Sahaja Samrudha is a People’s movement to build sustainable villages and conserve the rich agro biodiversity

*Sahaja Samrudha* that started in 2001 as an organic farmers group. Formation of Sahaja Samrudha was the culmination of individual efforts into a more exciting and powerful force to make sustainable agriculture a way of life for the farming community. From its modest beginnings the organization has grown into a vibrant group engaged in building a network of contacts to facilitate the exchange of ideas, innovations, experience and developing region specific programmes based on the needs of farmers.

**Celebrating diversity**

Traditional seeds have been faithfully reproduced and handed down from generation to generation and which have unmatched richness of flavor, nutritional benefit and resistance to pest and diseases. In order to revive this age old practice, which has been restricted to a few farmers and a few regions, conserving seed diversity on-farm is being strengthened. This is a farmer based initiative, as it provides healthy environment, enhances biological wealth and retains germplasm within the farming communities.

**Save Our Rice Campaign**

A people movement to protect our traditional rice culture and wisdom across Asia. The movement in Karnataka has been engineered by *Sahaja Samrudha* towards revival of traditional rice heritage and on-farm conservation of rice diversity by encouraging participatory crop improvement and popularization of organic rice.

*Sahaja Samrudha* at a regional level has networked with about 30 organisations, consumer groups and farmer groups to work together in reviving the rice based system in Karnataka. The movement has brought in rice conservers and farmer breeders about 2400 from 20 district of Karnataka to conserve more than 350 varieties of scented, medicinal, flood tolerant, saline tolerant and dry land rices.
Reviving Millet Diversity

Sahaja Samrudha has developed a programme for revival and promotion of Millet diversity in Chamrajnagar, Tumkur, Haveri and Koppal districts with over 400 farmers and presently millets being conserved are about ninety. Major interventions that have been initiated for revival of millet diversity.

Participatory Research and Development

Sahaja Samrudha has initiated a participatory approach where farmers are scientists, conservationists, breeders and innovators. Under this initiative collaborative research programmes are designed and methodologies are developed with farmer playing a key role to improve the performance of local genetic resources.

Sahaja Organics

Linking farmers and consumers ‘Sahaja Samrudha Organic Producers Company Ltd’ is first of its kind in the state that has been formed to facilitate farmers to exhibit and sell their produce with a good price ear marked and trustable price with good quality organic commodities to the consumers.

Save Hallikar

The Beda kampaliga community that resides on the periphery of the Kollegal reserve forests rear a native breed of cattle the ‘Hallikar’ cattle breed for their livelihood for centuries. Sahaja Samrudha support the community to maintain the local animal genetic recourse with great care.

Publications

Apart from extensively writing in the media on organic farmers profile; do it yourself, sharing new ideas, seed information and so on. Published articles of own experiences and discoveries have been eye openers for many. Sahaja Samrudha has bought out publications on organic farming, seed diversity and culture.

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