
**Three days event on Local Food system of Pondicherry
At the French Institute of Pondicherry on 4, 5 & 6 January 2019**

The French Institute of Pondicherry, Agricultural department of Pondicherry and other local organisations are jointly organising a three day workshop at the **French Institute of Pondicherry**, 11 Saint Louis Street, Pondicherry, on 4, 5 and 6th January 2019 on “**Local food system of Pondicherry : A discussion on food sovereignty and agro-ecology**”.

The objective is to introduce a discussion on the concept of “local food system” and what it means in Pondicherry, at the local scale and for a diversity of actors: producers, transformers, sellers, consumers. A local food system is a **collaborative network** that integrates sustainable food production, processing, distribution, consumption in order to enhance the environmental, economic, and social health of a particular area. This system creates the **platform for a community** to collectively and transparently decide what their ‘**food priorities**’.

The three days activities:

4th January – Conferences and participatory debate at the French Institute on City region food system and discussion with urban citizens.

5th January: Site visit of organic farming at Puthurai Village and public debate on the food system in practice.

6th January: Exhibition on organic food in the street adjacent to French Institute. The organic producers invite the public to visit their stall and discuss with them on their value addition of their production including the revival of millets and traditional seeds. There will be discussion on the food recipe and sharing of food.

The organisation is expecting the participation of officials from the Agricultural department, KVK, Nutritionist from JIPMER, Non governmental Organisation (DHAN Foundation, Timbaktu collective, MAAKAM, Keystone foundation, Inseason fish), Pebble garden and Sustainable livelihood Institute from Auroville, Food Sovereignty alliance, Millet network of India, PondiCan, Organic producers and farmers from Puducherry and Jawadhu hills.

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