

Introduction to Sadguru

Established in 1974 N. M. Sadguru Water and Development Foundation, (NMSWDF), popularly known as Sadguru is one of the India's premier non-governmental organizations known nationally and internationally for its expertise in natural resource management (NRM). It is a non –political, non-profit making and secular organization, registered under the Public Charitable Trust Act, the Society Registration Act (1860) and Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act. The State Governments of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan have also granted recognition to it as an NGO competent and eligible for implementing their own rural development programmes as well as those sponsored and supported by the Government of India.



The Mission and Objectives:

Sadguru has a noble mission of promoting sustainable and equitable rural development through community-based and eco-friendly natural resource development and management projects.

Its main objectives are to improve the living standards of rural and tribal people by developing and implementing environmentally sound land and water resources development programmes that improve the socio economic ecological status of marginal and small farmers, and ultimately helpful in reducing the distress migration ; to build local institutions and enhance their capacity through training and promote all round development of rural people.

To achieve these objectives, Sadguru undertakes the following activities; community – based water resource development and its management by community; Participatory watershed development and management; agro and social forestry, ; intensive agriculture and diversification of agri land for horticulture ; promoting organic farming;; promotion of biogas and other renewable source of rural energy; institution building; self- help groups and human resources development through training and capacity building and public advocacy.

The Areas of Operation



The project area of Sadguru is spread over thirteen districts in three States located in western part of India viz., Rajasthan, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh. It covers approximately **2, 50,000** households and nearly **12, 00,000** people in more than **1200 villages** under its various NRM based activities. The project area is classified as a drought prone semi-arid region of the country and is predominantly inhabited by tribal and rural poor, who are the poorest of the struggling for their very existence.

Sadguru's Experiences in Watershed and Horticulture Development and Management

With the financial assistant from various States Government, viz., Gujarat, M.P and Rajasthan, Sadguru has treated thousands of acres of land (73615) under **Integrated Watershed Development and Management Programme**, that is benefiting **24,484 households**.

59.32 lakh acres of land is influenced by our training and capacity building offered to different functionaries located in different parts of country and covering 21 states.

Under the various Government programmes, NABARD and other agencies, we have established **29,085** number of fruit orchards and besides this **27,365** farmers cultivating vegetables in our project villages and we have planted more than **5,98,76,024 plants** on field bunds and waste land under social forestry programme. Under the micro irrigation programme, more **2500 ha land** has been covered under drip irrigation by the lift irrigation cooperative society federation set up by Sadguru.

In addition, Sadguru has constructed more than **700** water resources structures on rivulets and big rivers like Mahi, Chambal etc, which together can harvest nearly **2500 mcft of water**. Majority of our water harvesting structures on rivers are supporting the lift irrigation schemes.

Sadguru's Experience in Organizing Training Programmes:

Every year, Sadguru organizes more than **250 training** programmes on social and technical aspects of natural resource management (NRM) for Government and Non-Government personnel as well as its programme partners.

Our stake holders belong to different sectors from farmer to policy maker and from most of the states of country and some African countries and Cincinnati (USA)

The duration of training courses ranges from one-day exposure cum learning visit to one-month comprehensive package. All the courses are tailor made and usually it is practice oriented with some basic knowledge at class room.



Objectives of Training:

- To make aware importance, principle, concept and relevance of watershed approach in holistic rural development
- To orient the participants regarding different interventions for watershed area development inclusive of social aspect from designing to monitoring
- To orient the participants about the horticulture development programme as income generation activity
- To visit the participants for various watershed treatments and horticulture development and management activities of Sadguru
- To orient about the role of community in watershed and horticulture development and management programmes



Content of Training:

- Importance , principle, concept and relevance of watershed approach in holistic rural development
- Planning and designing of soil moisture conservation measures in arable and non arable land
- Field exercise for participatory net planning and different structures
- Management of watershed and horticulture development programme by community
- Field exposure visit to various area treated under watershed concept and horticulture development programmes

Medium of Training : Hindi/English

Who can participate in training?

Two persons from one organization can participate in this programme of which one should be Engineer, who are engaged in planning, designing, and implementation of Watershed development programmes, and other members should be from agriculture background who deals the agriculture and horticulture development programmes

Duration : Six days

Venue: Sadguru Training & Research Institute,
Chosala.
c/o N M Sadguru Water and development
Foundation

Training Faculty :

The institute has highly qualified and experienced team of trainers. All of them are more than graduate along with some are post-graduate and doctorate degrees and having more than **20 years of field as well training experience** in their respective field.

Pedagogy

This Training programme is participatory in approach and uses a mix of different training methods like lectures, audio-visuals, group work, group discussion and field visits

Course Fee:

The Registration fee for this six-day training course is **Rs 1000/- per** participants. Transportation cost (both side) must be borne by the participants or their sponsoring organization.

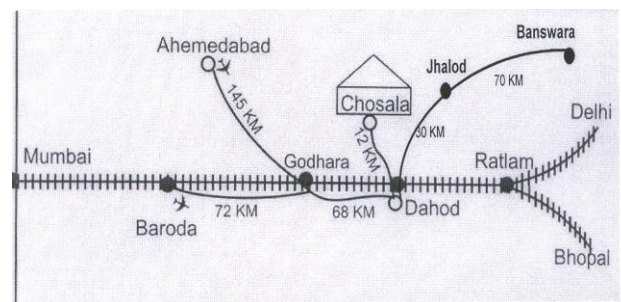
How to Reach the Training Institute

The training institute is located at village Chosala, 12 Km away from Dahod. The Dahod city is located on a State Highway and the Vadodara -Ratlam section of the western railway. It is well connected to Delhi, Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Vadodra and other important cities of India by both rail and road. Both airports, Vadodara (140 kms) and Ahmedabad (200 kms), are well connected from Dahod by both rail and road.

Campus Environment

The Sadguru Training & Research Institute is located on a 12-acre piece of land in a tribal village, Chosala, which is 12 Km away from Dahod town. The campus is nestled amidst crop fields and may be called an oasis in a semi-arid sparsely populated tribal region.

The campus is woody and green, thanks to a mixed plantation of a wide variety of tree species including mangoes, guava, *jamun* and shrubs and flowering plants. It offers an idyllic pollution-free serene environment conducive to learning and reflection. It would not be an exaggeration to claim that Sadguru has the best and most beautiful campus and training institute in India in the NGO sector.



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