**WHAT IS PERMACULTURE?**

Permaculture is a contraction of the two words 'PERMAnent AgriCULTURE'. It stands for responsible and wise use of natural resources, in a way that will sustain life for the present as well as future generations. It is a philosophy and practice that enables people to design and establish productive systems to provide for their food, energy, shelter and other material and non-material needs, in harmony with natural systems.

The three ethics of permaculture are

**EARTH CARE**

**PEOPLE CARE**

**FAIR SHARE**

**HISTORY OF THE IPC**

The International Permaculture Convergence is a biennial event for permaculture practitioners around the globe to share knowledge and strategize the future of the permaculture movement.

It’s also a place for newbies to connect with Mother Earth and learn how to apply permaculture in their life.

The first IPC was held in Australia in 1984. Since then, the IPC has been hosted at USA, New Zealand, Nepal, Scandinavia, Croatia, Brazil, Malawi, Jordan, Cuba, the last one being hosted by UK in 2015.

During the IPC in Cuba, in 2013, Narsanna Koppula proposed that Aranya Agricultural Alternatives host IPC 2017 in India. Our vision for the IPC is to create a platform for Indian farmers to meet permaculturists from across the world and come up with cross-cultural solutions, all the while, revitalizing traditional practices.

Permaculture is particularly relevant to the world today given our declining water resources, soil health, biodiversity and wildlife habitat as well as associated issues including increasing farmer impoverishment, climate change, the loss of traditional agricultural practices and erosion of Swaraj (self-sovereignty).

**HOST’S NOTE**

After hosting the NPC in Feb 2016 (npcindia2016.org) where people from all over the country came together to learn, network, present and celebrate, we are looking forward to host the IPC India in Nov-2017. We aim to create an event that provokes thought, inspires action and facilitates change.

Since 1999, Aranya has been empowering farming communities across Telangana and Andhra Pradesh with permaculture practices that create sustainable agricultural livelihoods.

We have facilitated community participation in sustainable watershed management, participatory irrigation management in minor, medium and major irrigation projects, supported tribal farmers to establish and maintain perennial orchards, provided technical support for the development of permaculture farms, promoted alternate energies and run permaculture courses for farmers and enthusiasts across the country.

We look forward to creating the IPC event for you to bear fruits (and seeds) of permaculture.

Mulch, Mulch, Mulch!

Narsanna Koppula
Convener, IPC India 2017
Secretary, Aranya Agricultural Alternatives
Open to all, the two-day conference will be packed with presentations, workshops, panel discussions, exhibitions, music and art that explore the theme of IPC India 2017.

**Towards Healthy Societies**
- Women as agents of change
- Permaculture as a social responsibility
- Grassroots permaculture in action
- Revitalizing and preserving traditional farming practices
- Sustainable water resource management
- Permaculture and climate change adaptations

**Convergence 25-26 Nov 2017**

This PDC course is a first of its kind, introducing a new, expanded course format over 20 days with a total of over 100 hours of curriculum and hands-on work. It brings together 120 students with facilitators and learners from India and all over the world.

Participants will learn in thematic batches and get exposure of working in small as well larger groups.

To mark the 30th anniversary of the permaculture movement in India, Robyn Francis, Narsanna Koppula, and Rico Zook will be teaching as part of the PDC.

**Teacher Training 22-29 Oct 2017**

Empower yourself to advocate for change through whole systems design and teaching! The Permaculture Teacher Training course will improve and expand your abilities and make you a more versatile, engaging and effective educator.

In this setting of active learning, you will experience essential hands-on practice by preparing and co-teaching several presentations with Jude Hobbs and Rico Zook.

**Farm Tours 3-7 Dec 2017**

Following the convergence, farm tours will be organized to various permaculture sites.

Gain insight into the multiple settings across India within which permaculture is being applied including dry-land farms, tribal village projects and government watershed initiatives.

Visit www.ipcindia2017.org to see the complete list of speakers.

**SPEAKERS**

- Vandana Shiva
- Robyn Francis
- Pandora Thomas
- Andy Goldring
- Narsanna Koppula

& many more...

**Venues**

**Conference 25-26 Nov 2017**

- University Auditorium,
  Prof. Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University,
  Rajendranagar, Hyderabad – 500030

- Event information
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**Convergence 27 Nov-2 Dec 2017**

An opportunity for PDC holders to connect more deeply with each other and the theme. The convergence is a five day residential, experiential learning forum where the program emerges out from the contributions of the participants.

IPC India 2017 is a child-friendly event. Bring your children to learn, share and rejoice!

**Network, learn, present, organize, celebrate and savor local cuisine!**

For more information, please visit: www.ipcindia2017.org

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