artistic work to make it a farm tourist destination. Bio fencing, gardening, drip irrigation, rainwater harvesting, startup like organic fish pond and bee keeping. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Volunteers can plant, harvest, learn natural rubber processing, bio fencing, **Is transportation available?** Yes transportation is available, **Languages spoken** English, Malayalam, Hindi, Arabic, a little

Japanese **Can you host children or pets?** Yes, children between 4 and 12 only. **Special diets** Tapioca, Jackfruit, appam, dosa, pidi, puttu, uppumav, porotta, fish fry and curry, pork and chicken **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearb** Kakkadampyil a tourist spot is only 6 km away, Thusharagiri is only 15 km away, the nearest river is 100 meters only, it's beautiful hill for trekking and watching sunset.

IND 481 **Farm Name** Harmony Haven **Earthstead Contact Name** Pradeesh Saxena **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train).** Tal Alibag. Maharashtra 402201. Raigad Dist. To get here Mumbai is the central airport, from Mumbai there are boats at Gateway of India ie pnp, maldar and Ajanta boat service. There are also speed boat services to and from Gateway of India to Mandwa port. From Ferry Wharf there is a larger boat carrying passengers cars and Bikes called the RORO. By road the access is on the New Atal Setu 22km bridge to jnpt and then on route to alibag approximately 40 km, Access from the Atal Setu bridge to Uran and Revas is predicted to be complete by 2029 making alibag totally accessible to bombay by highway the idea is to connect bombay goa and make it 5 hrs travel time. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Our farm is a living laboratory for permaculture farming, and we're on a mission to test the effectiveness of rammed earth constructions. This is more than just a farm; it's a homestead where we delve into ancient wisdom to build a sustainable future. Escape the hustle and bustle of the city and find solace in our haven, just a stone's throw away from Bombay. Immerse yourself in the natural surroundings as we prioritize going back to nature, cultivating an environment where everything we need is sourced from the land itself. Our commitment is to old seeds, old-world farming techniques, and obtaining organic certification. Experience the joy of cultivating and consuming produce in its most natural form, with the satisfaction of knowing that you are contributing to a healthier planet. Become a part of a community that not only works on the land but also builds a total farm experience. Live in harmony with nature in our natural constructions made from the earth beneath your feet. Learn the art of sustainable living and witness the beauty of leaving as little carbon footprint as possible. Join us in creating a space that harmonizes with the earth, where the journey of sustainable agriculture and natural living unfolds. This is not just a farm; it's an invitation to be a steward of the land, to experience the joy of a simpler, more connected way of life. If you're ready to embark on a transformative journey, embrace the beauty of the land, and contribute to a sustainable future, come be a part of our farm. Together, let's sow the seeds of change and reap the bounty of a regenerative and harmonious homestead. There are 2 farms One is totally undeveloped, it is 6 acres in size. The other is 3.5 acres in size this plot has rice farms and mango trees. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Started in year 2024 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** Not yet **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 10 - 15 Days and if some volunteers wish to stay longer we will be happy to except such endeavors **Accommodations** 6 persons . we have a farm house in Alibag. Volunteers have access to a kitchen a closed machan area with 5 large beds a complete bathroom is attached. the place is actually incredibly beautiful. the farm is actually an oasis in 2 acres with swim pools all sitting under a coconut Plantation. Mango Plantation wild trees. it s a labour of love that has spanned more than 30 years of development. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Volunteers should understand and resonate with the farm's vision of sustainable agriculture, permaculture, and a holistic, nature-centric lifestyle. We Expect volunteers to bring a strong work ethic and dedication to the project. Farm-building requires physical labor and perseverance. We Encourage a collaborative and positive attitude among volunteers. Teamwork is crucial for the success of a project of this scale. The farm-building process may involve various tasks and challenges. Volunteers should be adaptable and willing to take on different roles as needed. Since the project involves experimenting with old-world techniques and sustainable practices, volunteers should be open to learning new skills and methods. Emphasize the importance of respecting the natural surroundings and conserving resources. Volunteers should be mindful of their ecological footprint. Effective communication is key. Volunteers should be able to express their ideas, provide feedback, and collaborate with others to ensure a smooth workflow. Farm-building projects may face

unexpected challenges. Volunteers should be flexible and able to adapt to changing circumstances. Volunteers should share a commitment to sustainability. Encourage practices like waste reduction, recycling, and using eco-friendly products. short-term or long-term commitment. Rammed Earth Wall Construction: Design and construct a sturdy rammed earth wall around the farm perimeter for security and a natural aesthetic. Incorporate sustainable materials and techniques to ensure durability and resilience. Shed Construction: Build sheds for equipment storage, workshops, and processing areas. Utilize eco-friendly building materials to align with the farm's commitment to sustainability. Bunker Construction: Develop bunkers for storage of produce, tools, and emergency supplies. Implement effective ventilation and insulation systems to maintain optimal conditions. Design and implement a system for efficient water distribution across different areas of the plot. Consider rainwater harvesting, irrigation systems, and water conservation practices. Plan and execute landscaping projects to enhance the natural beauty of the farm. Incorporate native plants, create walking trails, and establish communal gathering spaces. Explore renewable energy sources such as solar panels and wind turbines to generate electricity. Develop an energy-efficient infrastructure for lighting, heating, and other needs. Design communal spaces for interaction and collaboration among residents and workers. Establish a community center or common kitchen area for shared activities. Set up spaces for workshops, classes, and educational sessions on permaculture and sustainable living. Create informative signage throughout the farm to educate visitors and residents. Implement a comprehensive waste management system, including composting and recycling facilities. Educate and encourage residents to minimize waste and adopt eco-friendly practices. Construct well-planned roads and pathways for easy access within the farm. Use permeable materials to reduce environmental impact and enhance water absorption. Build residences with a focus on natural construction materials and energy-efficient design. Establish communal kitchens, restrooms, and other essential facilities for comfortable living. Navigate local regulations and obtain necessary permits for construction and land use. Ensure compliance with environmental and agricultural standards. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Long-term volunteers may contribute more significantly to the farm's development. Encourage volunteers to document their work, challenges faced, and solutions found. This documentation can be valuable for future reference and improvement. Volunteers should actively participate in community activities and events. Foster a sense of community and shared responsibility. Acknowledge and celebrate milestones achieved. Recognition and appreciation contribute to a positive and motivating atmosphere. Permaculture Farming: Tasks: Planting, cultivating, and harvesting crops using permaculture principles. Implementing companion planting and polyculture techniques. Maintaining soil health through composting and natural fertilizers. Skills: Basic gardening skills. Understanding of permaculture principles. Knowledge of crop rotation and companion planting. Natural Construction: Tasks: Building structures using rammed earth, cob, or other natural materials. Constructing sheds, bunkers, and communal spaces. Implementing sustainable building practices. Skills: Basic carpentry and construction skills. Familiarity with natural building techniques. Knowledge of eco-friendly construction materials. Water Management: Tasks: Designing and implementing water catchment systems. Establishing irrigation systems using gravity or sustainable pumps. Managing water flow to different areas of the farm. Skills: Basic plumbing skills. Understanding of water conservation techniques. Knowledge of irrigation systems. Energy Infrastructure: Tasks: Installing and maintaining solar panels or other renewable energy sources. Setting up energy-efficient lighting and heating systems. Implementing sustainable energy practices. Skills: Basic knowledge of solar and renewable energy systems. Electrical wiring skills. Energy conservation practices. Landscaping and Beautification: Tasks: Planting and maintaining native plants for landscaping. Creating walking trails and communal spaces. Incorporating aesthetic elements in harmony with nature. Skills: Landscaping and gardening skills. Creativity in designing natural spaces. Livability Infrastructure: Tasks: Building residences using natural materials. Setting up communal kitchens and restrooms. Creating comfortable and sustainable living spaces. Skills: Construction and carpentry skills. Understanding of sustainable architecture. Basic

plumbing and electrical knowledge. Waste Management: Tasks: Implementing composting systems. Setting up recycling stations. Educating community members on waste reduction. Skills: Understanding of composting techniques. Knowledge of recycling practices. Community Engagement: Tasks: Organizing workshops on permaculture and sustainable living. Facilitating community events and activities. Promoting a sense of community and shared responsibility. Skills: Communication and interpersonal skills. Event planning and coordination. **Is transportation available?** Yes transportation is available **Languages spoken** English and Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** Yes **Special diets** Bhakri or Chapati: Flatbreads made from millet (bhakri) or wheat (chapati) are staple items and serve as a base for the meal. Varan: A simple lentil curry prepared with yellow split peas (toor dal) or moong dal, often tempered with mustard seeds and cumin. Bhat (Steamed Rice): Steamed rice is a common accompaniment, and it forms an essential part of the thali. Pitla: A spiced gram flour curry, often prepared with garlic, ginger, and green chilies, served as a side dish. Bhaji or Sabzi: Seasonal vegetable curry cooked with Maharashtrian spices, providing a variety of flavors and textures. Koshimbir: A refreshing salad made with cucumber, tomatoes, onions, and coriander, often seasoned with mustard and cumin seeds. Aamti: A tangy and spicy lentil curry prepared with goda masala (a traditional spice blend) and tamarind, offering a unique flavor. Usal: Sprouted lentils or beans cooked in a spiced gravy, contributing to the protein content of the meal. Puran Poli or Chapati: A sweet flatbread stuffed with a mixture of jaggery and lentils (puran), enjoyed as a dessert or with the main course. Loncha (Pickle): A variety of pickles, such as mango or lime pickle, adds a punch of flavor to the thali. Tup (Ghee): Pure ghee is often served on the side, enhancing the taste of the entire meal. Kadhi: A yogurt-based curry with besan (gram flour) and spiced with ginger, green chilies, and curry leaves. Papad: Crispy papads (thin lentil wafers) are commonly served as an accompaniment. Mattha (Spiced Buttermilk): A refreshing drink made from buttermilk, seasoned with spices like cumin and coriander. Danyachi Usal: A spiced peanut curry that adds crunch and protein to the thali. **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest** Nearby Explore the vibrant city of Mumbai, known for iconic landmarks like the Gateway of India, Marine Drive, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, and the bustling markets. Elephanta Caves (Accessible by ferry from Mumbai): Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Elephanta Caves, known for its ancient rock-cut caves dedicated to Lord Shiva. Lonavala and Khandala (Approximately 85 km from Alibag): Enjoy the scenic beauty of Lonavala and Khandala, known for lush green landscapes, waterfalls, and viewpoints like Tiger Point and Bhushi Dam. Matheran (Approximately 60 km from Alibag): Explore the hill station of Matheran, known for its pleasant climate, viewpoints, and a no-vehicle policy, offering a tranquil escape. Karjat (Approximately 58 km from Alibag): Discover the natural beauty of Karjat, with attractions like Ulhas Valley, Kondana Caves, and a range of adventure activities. Pune (Approximately 140 km from Alibag): Visit Pune, a city with a rich historical and cultural heritage, including landmarks like Shaniwar Wada, Aga Khan Palace, and Osho Ashram. Karnala Bird Sanctuary (Approximately 38 km from Alibag): Ideal for nature lovers and bird watchers, this sanctuary is home to a variety of bird species and offers trekking trails. Malshej Ghat (Approximately 150 km from Alibag): Enjoy the picturesque beauty of Malshej Ghat, known for its waterfalls, misty hills, and migratory birds during the monsoon season. Raigad Fort (Approximately 120 km from Alibag): Visit the historic Raigad Fort, the former capital of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, and experience the scenic ropeway ride. Bhimashankar (Approximately 140 km from Alibag): Explore Bhimashankar, a pilgrimage site and wildlife sanctuary known for the ancient Bhimashankar Temple and diverse flora and fauna. Alibag Fort: Explore the historic Alibag Fort, also known as Kolaba Fort, located in the Arabian Sea near Alibag.

IND 482 **Farm Name** Prakruthivanam **Organic Farm Contact Name** Prasad **Location Village, Post, District, State (How to reach by bus or train)** Gudisivaripalle, Kothavaripalle, Annamayya District, Andhra Pradesh, India. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** This piece of 70 acres of land was bought by the family in 1970. The land was uncultivated, undulating, and filled with shrubs and thorny

bushes. We began with chemical farming in 1987 with the growing of vegetables; broccoli, cauliflower, brinjal, tomato, chili, french beans, etc. In 2003 we also began growing aromatic plants like Davana, Citronella, Pamarosa, Lemon Grass. We distilled the oil in the distillation unit on the farm and sold it to exporters to be used in the perfumery and pharma industries. For this, we received the Rural Entrepreneur Award from the then-President of India, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. There was always an intention to change the land into an organic farm, and the spark was provided through the book, One Straw Revolution by Masanobu Fukuoka, a Japanese farmer and philosopher. Since learning in detail about the drastic effects of chemical farming on the land and life around us we immediately began to convert the land into an organic farm. This happened in the year 2009. We were also inspired by the Zero Budget Natural Farming, developed by Subash Palekar, and have implemented some of his methods. We use naturally made fertilizers, like Jeevamrutha (a mixture of water, cow dung, cow urine, jaggery, soil, and flour) for all our crops. There are around 60 cows of different native species; primarily for conservation and Jeevamrutha. In the last decade due to labor shortage and the unpredictable monsoon rains as a result of global warming, we have had to broaden our activities into other areas. Globally we have become more health conscious and the demand for healthy living by consuming local organic produce has increased. So we set up an organic store on the farm where we provide healthy organic food and other household items. We source local organic produce and raw materials from organic farmers around us and process them. We also have handmade organic soaps and shampoos, made by the women on the farm. We have cold press machines, where we press traditional edible oils, which are healthy and fresh. There are many different activities and ongoing projects on the farm. The most recent one is the planting of local forest tree varieties on the farm in the fallow areas. An upcoming project that has been in the works for many years is the planning and construction of a Nature Cure Center on the farm. Made with sustainable building materials, the project hopes to create a space where anyone can come to stay, and share in the experience of living on an organic farm, surrounded by clean air, farm animals, and healthy food. Rainwater harvesting is another ongoing project. Due to water shortage, we began rooftop rain water harvesting in 2011 and use this for drinking and cooking throughout the year. We created a natural water filter in 2017 using ingredients that enrich and cleanses flowing water with minerals; wood charcoal, earthen brick pieces, sand, and limestone. The filter is also available for people to buy and set up in their homes. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** 15 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes)** Name of the **certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** A 1 week trial period is suggested. If both parties get on and want to continue longer after the trial period then this can be discussed together. **Accommodations** 2 to 3 persons. There are rooms provided with attached toilets and bathrooms. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** There is an organic store on the farm which has processing, packaging, and computer-related work. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Growing of the fruits and vegetables. Watering weeding all the plants around the farm. Soil testing, working on making the Jeevamrutham and natural fertilizes. Helping with the horse, cow rearing and milking. Planting different varieties of native tree species during the monsoon. Planning and taking up new initiatives and innovative projects. Jaggery making - which involves the cutting and clearing of sugarcane sticks, transporting them on a tractor to the boiling vessels, upon which the juice is extracted, boiled down, dried and made into jaggery balls. **Is transportation available?** There are bikes available on the farm, and if necessary a car can be provided too. **Languages spoken** Everyone speaks Telugu. The management and some workers speak English as well. **Can you host children or pets?** We can host children. We cannot host pets as there are a lot of farm animals, including dogs are cats that are around. **Special diets** Dosa, Idly, Upma, Pongal, Millets, Daal, Rasam, Vegetable curries, Chapati, Vegetable thaalimpu **And any other specifics for your farm, for eg** **Places of tourist interest nearby** Rishi Valley School, Horsley Hills.

IND 483 **Farm Name** Earth kissed **Contact Name** Shubham **Location** Village, Post , **District, State (How to reach by bus or train)** , Barehpura, Bisalpur road, Bareilly, UP. Take a bus or auto from Bareilly satellite bus stand towards Bhuta. **A brief description of**

organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) The farm is 1 Acre and the project is to build an intentional community, an ecotourism centre and a syntropic agroforest. The land has been designed by using permaculture principles. Now entering the plantation and eco-building phase along with documenting results along the way. We intend to plant many trees of fruits, perennial vegetables, berries, and flowers to attract birds and other wildlife. It's a small farm but the layering is going to be intense in the initial years to understand what's working and what is not. We also intend to build earthbag domes and an earthship later using recycled material. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2019 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of the certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** At least 1 week, open to long term. **Accommodations** 10 volunteers, tented arrangement, compost toilets. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Eco construction, Vipassana meditation sittings, Workout sessions, and teaching spoken English and computers to poor kids **Expectations of work for volunteers** Planting, watering, mulching, composting, harvesting and eco-construction. **Is transportation available?** Personal car with me as driver available in case of any emergency. **Languages spoken** English, Hindi **Can you host children or pets?** Yes. **Special diets** Local dishes such as seasonal veggies, curries, chapati, Pulao/ Biryani, buttermilk, Daal/ Rice, chole, fritters, Tea coffee, etc. (Normal north Indian veg food) **And any other specifics for your farm, for eg** **Places of tourist interest nearby** A non-judgemental space where you learn and make connections for a lifetime. Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Central Avian Research Institute, Alakhnath Shiva Temple, Dhopeswarnath Shiva Temple, Bareilly Fort Ahichhatra (Mahabharat Era Archaeological Site) Bareilly is surrounded by nine ancient temples of Nath Sect and a newly established Nath corridor is being built to promote tourism.

IND 484 **Farm Name** Anup Kumar Farm **Contact Name** Anup **Location** Village , Post , District , State (**How to reach by bus or train**) Post- KATAMKULI, Ps- Pithoria, Ranchi, Jharkhand,835222 **How to Reach:** Take an auto to Ratu Road from Ranchi Railway Station, Then, take another auto to Kathitand from Ratu Road, Then take last auto to the Katamkuli to reach the farm **Brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Our Farm is about 2 Acres big and we plant crop according to seasons like wheat, maize, rice, watermelons, beans, mustards, beans, tomatoes, etc they are all organic. Our whole family is involved in this field and we love to give people organic food which keeps them healthy. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since the year 1995 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of the certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** 5 Days Minimum **Accommodations** 2 to 3 persons can be accommodated. Currently, there's no attached bathroom to the room but we have a big bathroom outside the room in the Veranda area with full privacy, and with 24/7 water supply Also we have a big place for sleeping. We also have a big lake and a river nearby where volunteers can go fishing if they like. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Others work with people in need, like children or the elderly, offering them support and help with everyday tasks. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Planting trees and caring for pets. Crop cutting, watering, field making, etc. Volunteers who love nature are welcome **Is transportation available?** We have bikes, cars, and public transport in case of any emergency. **Languages spoken** Hindi and English **Can you host children or pets?** Yes, **Special diets** We will provide hygienic food and Traditional foods of our state. In exchange of the work, we would like to serve tasty local foods and juices to our volunteer guests like Paneer Pulao for Vegetarians and Chicken Biryani, Chicken Pitha, Dhuska Bara for others. **And any other specifics for your farm, for eg** **Places of tourist interest nearby** Tourist places are Spiral Valley, Sanke King fort etc...

IND 485 **Farm Name:** Akshayakalpa Organic Farms and Foods Pvt Ltd **Contact Name:** Shruthi **Location** Village, Post, District, State (**How to reach by bus or train**) : Agriculture R&D Facility, Anathi Panchayath, Channarayapatra Taluk, Hassan District, PIN – 573119 Karnataka, India **Farm's Google Map** **Location:** <https://goo.gl/maps/MLdZUNLZuQN2> **How to reach: From Bangalore** 1. Train **From:** 1. SBC - Bangalore City Junction) 2. YPR - Bangalore Yesvantpur Junction **To** TTR -

Tiptur **Duration:** 2-3 hours From Tiptur railway station to the farm 12KMs - Auto or Taxi **2. Bus: From** Majestic KSRTC BUS Terminal **To:** Tiptur KSRTC Bus stand **Duration:** 4-5 hours From Tiptur Bus Stand to Akshayakalpa Farm 12 KMS - Auto or Taxi **Please note:** Only non-AC government buses are available **3. Taxi: From Bangalore To:** Akshayakalpa Farm **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :** Hosted about 22000 guests (combination of consumers and non-consumers) across 3 cities - Bangalore, Chennai, and Hyderabad. Learn organic dairy farming from feeding to milking, grow your fodder, and explore sustainable living on a zero-waste organic farm in India. If you have ever wondered what a day in an organic farmer's life looks like, then this is your chance to experience it firsthand! Visit the Akshayakalpa Organic farm and get a front-row experience of the behind-the-scenes working of an actual organic farm. Spread over 24 lush acres, the organic farm is a hub of biodiversity and home to a variety of fruits, vegetables, and birds. Meet our bees, befriend our cows, and discover an ideal way to get away from the hustle of city life while you reconnect with nature. Here's what's in store for you: - Grow your own food: Explore the concepts of raised bed farming and get to the roots of your food. From preparing the soil, sowing the seeds, and harvesting the produce – be responsible for growing your own food and nutrition. Learn sustainable methods of pest management and concoctions of eco-friendly fertilizers and get your hands dirty as you pluck the ingredients for your lunch! - Be a true dairy farmer: From feeding, and cleaning to milking – look after our happy, healthy cows and partake in daily farming chores. Learn how to grow organic fodder, prepare balanced meals for our cows, and discover the secrets to pure, unadulterated milk. - Meet our farmers: Meet our organic farmers – the heroes of our farms – and get a firsthand understanding of organic food and agriculture. Engage in insightful conversation, take back practical tips for your kitchen gardens, and get to know the people that grow your food - Say hello to our bees: Delve into the world of apiculture with bee-keeping workshops on our farm. Discover the importance of bees in our ecosystem and learn the ecological and economic impacts of ethically sourced honey. Unearth the secrets of sustainable living: Our farms are designed with a 'Waste Not, Want Not' ideology. From conserving water through our effluent water treatment plant and rainwater harvesting pits to setting up renewable sources of energy like our biogas plant, we strive to ensure that the needs of the farm are met by the farm itself. Come, take a walk on the sustainable side with an in-depth glimpse into our zero-waste practices. - Relax, unwind, and reconnect with nature: Stays at our farm are the perfect way to disconnect from the stress of everyday life and stop to enjoy life's simple pleasures. Start your mornings surrounded by lush greenery and the music of the crickets and spend your evenings counting stars in a pollution-free sky beside a crackling bonfire. Enjoy bullock cart rides, play traditional village games, try your hand at pottery, and indulge in hearty organic meals – there's something for everyone! Your visit to the Akshayakalpa farm promises to be an experience of a lifetime Come with an open mind and we promise you will leave with a full heart! **How long you have been doing Organic Farming:** Since 2010 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of the certification agency :** 1. Organic Certification as per NPOP Standards (National Programme for Organic Production) 2. Organic Certification as per PGS Standards (Participatory Guarantee System of India) . **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** The maximum duration is four days. **Accommodations (How many volunteers you can accommodate at one time) :** Stay: Camping Tent (2 compartment tents by Quechua) No. of Tents Available: 38 Type of washrooms: Common washrooms - A total of 16 washrooms are available **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.) :** Egg and banana packing: Get hands-on experience in packing fresh country eggs and bananas for distribution. Cleaning the paddock: Join us in maintaining the cleanliness of our livestock area, ensuring a healthy environment for our animals. Traditional cooking: Immerse yourself in traditional cooking techniques and savor delicious dishes made from farm-fresh ingredients. Community Cleanliness Drive: Contribute to our community cleaning drive as we work together to keep our surroundings clean and green. **Expectations of work for volunteers** Construction of raised vegetable growing beds. Fodder plantation and harvest sessions. Field preparation, including plowing, trench

creation, and bund. Exciting projects like the construction of a farm pond. Hands-on vegetable cultivation, covering soil preparation, compost making, sowing, de-weeding, irrigation techniques, and harvest practices. Learn about Total Mixed Ration (TMR) preparation for cows and calves. Discover the art of preparing organic manure and natural pesticides. Participate in the creation of bunds and trenches for rainwater harvesting. **Is transportation available?** : No **Languages spoken:** English & Kannada **Can you host children or pets?** : We host children at our venue. Please note that while we adore pets, they are not permitted on the premises **Special diets:** Ragi Balls (Mudde), Rajamudi Rice, Dosa and many more delicious, exciting dishes **Please Note:** only organic vegetarian food will be served can also provide garlic- and onion-free food upon prior notice. **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest near** Belur-Halebeedu historical temple (70 KMs away)

IND 486 **Farm Name** Kaviyarasu **Contact Name** **Location** Village, Post, District, State (**How to reach by bus or train**) Palayam, Perundurai Dist: Erode, Tamil Nadu 638052. From Tamilnadu, get a bus to Perundurai in Erode after reaching Perundurai book a cab or walk to our farm, which is 1km away from the Perundurai bus stop. From Coimbatore or rode or Chennai or Bangalore to Perundurai and then take a cab to our farm **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)**. It's a 5 acres integrated farm with a lot of cattle like goats and buffaloes, hens ducks, etc., We have planted bananas, corn, wheat, paddy, and other vegetables also like Tomato, Chilly, and Brinjal depending on the season. Coconut throughout the year. Paddy plantation is seasonal. We usually planted with the help of tractors power weeders and other agricultural machines to run our daily routine works. We control pests by organic compounds that are made of neem oil, cow wastes, and combinations of other seeds. We are breeding buffalo and collect nearly 60 liters of milk per day and we deliver the milk to the nearest local shops. Volunteers can use the milk for drinking, cooking or other dairy purposes. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** Since 2021 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum 5 days to 90 days **Accommodations** 6 people with shared kitchen and bathrooms. Having one separate room for 3 people and the rest is shared rooms with our family. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities** Home decorations, wall painting, room cleaning, tractor driving, cooking, driving the vehicle, mechanical work, and electrical works(sometimes), etc **Expectations of work for volunteers** The help we need from the volunteers is to spread water of the plants and feeding the cattle and cooking. Watering the plants, cleaning the farm, helping to deliver the milk to shops, cooking, evening parties, and campfires **Is transportation available?** Motorcycle, bicycle for volunteers, car for emergency purposes **Languages spoken** Tamil, English **Can you host children or pets?** Can host pets **Special diets** Butter milk, porridge. Rice with dhal ra sam and curd. idly and dosa for dinner. **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** It is an open area with surrounding nature covered with green crops, lord Muruga temple which is called Chennimalai. Thindal Murugan. Kodiveri waterfalls are tourist attraction points nearby

IND 487 **Farm Name** :THE GREEN GOAN VILLAGE (TGGV) **Contact Name** :Joseph Barreto (Note: Limited network coverage. If unreachable, send a WhatsApp message **Location** Village , Post , District , State (**How to reach by bus or train**) : Taluka: Dharbandora , State*: Goa **How to Reach*:** **By Train*:** Closest station: Kulem RS (onward transport is limited) Recommended station: Margao RS Junction **By Bus*:** Closest Town Terminal: Ponda Closest Bus Station: Usgao (near the Market & Hospital, 8 km from the farm) Closest Bus Stop: Crossroad at Dharbandora Village Panchayat office (near shops selling essentials) Ask around for directions to TGGV, or hire a Motorcycle Taxi/walk 3 km east,...**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : Over 40 years. My Grandparents were Farmers and I developed one of their farms as an Argo-Tourism project since 1987. I also developed 2 more agro tourism properties that do not belong to me. Eventually bought my own Farms in 2007 bought The Green Goan Village to developing it into an Integrated Farming Ecosystem Experienced in organic farming since Childhood. But my focus in agriculture began when I started a Restaurant namely

HILLBILLIES in about an acre of my ancestral property and that **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** income support our Agricultural expenditure As HILLBILLIES is located in the hinterlands away from the Beach Tourism belt, I had to make it interesting for people to patronise it. I was lucky as the first Foreign Charter Tourism company signed off for my 1st excursion that was a visit to a Traditional Plantation, Temples followed by Dine & Cultural Dance stage performance at HILLBILLIES. The 2nd excursion was, a visit to The Spice Plantation that I Pioneered namely THE GARDEN OF EDEN. The 3rd excursion was a Heritage cum nature trip by Canoes in the backwaters to Sight birds & Crocodiles namely GOAN HERITAGE. The 4th excursion was an overnight trip located in the Bhagwan Mahavir Wildlife sanctuary to sight Animal / Birdwatching, Heritage, Wellness, Yoga, Adventure Trekking, Cooking, etc. at a rented property namely SHANTI NATURE RESORT. Eventually I purchased my own properties in 2001 and developed it as an integrated farm with few domestic animals including Elephants and named it JUNGLE BOOK. The 5th excursion I started was in our ancestor's agricultural property in which we sculpture's important monuments, Temples, Hindu Gods & Goddesses and named it MINIATURE GLIMPSED OF INDIA. Finally, THE GREEN GOAN VILLAGE was purchased in 2007 and is slowly shaping up as an Integrated Farming Ecosystem. We pumped all our savings in it during the Pandemic. The property is huge and we need a lot of animal Poo to be used for organic fertilisers. Any Animal in possession of Men is the total responsibility and liability of that person. Owning an Animal is like holding a baby in your hands its entire life. As I cannot give 100% of my time and love to the animal's husbandry activities, I invited people to join my farming activities. They did not have to invest any money. I gave them animals, on condition that they holistically rear them under terms and conditions mutually agreed. I share the income as written in the joint business agreement. The Green Goan Village (TGGV) is 53.8 acres (21.52 hectares) , your gateway to an integrated farming ecosystem committed to revive sustainable agricultural practices that honour Earth Care, People Care and Fair Shares. Embrace the timeless techniques of syntrophic agriculture that fits within our permaculture perspective. Connect with the land as our ancestors did. Water Management , Fish culture integrated with poultry and animal waste to enhance water fertility. The overspill of the Poultry and their poo feed the fish who in turn will poo and the ammonia level will increase so we drained the water that breaks down into nitrogen (N₂) & hydrogen (H₂) which is excellent for Plants and fresh water is replaced to control the pH of water. Fertilization and Pest Control*: Organic waste, animal dung, and Jiv Amrut (urine-based fertilizer and pesticide). We increase the fertility by dumping organic waste such as Mushroom waste, Elephant, Cow & other animal dung and we spray the entire property with Jiv Amrut. A process of converting Urine into Fertilizer cum Pesticide. Small patches of land totaling to about 3 acres is used to grow organic vegetables. We grow Organic vegetables, horticultural trees, condiments & spices, wild berries, grasses, vegetables, and medicinal plants. About 5 acres is designated for Animal Husbandry. About 1 acre for Tourism and entire area we Syntrophic in a Permaculture Perspective. The vegetables we grow is consumed there or sold to Goa Horticulture board. We grow Horticultural Trees, Condiments & Spices, Wild Barrie's, Grasses, Vegetables, Medicinal Plants, etc. How long you have been doing Organic Farming :Ancestors did and I continued even on the Properties and thereafter on the properties purchased by me. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency :NO Suggested length of stay for volunteers:**Minimum 4 days. For shorter stays, book a day/overnight trip. But if you're serious interested in contributing to our Permaculture activity it will be a pleasure to Host you. "Atithi Devo Bhava" meaning "Guest is God". Maximum days of stay depending on our VIBE or understanding. This property is commercial venture and my house is in the Capital city Panjim but I enjoy living in a small hut alongside my labours huts where you can pitch your own tent or sleep in ours / dormitory. Accommodations (How many volunteers you can accommodate at one time) :**Details about the accommodation type attached bath , tents , dormitory etc** :No limit. We have about 20 to 40 daily labor and each labor can assist about 2 to 4 wwoofers or vice versa. We provide free Tented accommodation with 8 common Western Toilets, Cooking facilities with essential amenities.

If you wish to upgrade you can step back in time and rent our palm leaf huts or Mud / Cob Houses with cow dung floor, excellent bedding and essential amenities and a private wood-fire / gas cooking area in a Rustic Village setting. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** :We cannot promise but depending on the day-to-day situation you can indulge in non-farming activities such as construction of Mud / Cob houses, Temporary huts, Tourism-related activities such as Water sports, Excursions, Trekking, etc. If they have skill then we might require Teachers for Nature Education, Hospitality and F&B volunteers, Art, Artists, etc.If WWOOFER has skill then we might require your help in housekeeping, cooking for guests, Reception, Administrative Work, Guiding, Yoga, Acoustic Music, Teaching Nature Education/ Wildlife Hospitality, and F&B volunteers, Art, Artists, Musicians, etc.We have both power supply on and off grid solar Panels but there is no guarantee of Power. **Expectations of work for volunteers** :No special skills are required but if you have some, we are willing to learn from you or you have to be willing to learn from us. All works such as Weeding, pruning trees, Growing, Nurturing plants, Lifting dung and Jiva Amrut, digging and animal husbandry related works **Is transportation available?** :Emergency transport available (SUVs, motorcycles, tractors, bicycles). **Languages spoken** :Konkani, English a bit of Hindi, Marathi and Portuguese. **Can you host children or pets** :Yes, but as long as every child is accompanied by an adult with a written consent of both their Parents. Only Pets that are disciplined are allowed and if not, they should be restrained. **Special diets: Name some local dishes that will be served for free to volunteers in exchange of the farm work they will do** :We guarantee you ingredients to make your Vegetarian breakfast, Lunch & Dinner. If lucky non-veg. There is no baker in this area so make your bread/roti. Rice and Dal or curry is our staple diet along with one Vegetables/cereal.We do not promise but if you're involved with Paid customers you might be lucky to eat the excess food cooked for them but only after they finish eating. (In the past we experienced staff finish the food served to customers. But you can eat the food you cooked or staff food with the customers. You're welcome to buy and cook your own food. **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg** **Places of tourist interest nearby** :The farm is to be integrated with may activities such as Nature and adventure tourism, wellness, Yoga, Nature Education, Permaculture, etc. but that depends on bookings. This property is located almost at the Geographical center of Goa and excess to most of the tourist sites including beaches / mountains is about an hours drive. This property is located almost at the Geographical centre of Goa and excess to most of the tourist sites including beaches / mountains is about 40 kms about an hour's drive. The closest tourist site is Bondla Zoo in the Bondla Wildlife Sanctuary 19 kms about 30 minutes. The Cultural Temple town of Ponda is about 17 kms about 30 minutes' drive. The Famous Dudhsagar Waterfalls is located in the Bhagwan Mahavir Wildlife Sanctuary and National Park. You need to hire a Jeep to enter from Collem distance is 21 km about 30 minutes' drive. The Famous Ancient Tambdi Surla Temple is 25 km about 40 minutes' drive. **Very Important Note:** All Foreigners must have a valid Tourist Visa. It is mandatory that the Host must report all Non Goan staying any Property in India to the nearest Police station. Hence all Guests must show us their original Passport and give us a copy. Indians must give us their Aadhar Card and one more Government Identification. All visitors must adhere to the laws of the State and the union of India. No Drugs, No Violence, No Vulgarism, No amplified music so as to disturb your neighbor, No alcoholism, No growing any illegal plants, No swimming in the river, Dress & Behave Modesty, Volunteer Passionately and no any illegal acts. We reserve every right to ask you to leave our property for any violation off the law. All rights reserved.

IND 488 **Farm Name** RC Nature World **Contact Name** Rajan Chaudhary **Location** Village , **Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train) :** , Block: Uchana, District: Jind, State: Haryana, 126152, India **Train:** After arriving at Indira Gandhi International Airport, head to the Delhi Railway Station. From there, book a ticket to Narwana Junction, which is approximately a 3-hour journey with general ticket prices starting at ₹200 per person. It's recommended to book your ticket in advance using the IRCTC (Indian Railways) app or the "Where is my Train" app to ensure you get a seat. **Bus:** Take a Metro or taxi to Kashmiri

Gate ISBT (Inter-State Bus Terminal). From there, catch a Haryana or Punjab Roadways bus to Narwana. After arriving at Narwana bus stand, take a rickshaw to Narwana Railway Station. From the railway station, you can take a bus or auto-rickshaw to Mangalpur village to reach us. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc)** RC Nature World, founded by Rajan Chaudhary, is a 4-acre organic farm under the project "One Step Towards Nature." After a successful business career in Delhi, Rajan returned to his village in Mangalpur, Block: Uchana, District: Jind, State: Haryana, 126152, India, to pursue a more sustainable and fulfilling lifestyle through organic farming. The farm began as a response to the environmental harm caused by chemical pesticides and synthetic fertilizers. Rajan's passion for sustainable living, Ayurveda, yoga, naturopathy, and panchgavya inspired him to embrace organic farming practices. At RC Nature World, sustainable practices are prioritized, including the use of solar-powered drip irrigation to minimize the carbon footprint. The farm employs organic fertilizers derived from animal and plant wastes and uses ecologically based pest controls to maintain soil health and biodiversity. A variety of organic crops are grown using natural methods to fertilize the soil and control pests, ensuring the produce is chemical-free and healthy. Natural pest controls include crop rotation, mulching, and biological pest management, while fertilizers are primarily compost and animal manure. Compared with conventional agriculture, organic farming uses fewer pesticides, reduces soil erosion, decreases nitrate leaching into groundwater and surface water, and recycles animal wastes back into the farm. While organic farming has numerous ecological benefits, it is also counterbalanced by higher food costs for consumers and generally lower yields. The farm's organic products are marketed locally and through networks that promote sustainable agriculture, with the goal of providing healthy food while maintaining environmental integrity. Volunteers at RC Nature World can immerse themselves in a range of activities, such as gardening, harvesting, sowing, and cattle care, as well as maintenance tasks, creating awareness, organizing events, and providing technical support to promote the initiative globally. Living at the farm offers a unique opportunity to experience life in harmony with nature, away from the luxuries of city life. Volunteers can learn about sustainable farming practices and enjoy Haryanavi cuisine, contributing to a meaningful and enriching experience. **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : Minimum stay is of 4-5 days whereas there is no maximum number of days, volunteers can stay however long they want. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** : 20 volunteers at any Time. Separate dormitories for male and females. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : Volunteers will be engaged in various non-farming activities, including construction, language exchange, painting, wooden work, housekeeping, photography, video editing, yoga, meditation, and other activities. **Expectations of work for volunteers** : **Gardening**: Planting, weeding, watering, and maintaining the vegetable and herb gardens. Volunteers will also assist in composting and soil management to ensure healthy crop growth. **Animal Care**: Feeding, cleaning, and caring for the cows and other animals on the farm. This includes milking the cows, maintaining their living spaces, and ensuring their overall well-being. **Is transportation available?** : No, transportation is not provided by the farm. In case of an emergency, the farm has access to local transportation options such as auto-rickshaws and taxis. Additionally, arrangements can be made to use the farm's vehicles for emergency transport if necessary. **Languages spoken** : English and Hindi **Can you host children or pets** : No **Special diets** : Volunteers at RC Nature World will be provided with local dishes such as Halva, Kheer, Raita, Roti, and Rice, among others, in exchange for their farm work. **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** : Discover farm life with our friendly guides who will teach you sustainable farming methods. Enjoy peaceful walks through our green farm or relaxed picnics with beautiful views. Relax with yoga classes in our calm surroundings. Experience local culture by visiting nearby villages and chatting with the locals. Engage in exciting activities like biking and hiking, or visit historic sites and scenic spots. Explore nearby places of interest like the Golden Temple. Getting around is easy with local buses, taxis, or auto-

rickshaws from nearby towns. Alternatively, you can rent a car to explore on your own.

IND 489 Farm Name :ANANDANAVANA **Contact Name :** Anand **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train) :** Jath Block, Sangli District, Maharashtra. By bus or train to Vijaypur (Bijapur) and 20kms local travel by local bus/car/2 wheeler/pvt cabs. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :** The land is 4 acres. Growing rainfed crops like Jowar (Sorghum), Pearl Millet, Chana, Groundnut, Safflower, Vegetables, horticulture plants, fodder plants and manure trees. Bought the land 2 years back and the main purpose is to get connected back to soil, do integrated natural farming, grow my own food sustainably and more importantly to lead a spiritual life. I am learning and adopting the age-old best practices of natural fertilizer preparation and application, preparing nutrients and pesticides from locally available natural materials. Understanding the science of natural farming and application of it based on my observations. I sell most of the produce in local markets and I am also connected with alternative organic companies to sell my products mostly for the Bengaluru consumers. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming :** Since 2022 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency :**Yes, by IMO Control Private Limited (IMO IN) **Suggested length of stay for volunteers :** 5 days to 30 days.**Accommodations:** Upto 5 volunteers. Attached Western toilet, Indian and Ecosan toilet available. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** On the go sustainable construction, energy, livestock, poultry activities planned.**Expectations of work for volunteers** Land preparation, seed treatment, sowing irrigation, weed control, natural nutrients preparation, nutrients application, harvesting, grading and packing. **Is transportation available? :** Transportation available. **Languages spoken :** Kannada, Marathi, Hindi and English. **Can you host children or pets :** Yes **Special diets** Jowar Rotti meal and other traditional recipes made out of our own farm produce. **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby :** Viajaypur historical places like Gol Gumbaj, Chand Bawdi and others

IND 490 Farm Name : Vaanavil Farm & Food Forest **Contact Name :** Sudhakar **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train) :** Post : Vikramasingapuram, District : Tirunelveli, State : Tamil Nadu - Train upto Tirunelveli Junction or Ambasamudram. Bus / Auto from either of these station **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :** Organic Farmer, Natural Builder, Organic Farmer's Collective Online Store Business Other than running our own farm since 2018 years, we started out as WWOOFers volunteering in farms in Auroville: Solitude Farm & Kitchen, Auro Orchard, Sadhana Forest . We are a young diverse organic farm and multi-layer food forest. We grow more than half of our food that we consume as a family. We grow rice in 1 acre during the North-east monsoon from November to March. We grow pulses in the same one acre as crop rotation after the rice crop. 3 acres is dedicated to zero-till multi-layer agro-forestry: which includes coconuts, malabar neem, teak, mahogany, banana, papaya, long pepper, mango, gooseberry, turmeric, ginger, black pepper, gooseberry, lemon, jamun, jackfruit, guava and more. Because we do not till, the ground cover is also a rich mix of local herbs such as tulsi, nannari, vetiver, lemongrass, wild indigo, touch-me-not, and more. Diversity and multi-cropping is our only tool against pests. To prevent diseases, we believe in keeping our soil healthy by enriching it with compost. We do not burn any of our crop waste: we find ways to return everything to the soil, either through animals, mulch or composting. The land size is 11 acres. The fenced part of the land is 5.5 acres : which is where the house, animal shed, store room, organic shop, compost toilet, guest house, multi-layer food forest, and annual crop fields are. The unfenced part of the land is grazing land and 0.5 acres is dedicated to a rainwater harvesting pond. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming:** Since 2018 **Whether the farm is certified** Yes, NPOP **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** Minimum 7 days **Accommodations** We can accommodate a maximum of 4 volunteers at any given time. 2 rooms can host 2 people each on the 1st floor of Bhoomi, the cob house where Noushadya, Vanya-our 2 year old daughter and I,

Sudhakar live. The accommodation is under a rain protected thatch roof. Mattresses and mosquito nets will be provided. A light, fan and a charging point will be available in each room. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : We are building a guest house right now with a flat roof. We intend to build a dormitory with a tiled roof in 2025. **Expectations of work for volunteers** : Volunteers can join in everything that is happening at the farm. We employ 8 people in total : 2 people work in the animal shed, 1 person manages the work needed for the online organic store, 5 people work in the multi-layer food forest and for annual crops. Volunteers will be working with Noushadya, me (Sudhakar) and the 8 folks who are from the nearby village. **Is transportation available?** : We have 2 TVS XL bikes at the farm which can be used for travelling around. We plan to replace one of them with a electric bike in the future. **Languages spoken** : English, Hindi, Tamil **Can you host children or pets** : Yes, we can host children and pets. We have 2 dogs, 25 cows, 50 chicken, 10 ducks at the farm right now. As long as your pet(s) get along with other animals in the farm, **Special diets** : Noushadya and I are lacto-ovo-vegetarian. We minimize our consumption of processed and packaged food as much as possible. **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby:** Papanasam Temple, Sori Muthu Ayyanar Kovil, Agasthiyar Falls, Manimuthar Dam, Ram Nadhi dam, Kadana Nadhi dam - these are some of the tourist places around the farm within half an hour motorbike distance

IND 491 Farm Name: Shri Timli FPO **Contact Name** Ashish Dabral **Location Village, Post, District, State (How to reach by bus or train):** PO: Devikhet, Pauri Garhwal, 248001, Uttarakhand. (Nearest Airport: DED, Dehradun Airport, Railway Station: Rishikesh, Route from Rishikesh - Mohan Chatti - Silogi - Chelusain - Devikhet - Shri Timli. Route From Kotdwar: Dugadda - Gumkhal - Dwarikhal - Chelusain - Devikhet - Shri Timli. There are shared taxis from Rishikesh and Kotdwar to Devikhet **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.):** Eco Village, Dairy Farm Cultivating 5 Acres of land in the village Shri Timli . We have developed a Kiwi Farm in 1 Acre, Dairy Farm (Badri Cow) which has 15+ cows, we are growing vegetables in 4 acres and now planning to start growing aromatic crops for sustainability. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming:** Since 2011 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency:** NA **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** 7 - 28 Days **Accommodations (How many volunteers you can accommodate at one time):** We can accommodate 12 Volunteers at a time. We have three twin-sharing rooms and one dormitory room. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.):** We have a free elementary school where volunteers can teach. We also need volunteers to develop/construct the wellness center (Yoga and meditation center), and maintenance of the eco-village, common areas, and community kitchen. **Expectations of work for volunteers:** Volunteers to work with local farmers. Volunteers will work with local farmers. General Activities: Farm Management, Sowing, Weeding, Cultivation using Power weeder, Management of Kiwi Orchard. Water Management and marketing support in local mandi. **Is transportation available?** Yes **Languages spoken** :English, Hindi **Can you host children or pets:** Can host children **Special diets** Vegetarian **And any other specifics for your farm, for eg Places of tourist interest nearby:** Lansdown 40 , Rishikesh 80, Pauri 100 KM

IND 492 Farm Name : Nandavanam farms **Contact Name** : Renuka Selvam **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** : kanavapatti village, Dindigul District, Tamilnadu. **Dindigul** : Nearest Railway station. **Vathalagundu** : Nearest Bus stand **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : Having Coconut trees around 220 numbers. Planted fruit trees like Banana, Mango, pappaya , gouva, sappoto, Indian blue berry, nellikai, pomangranate etc. Also cultivated cattle feed and vegetables. We have five numbers native breed cows, cats, hen , duck and dog. The total area of the farm is 2.5 acres. We have done vegetable/ fruit cultivation under Subhash Palekher's five layer model. We use cow based fertilizer prepared at farm itself and pesticides with plants like neem etc. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : Four years Since 2020 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification**

agency : No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : Minimum five days , maximum 15 days **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** Separate room and toilet , bathroom available 5 volunteers can be accommodated **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Soap making, hair oil making. Coconut shell craft coconut leaf products **Expectations of work for volunteers** : Simple farm related works like watering , seedling etc. **Is transportation available?** : 2 wheeler and a four wheeler are available in for emergency **Languages spoken** : Tamil, English, Hindi, Marathi. **Can you host children or pets** : Yes **Special diets** South Indian food like idili, Dosa, rice etc **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** Kodaikanal hills station 60 kms from the farm.

IND 493 **Farm Name** : Mangat Farms, Kanatal **Contact Name** : Ranjit Mangat **Location Village , Post, District, State (How to reach by bus or train)** : Post Office Kanatal, District Tehri Garhwal, Utrakhhand **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** Fruit Farm sized 4.7 acres Farmer since 1997, Born and raised on a farm, generations have been farmers I being third generation on the property who had been in other activities alongside but farming is the most important part of being the income. It is a beautiful location and serene to be and our fruit farm is largely APPLE which has become old and now needs to be re-done. We are planning to fence the property and add and replace old ones with more varieties of fruits such as Kiwi, Nectarine, Walnut, Newer varieties of apples, etc. The property overlooking the valley and Himalayan range is a beautiful place that sells as a premium homestay in the area. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : Since 1964 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : N.A **Suggested length of stay for volunteers:** 2 weeks minimum **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** 6 Can be a mix of tent or room. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Maintaining the property, Housekeeping, Helping with AIRBNB on property **Expectations of work for volunteers:** Fence building, Trail making, Planting new fruit trees, Drip irrigation setup, helping in putting organic waste to make manure **Is transportation available?** Anyone with farming experience who can help us learn more about Blueberry farming and other stone fruit farming will be an asset. **Languages spoken:** English, Hindi, Punjabi **Can you host children or pets:** Children with parents or adults are ok. **Special diets** Numerous kinds of Indian food include Vegetarian and non-vegetarian both. **And any other specifics for your farm, for eg Places of tourist interest nearby:** Mossurie the Queen of hills is just 37 km, Tehri Dam is roughly 30 km, Kaudia forest hiking trail 4kms, Surkanda Devi Temple 5Km, and much more to see in this beautiful place called KANATAL at an altitude of 8500ft above the sea.

IND 494 **Farm Name** : CKG FARM **Contact Name** : Anish Rajkumar **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** : Post Pogalur on way to Coimbatore Village . Coimbatore - Tamil Nadu Bus, train, flight to Coimbatore to CKG farm take bus **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : We have a small backyard miyawaki forest, navite breed cows, biogas plant, Coconut is the main crop and banana as inter crop and a small fruit forest **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : Since 2009 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : No should apply **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : Minimum one week **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** 4 peoples and more with tents 2 bathrooms are available **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** : Want to build a earthhouse in the farm, need skilled people in that area **Expectations of work for volunteers** :Farm irrigation management and organic fertilizer preparation and new plant plantation **Is transportation available?** Public transport available and our private veichle also a valuable **Languages spoken** : Tamil and English **Can you host children or pets** : Yes **Special diets** : Idli, dosa, uppma, chappati, noodles, indian meals, and a lot more **And any other specifics for your farm** Mountains , man made forest , Temples , Niligris Ooty Mountain , Isha Yoga center and many more

IND 495 Farm name :The Regenerative Farm { *Joanna* } **Contact Name :** Joanna Budelman **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train) :** Post: P.O. NEHU & P.S. Mawlai ,District: East Khasi Hills State: Meghalaya Pin code- 793022 . Fly into Guwahati or Shillong airport. Taxi from Guwahati is 3 hours and will cost about 4,000 for private taxi. Taxi from Shillong Airport will be less. And the Farm is 35 Minutes from the Shillong Airport **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :** We adhere to regenerative farming principles. Our 6-acre farm is home to a variety of local vegetables, goats, chickens, pigs, fruit trees, and coffee plants. Our 6-acre farm is dedicated to sustainable and regenerative farming practices. We started this project to restore soil health and promote biodiversity. We grow a variety of local vegetables, maintain fruit trees, and cultivate coffee plants. Additionally, we raise goats, chickens, and pigs and have full functioning small scale production facilities for our regenerative farm food products. While we use natural methods, we could use help in regenerating our soil more efficiently with suggesting high value produce that fits our soil and area. Our goal is to create a self-sustaining ecosystem that supports diverse crops and livestock. At a small scale, we market our organic products locally, emphasizing the health benefits and environmental sustainability of our farming practices. We want to expand our production as well. Major fruits: dragon fruit and a few peach trees, passion fruit, and some citrus trees , vegetables: lettuce, cauliflower, beats, radish, turnip, potato, mustard, tomato. All on small scale . Spices etc are grown in farm **How long you have been doing Organic Farming :** Since 2019 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency :** Not Certified **Suggested length of stay for volunteers :** We cannot accommodate 4-5 day stays. We are particularly interested in longer-term stays. We prefer volunteers who can commit to a project and contribute their expertise to our farm projects. Interviews will be conducted to ensure the guest(s) meet our farm needs. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time) :** We can accommodate 2 to 4 experienced volunteers at a time. Families with relevant experience are also welcome. Our accommodations include cabins with outdoor baths and shared indoor rooms with beds and attached baths. Approximately 4-6 people per room. If hosting a family we can arrange a family room with bathroom, and or cabins. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** We are open to proposals for alternative construction projects and alternative energy solutions, provided the guest has the necessary skills and experience. **Expectations of work for volunteers** **1.Egg Incubation:** We need someone with experience in incubating eggs and managing the entire process from setup to successful hatching of chicks. **2 Goat Lactation and Milking:** We require expertise in maintaining continuous lactation in goats and milking them for our goat milk ice cream production. **3 Composting System:** We are looking for someone skilled in setting up and managing an effective composting system for our farm. **3 Poly house tomato growing** we have not been successful in this area, need expertise. Volunteers will be engaged in various farm-related tasks, including: Setting up and managing a chicken egg incubation system, Implementing and maintaining composting and vermicomposting systems,, Ensuring continuous lactation in goats and managing the milking process. ,The farm is venture of Chillibreeze, and we run the farm on the same values and principles found here ,We operate 7 days a week with one day off AFTER essential chores are completed. ,We sometimes have developmental meetings, training, and or book clubs at the farm. If appropriate, you might be invited to attend if you wish. **Is transportation available? :** You will need to pay for transportation to and from the farm. We can help arrange. **Languages spoken :** English and Broken English & Khasi (Khasi is the local tribal language) **Can you host children or pets? :** We do not host pets. However, we will consider hosting families if a family member has significant experience and skills, along with references to validate their expertise. **Special diets :** We prepare home cooked Khasi or Indian style meals. **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** Google Meghalaya Tourism. Too many spots to list. All tourist spots can be reached by taxi or bus within 4 hours of the Farm location. The farm is located in a beautiful area for hiking with rivers and streams near

by.

IND 496 Farm Name : Sereni Tea Chaya **Contact Name :** Sanglap Bhuyan **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train) :** Deroi , P.O : Rajmai, Dist : Sivasagar, State Assam(Both bus and train connectivity is available) Bus Station Located just 7 km away, providing convenient access to local and regional bus services. Train Station Approximately 15 km from the farm, offering connectivity to various destinations via train. -Airport The nearest airport is 80 km away, making it accessible for those traveling from farther distances.**A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.) :** We operate a 10-acre small tea garden that yields approximately 5,000 kg of green tea leaves annually. What sets our garden apart is our commitment to sustainable practices—using organic sprays crafted from natural ingredients like ghost chili and pepper to protect the plants. These traditional, eco-friendly methods not only ensure the health of the tea bushes but also contribute to the preservation of soil fertility and biodiversity in the region. Our goal is to inspire other small tea growers to follow a similar path, transitioning their gardens to organic systems. We understand that this process requires patience, as it takes about three years for a tea garden to fully convert to organic practices. However, we firmly believe that this shift is essential for creating a healthier, chemical-free environment for future generations. By reducing the reliance on harmful pesticides and synthetic chemicals, we can help ensure that our children and grandchildren inherit an earth where natural ecosystems thrive. In addition to our tea garden, we manage a small, fully organic vegetable farm. Here, we use cow dung as fertilizer, enriching the soil in a natural and sustainable way. To combat pests, we rely on wood ash powder, which serves as an effective insect repellent without harming beneficial insects or pollinators. These age-old farming practices help maintain the balance of nature, further reducing our environmental footprint. As stewards of the land, we see ourselves as an integral part of Mother Earth. It is our responsibility to live and work in harmony with her, ensuring that our daily actions do not disrupt the natural world. By practicing organic farming and encouraging others to do the same, we are taking a step towards a more sustainable, environmentally friendly future. It is our hope that more farmers will embrace this way of life, creating a ripple effect that will help preserve our planet for generations to come. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming :** Since 2017 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency :** No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers :** 4 to 5 days minimum **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** Volunteers can enjoy a blend of comfort, cultural immersion, and sustainable living. Here are the key facilities and experiences they will have access to 2 comfortable double rooms with attached bathrooms, AC and Geyser ensuring privacy and convenience. In these two rooms we can accommodate five volunteers. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Organic food preparation in our culinary village restaurant Marol Ghar. Interaction with local communities. Volunteers will have the unique opportunity to witness the entire tea manufacturing process, from cultivation to the final cup. Exposure to sustainable practices, including the use of eco-friendly materials, such as earthen pots and banana leaves for serving food, and learning to live harmoniously with nature. Community Interaction, Volunteers can interact with the local community, including tea tribes, and learn about their stories, traditions, and culture. Cultural Exposure. Engage with handloom weavers and learn about local crafts, including the development of the Maina Semi Automatic Handloom, a modern approach to traditional weaving techniques **Expectations of work for volunteers:** Assist in planting, pruning, and harvesting tea plants while learning about organic farming practices and sustainability. Participate in activities related to the organic vegetable farm, including planting, weeding, and harvesting crops. Help implement natural pest control methods, such as using organic sprays made from ingredients like ghost chili and pepper. These tasks allow volunteers to contribute directly to sustainable agricultural practices while gaining hands-on experience in organic farming and tea cultivation. Participate in farming activities, learning about organic practices, and

sustainable agriculture, including working in your fully organic vegetable farm that uses natural fertilizers and insect repellents. Working in a small tea garden that promotes organic tea farming. Volunteers can be involved in tea cultivation, helping with the organic process, and learning about natural pest control methods. **Is transportation available** : The farm is equipped with two cars available for transporting volunteers in case of any emergency, ensuring safety and prompt assistance when needed. Languages spoken :English, Hindi **Can you host children or pets** :Yes **Special diets** : Assamese Thali , Traditional Naga thali all made from local ingredients and organic vegetables .We have also many North Indian and Chinese dishes available, as we run a small ethnic villages restaurant named Marol Ghar Nutritious, organic meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner), made from locally sourced ingredients, giving them a taste of traditional Assamese and Northeastern Indian cuisine. **Any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearby** : Scenic Environment**: Surrounded by historical tea gardens like Rajmai, Atabari, and Khongia, volunteers will enjoy a peaceful, scenic setting perfect for relaxation and inspiration. These facilities aim to create a meaningful, educational, and memorable volunteer experience, combining cultural immersion with sustainability There are two UNESCO World heritage site situated near our farm. 1. Kaziranga National Park famous for one horn Rino. 2.Moidams of Assam. Other tourist attractions- 1.Palaces of Ahom King. 2.Panidihing Bird Sanctuary. 3. Gibbon wildlife sanctuary. 4.Majuli. 5.Mon ,Nagaland

IND 497 **Farm name** : ASHOK FARM, VIKASH **Contact Name** : Ashok Kumar Nanda **Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train)** : Gop, Dist: Puri. Ganeswarpur and Gop are separated by a bridge on the river Kusabhadra. Gop is on Bhubaneswar Konark highway 50 kms from Bhubaneswar. Ganeswarpur also comes on the Paradeep Puri road 32kms from Puri. One can reach the place from Bhubaneswar or Puri. Bhubaneswar has airport and railway stations and Puri is connected by rail. Ganeswarpur is 15kms from Konark beach. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** : An organic farm is being established with an intention to demonstrate sustainable farming practices. It intends to organize training programs with handsome exposure in future. The farm is being developed for last 2 years. There are 17 cows, 5 of which are traditional breeds. There are 50 country chicken. There are 2 honey bee boxes. The farm has also 7 units of bioflux fishery units. It has a hydroponic unit for growing fodder for the cows. The farm has arecanut plants, coconut plants and other horticultural plants. It also has tuber plants. It grows seasonal vegetables. 2 workers are permanently staying there and 2-3 workers visit daily. The farm is around 2 acres **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : 15 years **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : No **Suggested length of stay for volunteers** : We are looking for volunteers from 90-180 days or more. The volunteers can work for 4/5 days a week and visit the beach and other touristic places nearby. One can cycle to konark easily. **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time) :Details about the accommodation type attached bath , tents , dormitory etc** We can host 2 volunteers at a time. We will provide them room with toilet facility. We are running Industrial Training School and Nursing School in Ganeswarpur. The volunteers can be accommodated in the hostels also. Food will be served with the inmates. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Vikash maintains homes for disable children, homes for senior citizens and homes for mentally challenged people. It also works with tribals people for their economic upliftment. At Ganeswarpur we have an institution for disabled children and a home for mentally challenged people in a village 5 kms from Ganeswarpur. We have homes in various districts of Odisha province in India. We can host Therapists and Special Educators dealing with disabled person rehabilitation. **Expectations of work for volunteers** :They will be working in the organic farm and bioflux unit. The farm is very compact of 1.5 acres. It will be better if they understand the science of farming and also organic farming. **Is transportation available?** : Everything is within 500 meters.The workers have motor bikes for emergency. **Languages spoken** : Mostly Odia. Supervisor and senior people can talk in basic English. **Can you host children or pets?** : It is possible. **Special diets** : Name some local dishes

that will be served for free to volunteers in exchange of the farm work they will do Rice and dalma which is a curry of lentils and vegetables. We also cook fish and chicken and other vegetable curry. **And any other specifics for your farm** Puri city on Bay of Bengal is a very touristic place which is 32 kms from the project site. Konark city again on Bay of Bengal with its famous Sun Temple is 15kms. Bhubaneswar the temple city is 50 kms.

IND 498 **Farm Name** : N Ramaswamy Iyer Chattiram **Contact Name** : Samatha Sharma
Location Village , Post , District , State (How to reach by bus or train) Behind Dhenupureeshwarar Temple, Madambakkam, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600126. The closest train station is at Tambaram and from there you can take a rickshaw. Or the Airport is not far away , a few kms and a cab from there. **A brief description of organic activities (crops, projects, goals, etc.)** I run Energy Clinic since 2011 and a guest house. I am setting up a second guest house now in which I would like some help in set up, in garden, in marketing if possible It is a one acre property which has a house, a community hall and a large garden. We fertilize using cow dung and compost. We do not use chemical fertilizers. We have many fruit trees and flowering shrubs plus a small pond. I would like to grow vegetables and small flowering plants in future.. We are yet to lay the organic vegetable garden and would appreciate help with this. **How long you have been doing Organic Farming** : Since 2011 **Whether the farm is certified (if yes) name of certification agency** : No Suggested length of stay for volunteers : 14 days **Accommodations (How many volunteer you can accommodate at one time)** We have two furnished rooms in the community space. One has an attached bath and one has a common bath. We can accommodate two volunteers at a time. **Non-farming opportunities/ activities (alternative construction/ restoration project, alternative energy, etc.)** Marketing for the community hall, cooking, social media marketing. **Expectations of work for volunteers** : Composting, growing vegetables, caring for Geese. **Is transportation available?:** Scooter can be hired. Public transport available. My place is in the outer of the city of Chennai, so it is still technically a city we have own Car and Scooter in farm **Languages spoken** :Tamil, Hindi, English.**Can you host children or pets** :No **Special diets** : Rasam and Dosa. **And any other specifics for your farm , for eg Places of tourist interest nearbys** : Yes, it is near an old heritage temple and the property looks at a beautiful temple pond. Very peaceful location and gives a look into traditional rural life.

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