INDIA WORKSHOP LOGISTICS
PARTICIPANTS INFORMATION

For all events, visit: http://ipcindia2017.org/edgeevents.php

WHAT TO BRING

Course Work
- Notebook, pen
- Photographs & electronic material of your own relevant work or other resources to share
- Data stick / hard drive / computer with 16+ GB space

Daily Living
- Tent (if you registered as “Participant’s own tent”)
- Bedsheet and sleeping bag (comfort rating 0 degrees) or/and blanket
- Plate, Spoon & Glass/Cup
- A day pack for use on farm
- Water bottle (with filter is advisable). You may refill it regularly on-site.

Clothing
- Woolen Upper (a warm jumper/ light jacket) & warm long pants
- Walking shoes
- Hat/Cap
- Sunglasses

NB: Please acknowledge Indian culture and habits. For women, opt for pants and dresses below knee length. Even try a sari!

Other
- Personal Medication
- Mosquito/Insect Repellent
- Sunscreen Lotion
- Organic cosmetics (soaps, shampoo, toothpaste, etc)

MEALS

During the course, all meals are provided. All courses begin with breakfast on the first morning and complete with lunch the last day.

If you want dinner & Accommodation on the evening prior to your course, please bring an extra R400 / NZ$ 8.27 in rupees to pay on arrival. If you forgot to indicate that you want this option on the registration form, please let us know so we may expect your arrival.
GENERAL TRAVEL INFORMATION

VISAS

Foreign nationals wishing to travel to India are required to possess a valid passport of their country and a valid Indian visa. For information, visit: https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html

WEATHER

As November and early December are ‘winter months’ in India, they are typically quite ‘cool’ for India, however the climate is is generally warm and pleasant. The average temperatures at the farm will be around 21/22°C (72/73°F). However it could get a bit chilly, especially during the nights.

On cold nights in November, temperatures can go down to 14° C (57 Fahrenheit), and on hot days up to 32° C (90 Fahrenheit).

June to October are the rainy months, so no need to provide wet weather gear.

For more specific information, see climate diagrams: https://www.meteoblue.com/en/weather/forecast/modelclimate/hyderabad_india_1269843

INTERNET

Internet at the venue farm is not available for everyone to use. If you have an Indian SIM card by Airtel, Idea and Reliance, you might be able to access internet in certain areas of the farm.

The surest way is to bring your own accessibility device (Airtel, Idea, Reliance are some Indian service brands that work here at 2G-3G speeds).
ARANYA FARM

Aranya Farm, Pastapur village, Zaheerabad district, Telangana, plus Bidakanne School
Our demonstration and practice school, located at https://goo.gl/maps/reamq7E5qyv

Aranya Farm is 80 kms (3 hrs travel) from Hyderabad, and about 8kms to the nearest town. Participants usually arrive by cab (taxi), bus or train.

Getting to Hyderabad - Most people fly to Delhi and then get a plane from there to Hyderabad. You could also travel by train.

Hyderabad International Airport: http://www.hyderabad.aero/traveller.aspx

Directions Hyderabad airport to Aranya Farm: https://goo.gl/maps/YUcjRcL1U2u

An independent taxi would be around NR 2500, so the plan is that everyone meet in Hyderabad at the airport, and for us to travel together, arranged by the IPC. If you are flying in, arrange to be at the airport by 2.30pm. If enough people are coming by train, we could meet at two locations.

If you have complications when you are in Hyderabad, contact the IPC co-ordinating office, Aranya Agricultural Alternatives at:
Office: 040-24052295
Mobile: +91-9966205552
TUESDAY 14 NOVEMBER

Food Sovereignty

Venue: Aranya Farm
Registration: 8am - 9.30am, Tue 14 Nov
Start Time: 10am
Course completion: 2pm, Sat 18 Nov (after lunch)

SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER

Permaculture in Schools

Venue: Aranya Farm
Registration: 8am - 9.30am, Sunday 19 Nov
Start Time: 10am
Course completion: 2pm, Fri 24 Nov (after lunch)

SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER

Permaculture Conference

Venue: Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University in Hyderabad
Registration: 8am - 9am, Saturday 25 Nov, start 9am
Event completion: 10pm, Sun 24 Nov (after dinner)
Accommodation: Mostly at hostels that are close to the conference venue.

Travel

In conjunction with IPC India, we will collaborate to organise transport for those attending the Permaculture in Schools course from Aranya Farm to your accommodation. Daily travel to and from your Permaculture Conference will be arranged by IPC India. For information on personal transport options see: http://ipcindia2017.org/practicalinformation.php
MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER

Permaculture Convergence

Venue                Polam Farm
Registration          8am - 11.30am, Monday 27 Nov
Event completion      9am, Sat 2 Dec (after breakfast)

Accommodation
Tents will be provided at the IPC village venue on 96-acre Polam farm, the same venue as the Social Permaculture Course. They advise on the IPC website, that pictures are available on their registrations pages - just click on respective names. If you wish, you should be able to stay on in your same accommodation for the Social Permaculture course (under your own arrangements able to be made when you are there, but we will advise you further about this).

Travel
On Nov 27th, a bus to the Convergence venue, Polam farm will be organised by the IPC. For information on personal transport options see:
http://ipcindia2017.org/practicalinformation.php

Location of Polam Farm
Polam farm is located in rural Telangana, about 2.5 hours (110 km) from Hyderabad in Raipad village. http://ipcindia2017.org/venue.php
MONDAY 4 DECEMBER

We have scheduled the beginning of the Social Permaculture course to enable the possibility for attending a 1 or 2 day tour, or just have ‘down time’ between the completion time of the Permaculture Convergence and the start of the Social Permaculture course.

Social Permaculture

Venue: Polam Farm, Manthoor village, Medak district, Telangana
Registration: 8am - 9am, Mon 4 Dec
Start Time: 9am

Wednesday 6 December
We will be having an informal gathering of participants at Polam Farm from 7.30 – 9.30pm on Wed evening 6 December.

Course completion: 2.30pm, Thr 7 Dec (after lunch)