

A Timeline of Key Events and Actions for Seed Freedom

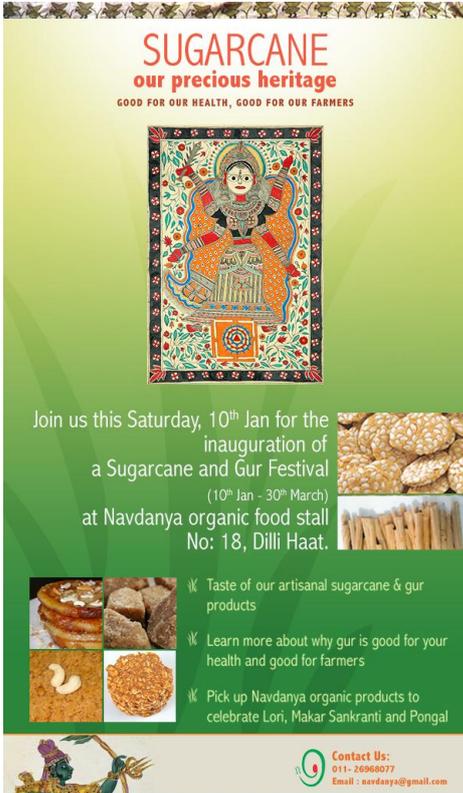
January – July 2015

Event

Sugarcane and Gur Festival

10 January – 30 March 2015

New Delhi, India



The poster for the Sugarcane and Gur Festival features a central illustration of a deity in traditional Indian attire, surrounded by a decorative border. Above the illustration, the text reads 'SUGARCANE our precious heritage' and 'GOOD FOR OUR HEALTH, GOOD FOR OUR FARMERS'. Below the illustration, there are images of sugarcane stalks and gur products. The text on the poster includes: 'Join us this Saturday, 10th Jan for the inauguration of a Sugarcane and Gur Festival (10th Jan - 30th March) at Navdanya organic food stall No: 18, Dilli Haat.' It also lists activities: 'Taste of our artisanal sugarcane & gur products', 'Learn more about why gur is good for your health and good for farmers', and 'Pick up Navdanya organic products to celebrate Lohri, Makar Sankranti and Pongal'. At the bottom, there is a contact box with the Navdanya logo and the text: 'Contact Us: 011- 26968077 Email: navdanya@gmail.com'.

Sugarcane and Gur festival is aimed at creating awareness about sugarcane crisis and offer alternatives. The three month long festival which would be on in Dilli Haat, will try to involve people and farmers in conserving and protecting economy, health and ecology.

Speaking about the festival, Maya Goburdhun, Director Navdanya said that ‘sugarcane and sugar making processes is of ancient Indian origin. This is the heritage we should be defending and promoting to solve today’s economic, ecological and health problems’. Navdanya’s founder Dr. Vandana Shiva said, “On the 100th anniversary of Gandhi’s return to India from South Africa, let us implement his perennial concept of swaraj and swadeshi in our daily lives. Gur embodies both swaraj and swadeshi, gur is good for our health, good for our farmers.”

Photos and Articles:

<http://seedfreedom.info/sugarcane-and-gur-festival->

[inauguration-photos-articles/](#)

Event

Seeds, Soil and You – Mumbai Rooftop Garden

Mumbai, India

December 2014 – January 2015



Marilyn McHugh and Chris Kennedy of the [The Hummingbird Project](#) held a session titled ‘Soil, Seeds and You’ at Flyover Farm covering how and why to grow a living soil, the importance of saving seeds and practical tips.

At [Fresh and Local](#)’s Flyover Farm in Mumbai, the founders believe that urban farming is an integral part of improving the overall health and wellbeing of a city.

Flyover Farm is a community urban farm showcasing and experimenting with rooftop organic farming in one of the most dense and heavily trafficked areas of Mumbai. Flyover Farm works with the residents of Mohamadi Manzil Building and a city-wide network of volunteers to grow food naturally, compost kitchen waste and address issues of air and noise pollution. In addition, Fresh and Local hosts monthly workshops and events for hands-on learning and researches and develops best practices specific to the urban context. Fresh and Local began in May 2010, and to date has worked directly with over 2,000 individuals in Mumbai, Alibaug, and Goa.

Photos and Articles: <http://seedfreedom.info/mumbai-rooftop-garden/>

Through a partnership with [Dr. Vandana Shiva](#) and her organization, [Navdanya](#), Marilyn McHugh and Chris Kennedy have been going to India to educate farmers about the damaging effects of chemical farming. The Hummingbird Project's partnership with Navdanya has allowed Kennedy and McHugh to connect with rural Indian farmers and teach classes at [Earth University](#), Navdanya's learning center. The two nonprofits [have collaborated](#) to "reduce dependency on [GMO seeds](#), train farmers in [organic methods](#), and re-establish [sustainable agriculture](#) throughout India." Kennedy says "The work with farmers in India is so critical because while here in the U.S., chemical versus organic farming is viewed as a choice or preference, the epidemic of farmer suicides in India shows it is often a question of life or death."

Event

Seed Freedom Home Rule Tour - Hawaii

Oahu, Hawaii, USA – 21st January 2015

Maui, Hawaii, USA – 25th January 2015

HOME RULE
Environmental Activist and Food Rights Author
VANDANA SHIVA
Home Rule Tour

Dr. Vandana Shiva will join community leaders from across the state of Hawai'i to share stories from the frontlines of the global movement to empower community food systems. From Hawai'i to India, these stories capture the importance of HOME RULE in the future of food. Please join us O'ahu!

WED · JAN 21ST
RALLY AT THE STATE CAPITOL 9AM - 2PM
FREE to the Public!

TALK STORY SESSION - MAMIYA THEATER
FEATURING LIVE PERFORMANCE BY MAKANA
3142 Waiatae Avenue Honolulu, HI. 96816
Cocktail Hour 5:30PM / Presentation 7:00PM
Tickets: vandanashivahomeruletour.eventbrite.com

HOME RULE n. The ability to exercise our rightful powers of governance within local administrative areas.

#VANDANAHITOUR #HOMERULE
decentralize power//empower the people

Dr. Vandana Shiva and Andrew Kimbrell ([Center For Food Safety](#) Executive Director) joined community leaders from across Hawaii on Oahu and Maui to share stories from the frontlines of the global movement to empower community food systems. From Hawaii to India, these stories capture the importance of home rule in the future of food.

More than anywhere else, counties in Hawaii should have the right and authority to determine the future of their food system. This is home rule. Hawaii is home to untold biodiversity and some of the most beautiful landscapes on Earth. However, it is also ground zero for the outdoor experimentation of pesticide-promoting plant technologies, genetically engineered to withstand heavy spraying of toxic chemicals.

On Oahu, Kauai, Maui, and Molokai, chemical and biotechnology companies like Monsanto, Syngenta, Dupont, Dow Chemical, Bayer, and BASF have purchased prime agricultural land, taking advantage of Hawaii's isolation and year-round growing season, in order to field test crops that have been genetically engineered (GE) to withstand greater applications of pesticides. Despite public health concerns and contamination of natural resources, the State of Hawaii has taken no action to regulate the activities of biotechnology companies performing open-air testing on genetically engineered seed and synthetic pesticides.

As a result, Kauai, Maui and Hawaii Counties asserted their county's authority to create policies that address these issues and protect the safety and health of its residents and land. Otherwise known as "Home Rule," Hawaii has shown the world just how important this kind of political power is in the movement to create more safe and sovereign food systems.

More information and Videos:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/the-vandana-shiva-home-rule-tour/>
- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/the-vandana-shiva-home-rule-tour-on-maui/>
- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/defend-the-maui-gmo-moratorium/>

Articles:

- ✓ <http://www.centerforfoodsafety.org/video/2519/cfs-videos/cfs-hawaii/3689/hawaii-home-rule>
- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/tag/hawaii/>

Event

Earth Democracy: Defending the Rights of Mother Earth and Human Beings

Navdanya Bija Vidyapeeth, Dehradun, India
2 – 6 February 2015



The course explored the links between the Rights of Mother Earth, and Human Rights. Participants experienced concretely how the rights of diverse species are related to food security for humans. Dr Vandana Shiva shared issues related to seed freedom, which includes the freedom of seeds, the freedom of farmers, and the freedom of eaters to be free of toxics and GMOs. Sr Pat brought to the course the new potential and promise of the emerging movement of the Rights of Nature, and how it offers solutions to climate change and the ecological crisis.

Dr Mira Shiva, a medical doctor, connected the health of the planet to health of people. Participants had an opportunity to join the Ganga Aarti at Rishikesh, and also discuss the challenges of cleaning

the Ganga.

More information, Articles and Photos:

- ✓ <http://www.navdanya.org/blog/?p=1953>
- ✓ <http://www.navdanya.org/news/487-dont-create-divisions-in-society>
- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/earth-democracy-defending-the-rights-of-mother-earth-and-human-beings/>

Event

Seed Festival in Nuremberg

Nuremberg, Germany

14 February 2015



The Seed Festival took place on February 14th 2015 and was organized by [open house](#) and the urban gardening group [Stadtgarten](#) from Nuremberg.

A Seed Market for free seed exchange was available where communities and urban gardening groups could gather to exchange seeds, stories and knowledge.

Highlights

- ✓ Biodiversity exhibition of Tomatoes, Potatoes and Apples
- ✓ [Guests from Peliti, Greece](#) made the festival international one and shared their seeds

Photos and Articles:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/seed-festival-in-nuremberg-event-report/>
- ✓ [Deutsch] <http://seedfreedom.info/de/saatgut-festival-nurnberg-veranstaltungsbericht/>
- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/seed-festival-in-nuremberg/>

Event

Food Matters Aotearoa Conference and Tour

New Zealand

February 2015

The poster for the 'Food Matters Aotearoa Conference and Tour' is enclosed in a thin black border. At the top, it reads 'Food Matters Aotearoa Conference and Tour' in bold, followed by the dates '9 - 19 February 2015' and 'Conference - 14/15 February Te Papa, Wellington'. Below this is a logo featuring a stylized green leaf and a brown butterfly. The text 'Our Farms, Our Food, Our Future' is followed by the Māori phrase 'Ōku whenua, Āku kai, Ōku mō ake, tonu atu'. It then states '12 International speakers and New Zealand Speakers'. Three small portrait photos of speakers are shown: Dr. Gilroy Szeabant, Dr. Vandana Shiva, and Prof. Don Huber. Below the photos is the text 'Register now!' and the website 'www.foodconference.co.nz'. The bottom section says 'Food Matters! Hear our expert speakers and join stimulating discussions on our food and environment.' and provides contact information: 'Information on the conference and tour can be found at www.foodconference.co.nz, eventmanager@xnet.co.nz or 027 4869464'.

The Food Matters Aotearoa conference saw internationally renowned scientists, health professionals, physicians and advocates of healthy food production come together to talk to a wide audience from all sectors. The conference was organized with the objective of making available to the public of New Zealand the latest cutting edge knowledge from across the world on the links between agriculture, food and health.

In New Zealand, as in the rest of the world, food which should be bringing us health is bringing us poisons and disease. The right to know how our food is produced and what the impacts of systems of food production are on our health is a fundamental right of every citizen.

Dr. Vandana Shiva “The conference connected the dots, overcame divisions and fragmentation. In our perceptions of the food systems, no matter what the background and disciplines of the speakers, a common vision emerged. Real food is about health and nutrition, as well as freedom and democratic

choice. Food is not nutritionally empty commodities produced for profit!”

Photos, Videos, Articles and more information:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/food-matters-aotearoa-conference-and-tour-video-photos-other-resources/>
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Event

Planet On Plate – Eating and Farming for Our Future

Sydney, Australia

20 February 2015



In celebration of 2015, the Year of the Soil, Dr Vandana Shiva gave a talk on the importance of seed freedom and food democracy for the future of our food and land. Dr Shiva also addressed the US human trials of GM banana.

Joel Salatin of Polyface Farms is an American organic farmer and author featured in the documentary “[Food Inc](#)”. Joel gave an introduction to

Dr Shiva’s talk. Find out more about Joel Salatin at <http://www.polyfacefarms.com>.

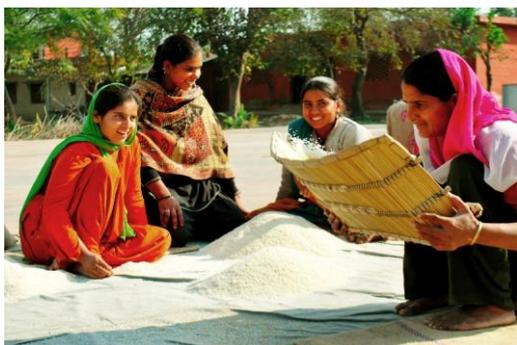
Conference Videos:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/planet-on-plate-eating-and-farming-for-our-future-conference-videos/>
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Campaign

Biodiversity Or Gmos: Will the Future of Nutrition be in Women’s Hands or Under Corporate Control?

8 March 2015



Women have been the primary growers of food and nutrition throughout history, but today, food is being taken out of our hands and substituted for toxic commodities controlled by global corporations. Monoculture industrial farming has taken the quality, taste and nutrition out of our food. As a result, India is facing a nutritional crisis: every fourth Indian goes hungry, and in 2011 alone, diabetes took the lives of 1 million Indians

On this international women’s day, we call on all women – the world’s primary food-growers and food-givers – to stand together and reclaim our knowledge, our farming, and our food. To expose the lies generated by the GMO industry, to reject the false promises of Golden Rice and GMO Bananas, and to reclaim the planet for all living beings.

Full Declaration Text and Sign-up:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/biodiversity-or-gmos/>

Video message

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/re-generation/>
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Campaign
The Golden Rice Hoax
 March 2015

The [PR army promoting Golden Rice](#) is descending on Phillipines, Bangladesh and India.

Sign and share the Declaration for International Women’s Day, 8th March, to pre-empt the GMO propaganda:

<http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/declaration-for-international-womens-day-8-march-2015/>

Campaign page with Articles:

✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/the-golden-rice-hoax/>

Campaign
Round-Up Round Up
 April 2015

RoundUp ready crops are designed to withstand copious applications of RoundUp, a highly toxic, non-selective herbicide produced by Monsanto. Contrary to what Monsanto would have us believe, RoundUp ready crops require far more chemical applications than traditional seeds. With the same large, money hungry company responsible for selling farmers both seeds and herbicides, it is no surprise that Monsanto’s GM plants need more RoundUp to thrive. The application of RoundUp to our food has dire implications for the health of both people and planet. Let’s roundup RoundUp. Say no to the genetically engineered foods; say no to the patenting of seeds; and say no to the corporatization of agriculture.

Campaign page with Articles

✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/round-up-round-up/>

Event

Mahila Anna Swaraj – Food Sovereignty in Women’s Hands

Navdanya Bija Vidyapeeth, Dehradun, India
27 – 29 March 2015



Mahila Anna Swaraj is Navdanya’s programme for women’s food sovereignty. It is based on celebrating and rejuvenating women’s knowledge and skills in biodiversity conservation, sustainable agriculture and food production and in artisanal organic food processing.

Once a year, Navdanya organizes a Mahila Anna Swaraj gathering and Grandmother’s University to celebrate women’s traditional knowledge.

Navdanya also works with a network of women’s organizations on advocacy on women’s right to food

through a National Alliance of Women for Food Rights.

Pledge To Be Seed Guardians and To Protect Our Traditional Seeds (plus photos):

✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/mahila-anna-swaraj-food-sovereignty-in-womens-hands-report/>

Event

1st Global Meeting for the Commons & 15th Pan-Hellenic Seed Exchange Festival

Mesochori, Paraneesti, Greece
April 2015



This year, nearly 5,000 people from 20 countries joined Peliti to celebrate agricultural diversity and exchange seeds. In addition to the annual seed exchange, this year’s event was opened with the First Annual Global Meeting for the Commons, a meeting co-organized by [Navdanya](#), Peliti, and [Seed Freedom](#).

Several prominent figures in the seed movement attended the event, including Hugo Blanco of Peru, Dr. Vandana Shiva of India, and

representatives from the seed conservation organizations [Arche Noah](#) and [Kokopelli](#). The event also featured workshops and sessions about seed saving, seed laws, and other related topics.

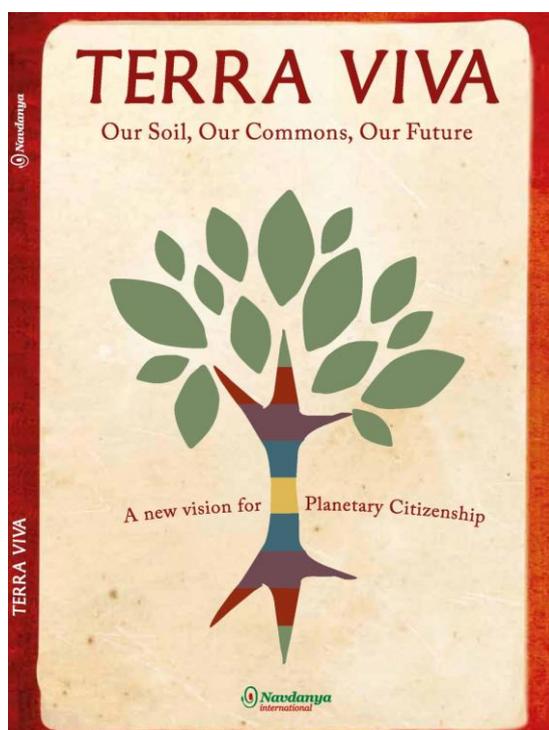
Photos, Videos and Articles:

✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/1st-global-meeting-for-the-commons-15th-pan-hellenic-seed-exchange-festival/>

Campaign and Publication

'Terra Viva' — Our Soil, Our Commons, Our Future

May 2015



By 2030, an urbanized expanse equal to the whole of South Africa will be added to the already urbanised land. Fertile land has been eroded at a rate between 10 and 40 times superior to its regenerative capacity. In the last 60 years, 40% percent of wars have been caused by climate, land and resources issues.

The war in Syria and Boko Haram terrorism have been spawned, among others, by climate change.

The current industrial agricultural model has been a failure. Completely intertwined as it is with the dominant economic model, which is based on extraction and never on reintegration, on economic systems that are life-destroying and cause the extinction of animal and vegetable species, it eventually leads to ecosystem collapse.

This model is for the benefit of the few, and is the cause of economic injustice, dangerous instability, desperate poverty, hunger and

unemployment. For the first time in the history of humanity, the future of the human species is no longer certain: climate catastrophes, conflicts and war are pushing us to the brink of ecological, economic and social collapse.

However we can choose another path. A path based on global citizenship and the sharing of resources, a path which aims for **a circular economy based on regeneration of resources. Agriculture plays a key role within this vision.** The new agriculture restores fertility to the land through organic regenerative farming practices. It ensures farmers receive fair pay thus enabling them to remain on their land, while continuing to provide food to cities and communities. **It exchanges a linear process of exploitation of land and resources with a circular process based on reintegration and regeneration** which in turn guarantees resilience, sustainability, justice and peace. This new agriculture is part of a process which aims to redefine the very concepts of democracy and freedom. It is capable of generating both a new economy and a new democracy; Earth Democracy.

Photos, Events, Videos and Articles

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/terra-viva-our-soil-our-commons-our-future/>
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Seed Freedom in Croatia

Sisak, Croatia
13-14 May 2015



As part of the Seed Freedom Movement, the Navdanya International team travelled to Croatia on 13th and 14th May 2015 to strengthen local movements for seed saving, food sovereignty as well as strategize for the Global Call to Action for Seed Freedom.

The first stop was the 2 day Sisak Seed and Food Forum where workshops were held. In the two days forum a story was told about the main resources that we need in order to grow food – traditional varieties, and breeds and fertile soil.

Besides Dr Shiva's message on the first day there was a fair of organic and small scale farmers in the city park, seed swap and the opening of photography exhibition by local amateur photographer, activist and seed saver Andrea Shipush.

The Forum was also an opportunity to promote a new book of about traditional varieties in the Dalmatian coast.

The next day, after four interesting presentations about soil management, preserving breeds on common pasture as in the Croatian traditional practice, and a presentation about the Anti TTIP campaign, the group of participants from different food sovereignty initiatives worked on their plans for joining the Fortnight of Action for Seed Freedom.

Photos, Video and more information:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/seed-freedom-in-croatia/>

Films

“The Living Seed” and “The Living Soil”

May 2015



The debates on GMO and organic farming, the future of farmers and agriculture, and the politics of food are not new. Navdanya has been fighting for the rights of the farmer and seed freedom for 25 years. Today, we find ourselves at a crucial point, not just in terms of a movement committed to resisting biological and ecological destruction, but also in the presence of a network of ‘living’ and thriving economies.



The Living Farms series explores these questions, looking at five specific aspects of farming – Seed, Soil, Food, Fibres and Farmers. Produced by [Navdanya](#) with the support of Fred Foundation, the films are based on the testimonies of farmers, seed savers, agronomist and scientists from across India, as well as from indigenous farming cultures abroad.

Films:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/the-living-seed-and-the-living-soil-new-navdanya-films/>
- ✓ Subtitles available in: [French](#), [German](#), [Japanese](#), [Spanish](#), [Croatian](#), [Greek](#), [Hindi](#), [Indonesian](#), [Portuguese](#)

Event

Regeneration International Conference

San Ramón, Costa Rica

7-9 June 2015



Seeking to elevate sustainable forms of agriculture such as [agroecology](#), holistic grazing, cover cropping, [permaculture](#), and [agroforestry](#) over industrial practices that degrade soil, introduce toxins to the food supply—and exacerbate climate change—a [group](#) of farmers, scientists, and activists are convening for the [Regenerative International Conference](#) in Costa Rica this week.

The conference, the first of a planned series of similar gatherings around the world, will focus on uniting movements, developing campaigns, and creating a global media plan to communicate specifically how restoring soil health can reverse damage to ecosystems around the world.

“If governments won’t solve the climate, hunger, health, and democracy crises, then the people will.” —Dr. Vandana Shiva, speaking at the founding meeting of Regeneration International, La Fortuna de San Carlos, Costa Rica, June 8, 2015

When literally billions of people, the 99 percent, are hungry or struggling to survive with justice and dignity; when the majority of the global body politic are threatened and assaulted by a toxic environment and food system; when hundreds of millions are overwhelmed with chronic health problems; battered by floods, droughts, and weather extremes; when endless wars and land grabs for water, land and strategic resources spiral out of control; when indentured politicians, corporations and the mass media conspire to stamp out the last vestiges of democracy in order to force a “Business-as-Usual” paradigm down our throats, it’s time for a change, Big Change.

It’s time to move beyond degenerate ethics, farming land use, energy policies, politics and economics. It’s time to move beyond “too little, too late” mitigation and sustainability strategies. It’s time to inspire and mobilize a mighty global army of Regenerators, before it’s too late.

Photos, videos, articles:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/navdanya-at-regeneration-international-conference/>
- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/regeneration-international-conference/>

Press Release – GM Biocolonization in Costa Rica

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/press-release-gm-biocolonization-in-costa-rica/>
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Celebrating Soil! Celebrating Life!

Amsterdam, Netherlands

26-27 June 2015



On 26th and 27th June 2015, the Celebrating Soil! Celebrating Life! conference took place in Amsterdam, in the Royal Tropical Institute. Business-, political-, civil society- and spiritual leaders shared their vision, passion and commitment with regards to Soil Challenges, ‘Soilutions’ and how to become ‘Soilmates’.

Photos and more information:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/celebrating-soil-celebrating-life/>
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July – December 2015

Event

Seed Freedom Day against California Seed Law AB2470

1st July 2015
Finley CA, USA



Photos and Articles:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/seed-freedom-day-against-california-ab2470/>

Related Campaigns:

Declaration of Civil Disobedience against AB2470, The California Seed Law:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/civil-disobedience-against-ab2470-the-california-seed-law/>

SEED SATYAGRAHA (Civil Disobedience to end Seed Slavery):

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/seed-satyagraha-civil-disobedience-to-end-seed-slavery/>

Event

open house Garden Tour

11 July 2015
Mainstockheim, Germany



More information and Video:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/open-house-garden-tour/>

Event

International Festival of the Commons / Festival Internazionale dei Beni Comuni

9-12 July 2015
Chieri, Italy



Dr Vandana Shiva held the Lectio Magistralis “Food and Water as Commons” on July 11th, 2015 on the occasion of the International Festival of the Commons in Chieri.

“We are living through very strange times, where the idea of privatizing the Commons and all public goods is the foundation of the growth model.

And how do you get growth? You take what circulates in society or in nature – you take it out of that system through a process of extraction and exploitation - and show extraction and exploitation to be contributing to growth. What’s happening with Greece is such a dramatic example of the dominant ideology of growth.

Sadly most governments have been made captive to this ideology, because – who advises them? People who have come out of that paradigm, the so-called ‘economic experts’; I would call them: ‘experts in ecocide, experts in genocide’. Governments have become part of the process of the enclosures of the Commons. And that’s why it’ll have to depend on societies and

communities to reshape other economies, so that every species and every person has a chance to thrive and live on this planet”

Introduction by Fabio Cicone, President of [Terra!online](http://terraonline.org) association, which – together with [daSud](http://dasud.org) and terrelibere.org – is carrying out #FilieraSporca Campaign, to discover and denounce labor exploitation in agriculture.

Photos, videos and articles:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/festival-internazionale-dei-beni-comuni/>

Related Campaign:

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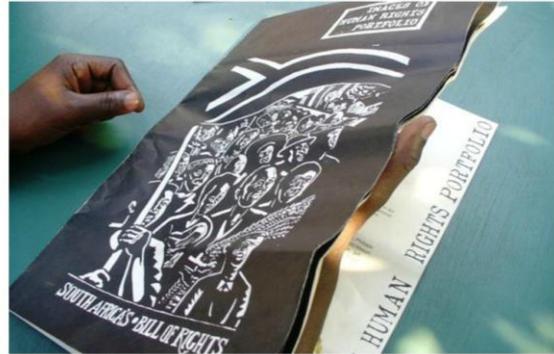
- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/terra-viva-our-soil-our-commons-our-future/>

Event

Garden Visit and Seed Swap Gathering

15 July 2015

Durban, South Africa



Photos and more information:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/garden-visit-and-seed-swap-gathering/>

Event

Community Seed Sharing, Exchange & Picnic

25 July 2015

Byron Bay, Australia

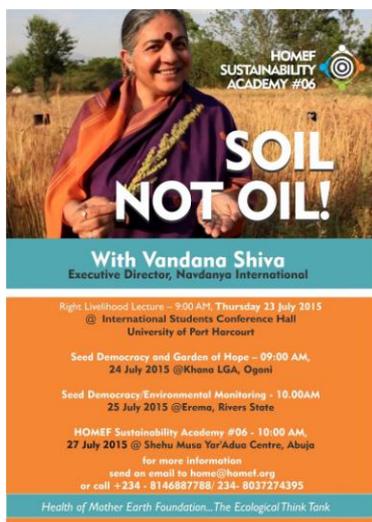


More information and photos:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/community-seed-sharing-exchange-picnic-byron-bay-australia/>

Mobilization Tour Seed Freedom and Soil not Oil in Nigeria

23-27 July 2015



On July 23, to mark the UN International Year of the Soil and the decades long struggle against oil extraction in the Niger Delta, 1993 Right Livelihood Award Laureate, Vandana Shiva, gave a lecture at the Right Livelihood College in Port Harcourt.

The event, organized in collaboration with Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF) and 2010 Right Livelihood Award Laureate, Nnimmo Bassey, was followed on July 24 by a seed democracy workshop in collaboration with Ogoni women and a press conference in Abuja on July 27.

“With oil spills occurring with a disturbing frequency of almost one a day, the soil and waters of the Niger Delta are being severely degraded, thus raising challenges for production of wholesome food,” said Nnimmo Bassey, Director of HOMEF.

“Vandana Shiva’s visit is timely and we expect that she will raise critical issues on the need to preserve our soils, seeds and food systems, rather than allowing them to be destroyed by the irresponsible activities of oil companies in their bid to extract resources of diminishing value.”



Photos, Articles and more information:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/nigeria-tour-for-soil-not-oil/>

Stemming the Tide Together: Soil, Not Oil

Statement by Vandana Shiva and Nnimmo Bassey at a Media briefing held on 27 July 2015 at the Shehu Musa Yar’Adua Centre, Abuja

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/stemming-the-tide-together-soil-not-oil/>

Related Campaign:

'Terra Viva' — Our Soil, Our Commons, Our Future:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/terra-viva-our-soil-our-commons-our-future/>

Event

5th ISDE Italy/Sardinia National & International Workshop on Global Health / V° Workshop Nazionale e Internazionale ISDE Italia e Sardegna sulla Salute Globale

28 July 2015
Abbasanta, Italy



The sub-headline of the event organized by ISDE Italy and ISDE Sardinia (International Society of Doctors for the Environment), in cooperation with Navdanya International, was 'Sardinia Terra Viva – Sardinia Terra Bia'

One of the aims of this event was to raise awareness about Sardinia environmental issues.

“Today, the Sardinian region sums the largest contaminated area (total 445.000 ha in Sardinia and 345.000 ha in Campania). The third of the Sardinian population lives in contaminated sites (compared to an average of one to six for whole Italy). According to the Italian National Institute of Health, in 44 Sites of National Interest for decontamination (SIN) on a total rate of 10.000 deaths including all causes, in Sardinia almost 4.000 ones are caused by cancers resulting in excess comparing other regional data. These clear figures related to SIN's in Sardinia confirms the existence of a high health risk”

Source: “Sardinia Terra Bia: an open letter to the Sardinian Society”: <http://www.isde.it/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Manifesto-Terra-Viva.pdf>

Vincenzo Migalettu, ISDE representative in Sardinia gave a speech on social, environmental and health problems in Sardinia.

He was followed by Dr Vandana Shiva, who presented ‘Terra Viva’ Manifesto: “We can choose another path. A path based on global citizenship and the sharing of resources, a path which aims for a **circular economy based on regeneration of resources.**”

Video, photos and more information:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/v-workshop-nazionale-e-internazionale-isde-italia-e-sardegna-sulla-salute-globale-con-vandana-shiva/>
- ✓ <https://youtu.be/-pEtV73XbZQ>

Related Campaign:

'Terra Viva' — Our Soil, Our Commons, Our Future:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/terra-viva-our-soil-our-commons-our-future/>

Campaign Launch

Sarson Satyagraha – Civil Disobedience against GMO Mustard

31st July 2015

Raj Ghat, New Delhi, India



On 31st July 2015—Navdanya continued the Sarson Satyagraha that was started in 1998. Representative of groups, associations and concerned citizens gathered in Rajghat to take a pledge to protect India's mustard.

India's Seed Freedom and Food Freedom depends on staying free of GMO mustard.

“We need to stop the insanity of transforming mustard — the symbol of spring and abundance in our culture — into a toxic crop with terminator genes, sprayed with lethal herbicides that kill everything green and directly damage our health.”

On July 31, 2015, we renewed the Sarson Satyagraha by taking a pledge at Mahatma Gandhi's memorial at Rajghat to protect the diversity, purity and safety of our mustard because “Anna Swaraj” is our birthright.”



GMO in my mustard

By Dr Vandana Shiva – The Asian Age, 11 August 2015

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/gmo-in-my-mustard/>

Related Campaign:

Sarson Satyagraha – Civil Disobedience against GMO Mustard

(Photos, video, articles):

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/sarson-satyagraha-civil-disobedience-against-gmo-mustard/>

Campaign Launch Launch of Food Smart Citizens for Food Smart Cities Campaign

2nd August 2015
Meerut, India



Navdanya and IMA (Indian Medical Association) in Meerut on 2nd August to start Anna Swaraj Andolan (Food Freedom Movement) to reclaim our food, with a campaign on Food Smart Citizens for Food Smart Cities – connecting producers to consumers and the village with the town in direct links of safe, fresh, local and fair food
Dr Vandana Shiva:

“Food freedom is based on the liberation of the earth from ecological destruction and toxic pollution, the liberation of the farmers from suicides due to debt created by dependence on purchase of costly chemicals and seeds, and the liberation of the citizens from malnutrition and disease caused by toxic pesticides.”

Dr VK Bindra:

“Even low exposure to pesticides can lead to cancers. Pesticides can be mutagenic to human being.”

Mitul Jain of Meerut :

“India spends over hundred billion dollars in cancer treatments alone. I think if we just change our food habits and eat fresh and organic, all the pain and medical expenditure can easily be avoided. I hope they carry this message to all parts of the country.”

Photos and article:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/green-activist-roots-for-food-freedom-rights-of-farmers/>

Related Campaign:

Food Smart Citizens for Food Smart Cities

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/food-smart-citizens-for-food-smart-cities/>



Event

AFSA (Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa) holding its 4th Annual General Meeting

5 – 8 August 2015
Accra, Ghana



Statements:

African governments sell out their farmers in secret seeds protection deal

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/african-governments-sell-out-their-farmers-in-secret-seeds-protection-deal-2/>

African Civil Society Says No to Mining – Yes to Life!

- ✓ <http://afsafira.org/african-civil-society-says-no-to-mining-yes-to-life/>

Event

Ancient Grains Project 2015 / Progetto Cereali Antichi 2015

30 August 2015
Sedico, Italy



More information:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/progetto-cereali-antichi-2015/>

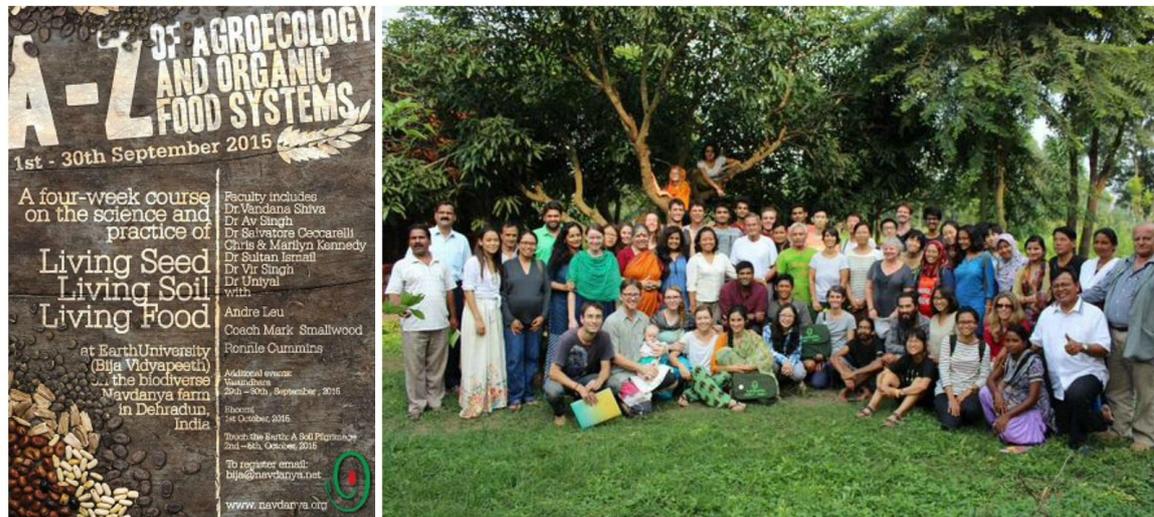
Event overview and ancient grains collection photos:

- ✓ <http://coltivarcondividendo.blogspot.it/2015/09/cereali-antichi-il-progetto-prosegue.html>

Learning experience on the Farm A-Z of Agroecology and Organic Food Systems 2015

1 – 30 September 2015

Navdanya Biodiversity Conservation Farm, Doon Valley, Dehradun, India



A Global Capacity Building Workshop every year is being held at the [Navdanya Biodiversity Conservation farm](#) for citizens' organizations and movements on seed saving, seed exchange and participatory breeding and the links between Seed Sovereignty and Food Sovereignty and issues of Intellectual Property Rights, Patents, Seed Monopolies and Farmers Rights at Dehradun, with eminent scientists and environmentalists like Dr. Vandana Shiva, Dr. Salvatore Ceccarelli, Dr. Mira Shiva, Dr. Sultan Ismail, Andre Leu, President of IFOAM, Ronnie Cummins, Director & Co-founder Organic Consumer Association (OCA), Will Allen, author of the book 'War on Bugs', Dr. JC Tarafdar, Dr. Vir Singh, Dr. V.P. Uniyal / Preeti Virkat, Dr. Vinod Kumar Bhatt, Dr. Av Singh, Mr. Hari Raj Singh, Ms. Marilyn McHugh, Mr. Chris Kennedy, R.S. Rawat, D.S. Negi, Bija Devi and the Navdanya team. More than a dozen specialists and 56 participants from all over of the world have joined this program this year.



Group of attendees from Circles of Seeds (Portugal) and Mantasa (Indonesia)



Graduation Day

More information and Photos:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/a-z-of-agroecology-and-organic-food-systems-2015/>

Related Campaign:

Call To Action for Living Seed and Living Soil

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/call-to-action-for-living-seed-and-living-soil-2015/>

Event

Soil Not Oil International Conference

4 – 5 September 2015
Richmond CA, USA



The poster for the Soil Not Oil International Conference features a central image of soil with several green seedlings growing from it. The text on the poster includes the conference title, the theme 'Regenerative Agriculture to Restore Ecosystems & Mitigate Climate Change', the dates 'September 4th & 5th', the location 'Memorial Civic Center Complex, 403 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, California', and the time 'Friday and Saturday, 9:00 am'. It also lists the keynote speaker, Dr. Vandana Shiva, and a list of speakers to include, such as Rattan Lal, Fritjof Capra, and Claire Hope Cummings. The poster mentions 'Over 100 speakers, workshops, networking and music' and provides a website for registration: www.soilnotoilcoalition.org. At the bottom, there are logos for various sponsors and partners, including Nutiva, Sunflower Alliance, and IDEX.

Practicing Sustainable Agriculture to Restore Ecosystems and Mitigate Climate Change

Inspired by Dr. Vandana Shiva's book, *Soil Not Oil*, the 2015 Soil Not Oil Conference examines the crisis on food security while highlighting the implications of oil-based agro-chemicals and fossil fuels in soil depletion and climate change.

The conference focused on educating, through national and international experiences, about the multiple problems and possible practical solutions that surround the profound consequences resulting from synthetic enhanced agriculture in industrialized nations.

The conference featured a keynote address by Dr. Vandana Shiva, along with presentations featuring noted soil scientist Rattan Lal; author Fritjof Capra; environmental and land use attorney Claire Hope Cummings; Earth Guardians director and youth leader Xiuhtezcatl Martinez; author Anna Lappé; agro-ecologist Miguel Altieri; Adelita San

Vicente Tello, Ph.D., director of Seeds of Life; Regeneration International and Organic Consumers Association co-founder Ronnie Cummins; John Roulac, CEO and founder of Nutiva; and other international leaders, farmers, researchers, climate change experts, and environmental and food justice advocates.

More information and Photos:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/soil-not-oil-international-conference/>

Dr Vandana Shiva's keynote speech video:

- ✓ <https://youtu.be/e3syIKl9A6o>

More Videos of the Conference:

- ✓ <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6GOqYINuLF2oUgD7v9JVAQ/videos>

Related Campaign:

'Terra Viva' — Our Soil, Our Commons, Our Future:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/terra-viva-our-soil-our-commons-our-future/>

Event

Save Our Seeds March and Rally

6 September 2015
Richmond CA, USA

In protest of AB2470, the California Seed Law, the “Save our Seeds” march took place in San Francisco, starting from the Ferry Building at the Embaradero and ending at the Civic Center.

The march was sponsored by Biosafety Alliance and the CSG following the two day “Soil Not Oil” conference in Richmond.



Ronnie Cummins (Organic Consumers Association, USA)
Adelita San Vicente (Semillas De Vida, Mexico),
Ruchi Shroff (Seed Freedom) and Dr Vandana Shiva.



Adelita San Vicente, Ruchi Shroff, Jim Becket (Becket Films),
Dr Vandana Shiva and Miguel Robles (Biosafety Alliance)



Dr Vandana Shiva and Vani Hari (The Food Babe, USA)



Adelita San Vicente and Ruchi Shroff

More information and photos:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/sos-save-our-seeds-march-rally/>

Related Campaigns:

Declaration of Civil Disobedience against AB2470, The California Seed Law:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/civil-disobedience-against-ab2470-the-california-seed-law/>

SEED SATYAGRAHA (Civil Disobedience to end Seed Slavery):

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/seed-satyagraha-civil-disobedience-to-end-seed-slavery/>

Event and Campaign Launch Seed Satyagraha Campaign Launch at 2015 National Heirloom Exposition

8 - 10 September 2015
Santa Rosa CA, USA



In September 2015 Baker Creek Rare Seeds held its 5th annual fair in Santa Rosa. Dr Vandana Shiva gave a call for a Seed Satyagraha (Civil Disobedience to end Seed Slavery) along with the Declaration of Civil Disobedience against AB2470, The California Seed Law and the launch of the publication Seed Satyagraha publication.



Seed Satyagraha (Civil Disobedience to end Seed Slavery) - Campaign

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/seed-satyagraha-civil-disobedience-to-end-seed-slavery/>

Event Photos and article:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/the-2015-national-heirloom-exposition-the-worlds-pure-food-fair/>
- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/national-heirloom-festival-hope-to-end-seed-slavery/>

Dr Vandana Shiva's keynote speech video:

- ✓ <https://youtu.be/PcjcZnEn7yQ>

Event

Video launch Seed Saving at Home with Vandana Shiva

13 September 2015



Produced by The Growing Club:

Video:

- ✓ <https://youtu.be/Xar4vixyzUs>

More information:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/video-seed-saving-at-home-with-vandana-shiva/>

Event

Food for a Sustainable Life – Conference

25 September 2015

Bolzano, Italy

25.9.2015
GIORNATA DELLA COOPERAZIONE ALLO SVILUPPO
Etarac
Viale Dante 1
Bolzano

L'alimentazione per un mondo in equilibrio
GO FOR A SUSTAINABLE LIFE

PARTIAMO DALLA NOSTRA TAVOLA...
Il candelotto, rotondo, chiuso in se stesso, è lì, nel nostro piatto. Spesso il nostro pensiero sul cibo e sulla nutrizione è altrettanto chiuso e inconsueto. Nel corso di un solo giorno adottiamo comportamenti molteplici: beviamo caffè o latte di soya, mangiamo carne e patate fritte o tofu con verdura al curry, mastichiamo chewing-gum e stiamo con le cioccolate e le banane. Non tutti i cibi che consumiamo crescono vicino a noi: molti provengono dall'Ecuador, dalla Tanzania, dalla Cina, dal Sudafrica, dalla Thailandia o dall'Indonesia. Un pensiero interconnesso e una conoscenza del problema globale consentono una nutrizione sana e sostenibile per tutti. Servono giovani critici, consumatori informati, produttori e produttori trasparenti e modelli di produzione attenti all'ambiente. La giornata della cooperazione allo sviluppo focalizza l'attenzione sull'alimentazione, mettendo in luce diversi punti di vista e indicando vie alternative per vite più sostenibili.

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ore 8.30 - 9.30
Intervento Tatiana Giannone dell'Associazione Libera di Roma: "Per il nostro bene!"
e giovani della rete Raccogliamo ciò che seminiamo

ore 9.30 - 11.30
Workshop con Libera Rete Raccogliamo ciò che seminiamo: youngfarmers, onie, Botteghe del mondo, Operatori Daywork e Scuola per il turismo e le Abitenologie di Merano

ore 11.30 - 12.15
Presentazione delle proposte e delle azioni

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ACTO
www.acto.it



More information:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/vandana-shiva-alla-giornata-della-cooperazione-allo-sviluppo/>

Dr Vandana Shiva's conference video:

- ✓ <https://youtu.be/FISMhJmVvw>

Event

Seed Freedom Food Festival

26 September 2015

Adelaide, Australia



More information and photos:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/seed-freedom-food-festival-2015/>

Video:

- ✓ https://youtu.be/3C9d_GUEam4

Event

Vasundhara: National Gathering of Farmers — Farmers celebrate the Day of Corn at Navdanya

29 - 30 September 2015

Navdanya Biodiversity Conservation Farm, Doon Valley, Dehradun, India



Vasundhara festival is a celebration of Prithvi, Earth goddess and hopes to reconnect the participants with the ancient teachings enshrined in the Indian tradition.

On the first day, farmers from India and other parts of the the world – converging at Navdanya for ‘Vasundhara’ – celebrated the ‘Day Of Corn’ in solidarity with all defenders of indigenous, renewable, open pollinated corn seed globally and in particular with Mexico where corn diversity and the ‘[Día del Maíz](#)’ first started, centuries ago.

Farmers exchanged Corn Seeds with farmers from over 10 countries at the National Organic Farmers’ gathering at Navdanya to commit themselves to Seed Freedom announcing that no law, no corporate power will come in the way of their duty to protect the Living Seed. Navdanya together with Regeneration International and IFOAM Organics International renewed the Pledge for Seed Freedom.

The second day of Vasundhara festival began with over 300 farmers from all over India dividing into regional groups to discuss Anna Swaraj 2020. The Anna Swaraj 2020 vision is call for farmers to unite and demand independence from the agro-chemical companies, suicides and debt. During the two hour meeting, they discussed solutions to current agrarian crisis such as soil degradation, loss of pollinators, drought, debt etc. Afterwards farmers pledged their commitment to Bija swaraj, Bhu swaraj, Jal and Van swaraj

More information and photos:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/vasundhara-national-gathering-of-farmers/>

Farmers celebrate the Day of Corn at Navdanya [Video]

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/farmers-celebrate-the-day-of-corn-at-navdanya/>

Vasundhara Festival - Day Two

- ✓ <http://navdanya.org/news/526-vasundhara-festival-2015>

ANNA SWARAJ (Food Sovereignty) 2020

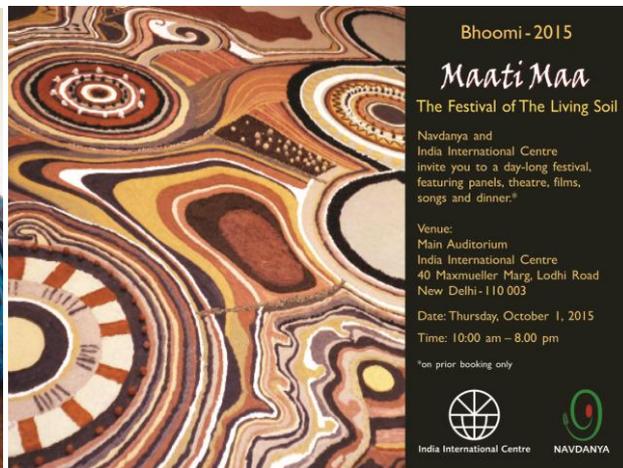
- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/anna-swaraj-food-sovereignty-2020/>

Event

Bhoomi Maati Maa: the Festival of The Living Soil

1st October 2015

India International Centre, New Delhi, India



Bhoomi-2015: MAATI MAA – The Festival of The Living Soil

All day Art Exhibits on The Living Soil in Gandhi King Plaza

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|----------------|---|
| 10:00-10:15 am | Welcome Address by Ms. Maya Goburdhun, Trustee, Navdanya Book release of <i>Bhoomi: The Living Soil</i> |
| 10:15-10:30 am | Invocation by Ms. Vidya Rao, renowned Thumri, Classical Singer |
| 10:30-10:40 am | Lighting of the Lamp |
| 10:40-01:30 pm | Session 1: The Living Soil Film on The Living Soil by The Tadpole Artists Collective Panel on The Science of the Living Soil Theatrical performance on "H R M Lumbricus Terrestris - The Earthworm, King of Edaphon" |
| 01:30-02:30 pm | Lunch |
| 02:30-03:30 pm | Theatre performance by Space Theatre Ensemble |
| 03:30-04:30 pm | Session 2: The Culture of The Living Soil |
| 04:30-05:30 pm | Session 3: The Living Soil & Earth Democracy Book Release of Hindi Translation of <i>Terra Viva</i> |
| 05:30-06:00 pm | Tea |
| 06:00-08:00 pm | Cultural Evening: Music from the Soil Gede Robi Supriyanto Indonesian rock musician, activist, writer and farmer. Songs celebrating the Living Soil by Ms. Vidya Rao, renowned Thumri, Classical Singer Tenzin Choegyal, Tibetan Australian musician |
| 08:30 pm | Dinner: Navarasa- The Diverse Colours, Aromas & Tastes of Food (<i>on prior registration</i>) |

In this Year of Soil, Navdanya - in collaboration with India International Centre - organized the annual festival Bhoomi. , dedicated to *Maati Maa*, the ever nurturing Living Soil.

A day long festival, featuring panel discussions and the Culture of Soil, then theater, film, music and an exhibition.

More information and photos:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/bhoomi-maati-maa-the-festival-of-living-soil/>

Related Campaign:

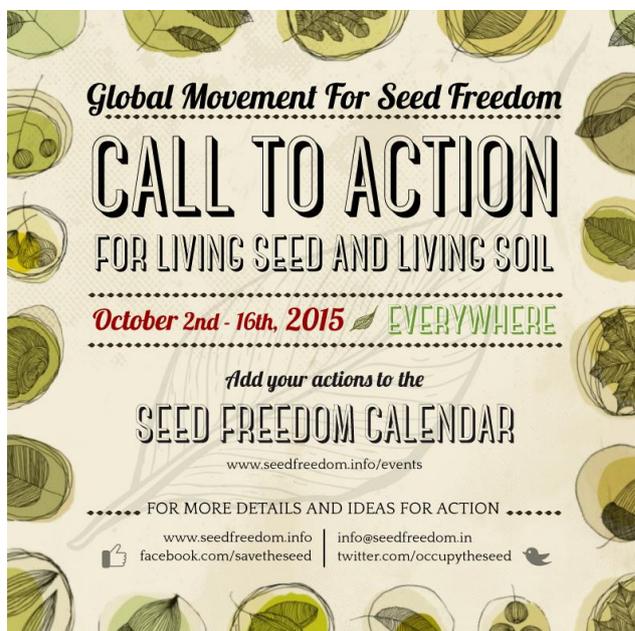
'Terra Viva' — Our Soil, Our Commons, Our Future:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/terra-viva-our-soil-our-commons-our-future/>

Campaign

Call to Action for Living Seed and Living Soil

2 - 16 October 2015 – Extended: September - October
Everywhere



The [Global Movement for Seed Freedom](#) invited everyone to join people and communities around the globe, to celebrate our seeds, our soils, our land, our territories, and to create an Earth Democracy based on [Living Seed, Living Soil](#), healthy communities and living economies.

We believe that [in the seed and the soil we find the answers to every one of the crises we face](#). The crisis of hunger and disease, the crisis of violence and war; the crisis of the destruction of democracy.

We care for Life and we believe in the power of caring. We will build living economies, we will become the change we want to see. With our love: for biodiversity, for the soil, for the Earth, and for fellow human beings.

Campaign page:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/call-to-action-for-living-seed-and-living-soil-2015/>

Dr Vandana Shiva's video message:

- ✓ <https://youtu.be/biNnaoat-I>

Text and video translated in 10 other languages:

Italian, French, German, Spanish, Greek, Indonesian, Portuguese, Croatian, Japanese, Korean.

Events submitted by individuals and Organisations and published on Seed Freedom Events Calendar.

No. Events 2 – 16 October

No Events: 89

No. Events September - October

No Events: 153

No. Countries: 31

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/categories/2015-call-to-action/>

Events submitted by individuals and Organisations and published on Seed Freedom Events Map/Calendar. No. Events 2015 (January – December) – Ongoing Campaign

No. Events: 326

No Countries: 38

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events-calendar-list-2015/>

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CALL TO ACTION FOR SEED AND FOOD FREEDOM

Join your Boro Shira community for our spring edition of **Seed, Plant, Skill, Film + more COMMUNITY SHARING**

SAT OCT 3

ARRIVE 2PM
Farm Tours
Skill Sharings
Open-Air Film Screening
Seed+ Plant Sharing Circle
Kids Activities
Live Music
END 8PM

Lecture: Seed, the Genetic - Sustainable Food, by Prof. Dr. H. S. G. ...

Community gardeners
Join Cista for a

SEED SOIREE

bring seeds to share

Cygnets Community Garden
Behind Commercial Road, Marsh Hill, Cygnets
Park in Burslem Reserve and walk across the road
3:30 Sunday 11 October 2015

3:00 Tour of Garden - Seed Swap
4:00 Welcome to Current Community Garden, Kate Flint and Co.
Introduction, garden overview, drinks and nibbles with Cysta
Share your stories with Cysta's Warts, Urban Farming Tamarise

For further info and to register by 9 Oct
Call Sarah 01827 546 019 or email seedsoiree@cygnetsgarden.org
or Kate Flint kateflint@cygnetsgarden.org

Bring to hand: your Seed Swap, the Seed Swap, the Seed Swap

What's on for Seed Swap
CALL TO ACTION
FOR LIVING SEED AND LIVING SOIL

Festival de Semillas

14 al 17 de octubre
entrada libre

Organizado por:
Sociedad Agraria de Estudios Económicos
Asociación de Agricultores de España

Del 14 al 17 de octubre
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Movimento Global para a Libertade das Sementes

CONVOCATÓRIA PARA A ACÇÃO

PELAS SEMEAS VIVAS E PELO SOLO VIVO

em 2 e 16 de Outubro, 2015 - TODO O MUNDO

CALENDARIO DAS SEMEAS LIVRES
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Na semente e no solo encontramos as respostas
a todos os desafios que enfrentamos
em termos de sustentabilidade, de guerra,
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Yvanone Sávio

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19-20 Sept @ AYRES
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24 Sept @ Paris
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Semences et Soins communaires 18 Oct @ Bristol
Les grands principes 18 Oct @ Bristol

Tous plus de détails et dates pour agir

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Movimento Global para las Semillas Libres

CONVOCATORIA PARA LA ACCIÓN

POR LAS SEMILLAS VIVAS Y EL SUELO VIVO

17 de Octubre, 2015 - TODO EL MUNDO

de 11:00 a 13:00 y de 17:00 a 19:00 h.

Lugar: Marín Grande, Póvoa, Galicia

INTERCAMBIO DE SEMILLAS COLLECTIVAS
SEMILLAS AUTÓCTONAS LOCALES
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Fall Harvest Seed Swap

Saturday - Oct 3 11am-2pm
Habitat for Humanity ReStore
(Hwy 522, just north of the blinking light intersection)

Seeds, snacks, and gardening
Share, learn and have fun!

*Remember Garden Seeds on sale, 10/packet!
Stock up! - Prices are going up next year.

If you have seed you'd like to donate,
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ALL ROADS LEAD TO DC

Join the Food Justice Coalition
www.foodjusticecoalition.org

Gemeinsam stark für
Lebendige Saat und Lebende Böden

March 10-11 - Tag und YES Samen- und Pflanzen-Tauschmarkt

am 10. Oktober 2015 - 11 bis 17 Uhr

LEBEN FINDET STADT

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Global Movement For Seed Freedom

CALL TO ACTION

FOR LIVING SEED AND LIVING SOIL

October 2nd - 16th, 2015 @ EVERYWHERE

Join your actions in the
SEED FREEDOM CALENDAR

March Against Monsanto supports the
Call To Action for Living Seed and Living Soil

As part of the global activities, we will
be joining Global Movement of Seed Freedom
through activities in Washington DC,
and cities across the world

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Αθήνα, Ελλάδα για τον Διεθνή των Σπόρων
Seed Freedom International

ΜΑΡΤΙΑ 10-17
ΕΚΔΕΥΣΗ
ΑΠΕΛΕ των σπόρων

Οι σπόροι, ο καρπός μας για το μέλλον
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ΟΜΑΔΕΣ ΣΠΟΡΟΦΥΛΑΚΤΩΝ ΑΤΤΙΚΗΣ

Αθήνα, Ελλάδα για τον Διεθνή των Σπόρων
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El Programa de Extensión y Educación
Ambiental y le invita a unirse al

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CONVOCATORIA PARA LA ACCIÓN

POR LAS SEMILLAS VIVAS Y EL SUELO VIVO

Intercambio de plantas nativas y
semillas criollas

13 y 14 de octubre 2015
7:00 am a 2:00 pm
Jardín Botánico Wilson

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बिहार एव झारखण्ड यात्रा

दिनांक - 6 से 12 अक्टूबर 2015 तक।

आयोजक : नवधान्या एवं नगाली

JORNADA GLOBAL DE ACCIÓN POR LAS SEMILLAS LIBRES

Por una verdadera agricultura
SUSTENTABLE ORGÁNICA
Y NO DEPENDIENTE

Es el 17 y 18 en
EL BLOQUE
CALLE MONTEVIDEO
EN SCS, RUTA 48

FOOD SOVEREIGNTY GHANA

DAVID CAN STILL BEAT GOLIATH!!!

JOIN US IN COURT!

1° FESTIVAL DELLA TERRA

FESTA DEL BIODISTRETTO SAN GIMIGNANO

San Gimignano sabato 31 Ottobre
domenica 1 Novembre

BIODISTRETTO SANGIMIGNANO

EUROPEAN UNION
EUROPEAN COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURE

Nardangas
Terra Nuova

Movimento Global para las Semillas Libres

JORNADA POR LA LIBERTAD DE LAS SEMILLAS Y LA SEGURIDAD ALIMENTARIA.

POR LAS SEMILLAS VIVAS Y EL SUELO VIVO

16 de Octubre, 2015 - TODO EL MUNDO

PROGRAMA DE ACTIVIDADES

01:00 Inauguración
02:00 Taller práctico de semillas de maíz (presentado por Inés Hernández y María Jesús Ortega) y taller práctico de semillas de trigo (presentado por Inés Hernández y María Jesús Ortega)
03:00 La importancia del cultivo "cosechar y almacenar en el pueblo" (presentado por Inés Hernández y María Jesús Ortega)
04:00 Taller de semillas orgánicas (presentado por Inés Hernández y María Jesús Ortega)
05:00 Taller de semillas orgánicas (presentado por Inés Hernández y María Jesús Ortega)
06:00 Taller de semillas orgánicas (presentado por Inés Hernández y María Jesús Ortega)
07:00 Taller de semillas orgánicas (presentado por Inés Hernández y María Jesús Ortega)

La Semilla Campesina y las Abejas ¡¡en peligro!!

Conversatorio en PAINE
en adhesión al día Internacional de la
Soberanía Alimentaria

Sábado 10 de octubre,
11 a 12 am

Mercado Agroecológico,
Plaza de Campo

Con la participación de
Lacta Sepúlveda, por
YNGT en Chile

YO NO SOY TRANSGENICO

SEED FREEDOM
MILCERES
EL CAMPELLO
DE PALILLO

SEMINIAMO IL FUTURO

18 ottobre 2015 - dalle ore 10.00

PARA MAS DETALHES E SEEDS SEMEAS SOLO VIVO
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Event

Touch the Earth – Soil Yatra

“A pilgrimage towards a nonviolent relationship with soil”

2 – 5 October 2015

Maharashtra – Madhya Pradesh, India

Touch the Earth: A Soil Pilgrimage

2nd – 5th, October, 2015

October second is the anniversary of Gandhi's birth. Gandhi's philosophy of Ahimsa (non-violence) is the inspiration behind Navdanya's work creating non-violent agriculture.

The soil pilgrimage will leave on October second (the day of Gandhi's birth) for Gandhi's Ashram, Seva Gram, Wardha, where Gandhi moved in 1934 to strengthen the freedom movement in India. This movement was based on peaceful non-cooperation with the British Empire and constructive action based on Swadeshi-economic freedom and democracy.

Gandhi brought India freedom through the power of non-violence and the spinning wheel. We will gather at his hut to take a pledge to build a non-violent relationship with the soil.

We will also visit Vinoba Bhave Ashram, Pavur, Vinoba one of Gandhi's disciples started the movement Bhu dan (gift of land) for distributing land to the poor and the landless.

Register at: bjia@navdanya.net



Highlights of the Pilgrimage

Staying at the Centre of Science for Villagers, which keeps alive Gandhi's legacy of non-violence, science and technology.

Meeting organic farmers who are rejuvenating agriculture through native seeds and ecological practices.

Attending a conference on Howard & Living Soil which is being organized by local movements to in celebration of the Year of Soil.

Visiting the Sarafa, one of the most inspiring indigenous food markets in the world.

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Commemorating Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary, Dr Vandana Shiva, along with international organic farmers, students and activist started on a three day soil pilgrimage to Central India.

Key speakers at the events were Dr Vandana Shiva, Ronnie Cummins, founder & director Organic Consumers Association (OCA), Dr Will Allen, writer War on Bugs & Anthropologist, Andre Leu, President IFOAM, M.N. Khadse, Director of Dhara Mitra, Vani Hari, food activist, who gave a reading of [Gandhi-Howard Soil Pledge](#).

The group also visited farmers in the Wardha region.

The second day of the pilgrimage October 3rd, Navdanya hosted a seminar at the Centre for Science in Villages, Wardha. This seminar was dedicated to the living soil and had presentations by agricultural experts, along with local farmers and activists.

On October 4th, the group went to Indore to pay their respect to the memory of Sir Albert Howard, who made the Indian pest and peasant his teacher and wrote the Agricultural Testament in honour of the farming practices of India. At Indore, Navdanya organised an exhibition and a seminar to discuss the issues threatening our sacred soils.

Gandhi-Howard Soil Pledge

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/gandhi-howard-soil-pledge/>

Touch the Earth – Soil Yatra — “A pilgrimage towards a nonviolent relationship with soil”

By Dr Vandana Shiva — The Asian Age, 8 October 2015

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/touch-the-earth-soil-yatra-a-pilgrimage-towards-a-nonviolent-relationship-with-soil/>

Slideshow

- ✓ <http://bit.ly/1PH91EN>

Event

Madre Tierra International Festival and creation of Red Semillas de Libertad (Latin America Seed Freedom Network)

2 – 4 October 2015

Tarqui, Azuay, Ecuador



More than 1.500 people gathered in the little town of Tarqui, in the south of Ecuador, to celebrate life with a series of workshops, music, theatre, documentary screenings, a fair and a seed exchange. Participants came from all the regions of Ecuador, including native communities, farmers, fishermen, students, activists, etc. and from 9 other countries of the Americas.

After the Festival, representatives from seed networks of the Americas gathered for two days for a General Assembly, to discuss common agendas and strategies. 10 countries and one international body were present: Chile, Argentina, Brasil, Perú, Ecuador, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, México, native peoples from North America and Navdanya International. The main results of the meeting where:

- The creation of the Red Semillas de Libertad (Seeds of Freedom Network of the Americas), an international network of seed guardians created to answer the need of communication, experience sharing and strategic planning at the continental level.
- Scheduling the next meeting of the RSL in Mexico, 2016.
- The agreement that the RSL members will provide support to each other, exchanging knowledge and experiences as needed. Special attention will be given to Brazil and Argentina, to promote the connection of local seed workers and networks at the national level in these countries.
- The decision to articulate the RSL into the Seed Freedom campaign and with other like-minded national and international bodies.

Madre Tierra International Festival

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/festival-madre-tierra-internacional/>

Las semillas siembran comunidad – Festival Madre Tierra Internacional

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/es/las-semillas-siembran-comunidad-festival-madre-tierra-internacional-ecuador-octubre-2015/>

Slideshow

- ✓ <http://bit.ly/1RWe7Uf>

Event

Seed, the Source of Life

3 October 2015

Port Elizabeth, South Africa



More information and photos:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/seed-the-source-of-life/>

Video:

- ✓ <https://youtu.be/XIEJrdUCDjk>

Event

The Byron Shire Community Sharing: Seeds, Plants, Skills, Knowledge, Film + more

3 October 2015

Possum Creek, Australia



More information and photos:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/the-byron-shire-community-sharing-seeds-plants-skills-knowledge-film-more/>

Article:

- ✓ http://santosorganics.com.au/articles/seed_freedom.html

Event

1st Festival of Fruits in the land of Peliti

4 October 2015
Mesochori, Greece



More information and photos:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/1st-festival-of-fruits-in-the-land-of-peliti/>

Video:

- ✓ <https://youtu.be/ltz21g89WpQ>

Event

Traditional Seed Saving – a symbol of the continuation of life

4 October 2015
Mesochori, Greece



«Πελίτι»
Τοπική Ομάδα Νομού Κοζάνης
Κυριακή, 04^η Οκτωβρίου 2015
Ωρα Έναρξης: 13:00'

Παρουσίαση Παραδοσιακών Ποικιλιών



Από χέρι σε χέρι κι
από καρδιά σε καρδιά

- ✓ Θα παρουσιάσουμε καρπούς από παραδοσιακές ποικιλίες *
- ✓ Θα γευτούμε προϊόντα από αγροκτημάτα φίλων του Πελίτι
- ✓ Θα ανταλλάξουμε παραδοσιακούς σπόρους

Προσκεκλημένη Ομιλήτρια η Δημοσιογράφος & Εθελόντρια
Γραφείου Διεθνών Σχέσεων & Θεμάτων Νομοθεσίας του Πελίτι
κα. Βάσω Κανελλοπούλου

Θέμα Ομιλίας:
« Παραδοσιακοί Σπόροι.
Ένα Σύμβολο για τη Συνέχιση της Ζωής »

Αναψυκτήριο – Πάρκο Αγίου Δημητρίου Κοζάνης
Στρατηλατών & Κύπρου, πλησίον Αίθουσας Τέχνης

* Στην έκθεση θα συμμετέχουν αποκλειστικά καλλιγραφίες που αναγίνονται με το Πελίτι

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Εισέτος Ελεύθερη



More information:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/traditional-seed-saving-a-symbol-of-the-continuation-of-life/>

Mobilization Tour

Actions for Sarson Satyagraha in Bihar and Jharkhand

6 – 11 October 2015

Bihar and Jharkhand, India



On the first day Navdanya team met with over 50 farmers in two villages, in an effort to tell them about the clouding threat of GM mustard entering the market. In turn forcing them to use only GM Mustard and abandon desi sarson.

3 Villages were visited on the second day. Villagers were very interested in the use of organic inputs instead of and not chemical fertilizer. They understood the gravity of the threat of GM mustard entering the market and their food. Some farmers are still using their traditional means of saving seeds in clay and cow dung containers.

The people of the villages visited on the third day were exposed to the use of hybrid seeds and fertilizers like DAP & urea. On the issue of sarson satyagraha they pledged to use desi and local sarson without the use of fertilizers.

On the fourth day 31 villagers participated in the meeting, and the message will be spread across 2500 people.

More information and photos:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/actions-for-sarson-satyagraha-in-bihar-and-jharkhand/>

Related Campaign:

Sarson Satyagraha – Civil Disobedience against GMO Mustard

(Photos, video, articles):

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/sarson-satyagraha-civil-disobedience-against-gmo-mustard/>

Event

Talk on Bees and Farmers' Seeds in danger

10 October 2015

Paine, Chile



More information and photos:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/conversatorio-en-paine/>

Event

Let's stand together for Living Seed and Living Soil

10 October 2015

Düsseldorf, Germany



More information and photos:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/gemeinsam-stark-fur-lebendige-saat-und-lebende-boden/>

Photo album:

- ✓ <https://www.flickr.com/photos/raastah/sets/72157659696030601/>

Event

Learn and Act for Seed Freedom

10 October 2015
Athens, Greece



More information and photos:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/learn-and-act-for-seed-freedom/>

Event

Food Justice From Seed to Market – Online Event

11 October 2015
Rhinebeck NY – USA



[Vandana Shiva](#) and [Winona LaDuke](#) were joined by Hudson Valley Seed Library cofounder [Ken Greene](#), cofounder of Freedom Food Alliance [Jalal Sabur](#), author of *The Color of Food* [Natasha Bowens](#), CEO of Growing Power [Will Allen](#), and many regional leaders and organizations advocating for GMO labeling and equal food access.

More information:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/food-justice-from-seed-to-market-online-event/>

Link to Dr Vandana Shiva’s conference video (registration required):

- ✓ <https://www.omega.org/online-workshops/seeds-of-change#-workshop-description-block>

Campaign

Navdanya Campaign in support of farmers victims of BT Cotton failure in Punjab

11 October 2015 – ongoing
Punjab, India



Recently Punjab has lost 90-95 percent of its Bt Cotton to a common pest, the whitefly. 12-15 sprays of chemical pesticides have failed to control pests. An agrarian crisis now looms over the state, as farmers continue to commit suicide and police are killing protestors with bullets. Navdanya travelled to the cotton growing Malwa belt of Punjab to report the damage done by the whitefly on Bt cotton in October '15. Despite spraying pesticides 10- 15 times, 1.2 million acres of cotton was destroyed by the whitefly, a common pest. This short film is an attempt to make the pain of the Bt Cotton farmers be heard and make the lives our farmers' lives matter.

Video: Farmers' Lives Matter - Punjab

Film and production by Shaani and Indra Shekhar Singh for Navdanya

- ✓ <https://youtu.be/8R6nIUb8XRs>

Video: Bt Cotton Seeds of Suicide

Film and production by Shaani and Indra Shekhar Singh for Navdanya

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/bt-cotton-seeds-of-suicide/>

Campaign Page

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/no-to-bt-cotton-campaign/>

Pests, Pesticides and Propaganda: the story of Bt Cotton

By Dr Vandana Shiva, 10 October 2015

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/pests-pesticides-and-propaganda-the-story-of-bt-cotton/>

Biotech fails – farmers pay the price

by Indra Shekhar Singh, 16 December 2015

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/bt-cotton-seeds-of-suicide/>

Event

GEE Seeds Collecting

11 October 2015

Lund, Sweden



More information and photos:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/gee-seeds-collecting/>

Event

Food Sovereignty Ghana goes to Court ! Legal Action Against Commercialization of GM Crops

12 October 2015

Accra, Ghana



More information:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/food-sovereignty-ghana-goes-to-court-legal-action-against-commercialisation-of-gm-crops/>

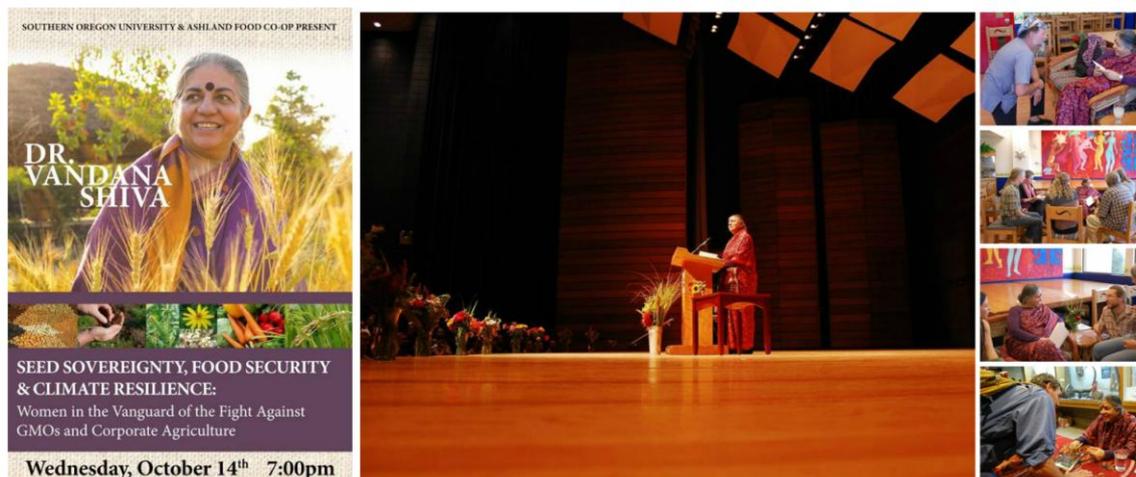
Update: Ghana: Court Ruling On GMO Case: Why We Intend To Appeal

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/ghana-court-ruling-on-gmo-case-why-we-intend-to-appeal/>

Event

Seed Sovereignty, Food Security and Climate Resilience: Women in the Vanguard

14 October 2015
Ashland OR, USA



The event took place in the heart of GMO Free Jackson County.

On December 22nd 2015 an Oregon Federal Magistrate approved a settlement that will allow Jackson County Oregon's voter-approved law prohibiting cultivation of genetically engineered crops to stand.

Dr Vandana Shiva's talk focused on the need for a paradigm shift away from the dominant view of industrial agriculture with its origins in war, greed, and power, to a nature focused, women-centric view based on non-violence, the recognition of the intelligence in all life and all people, and the co-creation of partnerships for the well being of all.

With scientific evidence and 30 years of experience in evolving Navdanya, Dr Shiva showed how an agriculture that respects both the earth and women, produces more food and nutrition, more health and well being, more health and higher income for women and small farmers. She believes that solutions to hunger and climate change are the same – intensification of biodiversity and ecological processes, instead of intensification of fossil fuels and toxic chemicals through GMOs.

More information, video and photos:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/seed-sovereignty-food-security-and-climate-resilience-women-in-the-vanguard/>

Conference Video:

- ✓ <http://vp.telvue.com/player?id=T01550&video=253117>

Jackson County's Ban on Genetically Engineered Crops Will Stand!

Federal Court Approves Settlement

Our Family Farms Coalition, 22 December 2015

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/jackson-countys-ban-on-genetically-engineered-crops-will-stand-federal-court-approves-settlement/>

Event

2015 Parliament of the World's Religions – Inaugural Women's Assembly

15 - 19 October 2015
Salt Lake City UT, USA



The Divine Feminine and Mother Earth
SHAKTI & PRAKRITI

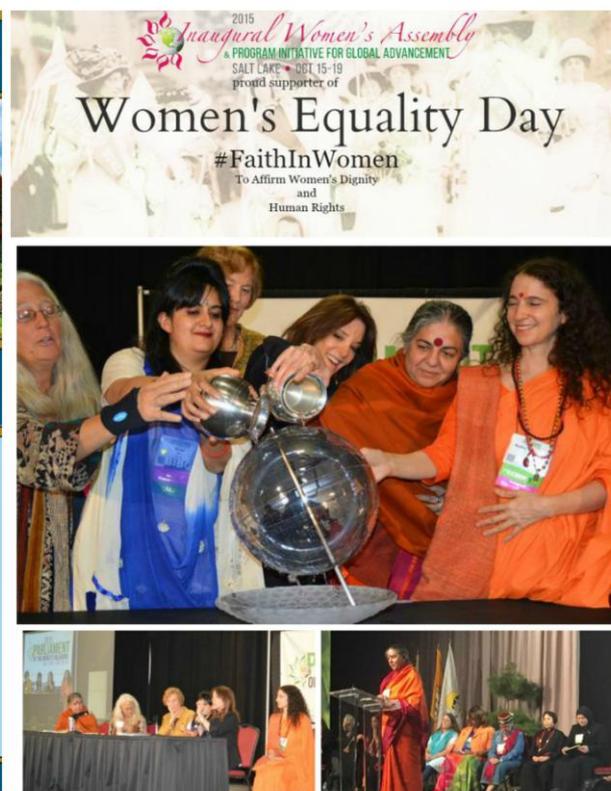
October 16
Time: 3:45 pm - 5:15 pm
Location: Exhibit Hall 3

Renowned environmental activist, Dr. Vandana Shiva, combines forces with acclaimed women faith leaders for a historic and interactive session on the role women are playing in protecting and restoring our environment. Now is a great tipping point in history, in which our world is becoming warmer, water resources are polluted and depleting, soil is eroding and natural disasters are becoming ever-more common. Panelists will empower the audience to seek a new balance in our spiritual and our public lives, to experience a renewal of our own creative life force and build new pathways based on respect for the Divine Feminine. Insightful details will be presented as to how audience members can inspire and launch their own programmes within their congregations and communities for the betterment of all.

Dr. Vandana Shiva, World-Acclaimed Environmentalist
Dr. Sadhvi Bhagawati Saraswati, President, Divine Shakti Foundation
Kiran Bali, Global Chair, United Religions Initiative
Grove Harris, Representative to the United Nations, Temple of Understanding
Mary Evelyn Tucker, Co-Founder, Co-Director, Yale Forum on Ecology
Dr. Mirele Goldsmith, Environmental psychologist, educator, and activist

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The Women's Assembly provided an important opportunity for women to address and discuss two areas of vital interest:

- the responsibility of the world's religions to affirm women's dignity and human rights
- religious and spiritual inspiration for women's empowerment

More information:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/2015-parliament-of-the-worlds-religions/>

Photos, tweets and quotes:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/vandana-shiva-speaks-at-2015-parliament-of-the-worlds-religions-inaugural-womens-assembly/>

Event

Navdanya World Food Day Celebrations and Events

15 - 19 October 2015

Navdanya Biodiversity Conservation Farm, Doon Valley, Dehradun, India

Navdanya Organic Café, Dilli Haat, New Delhi, India



The first event organised by Navdanya began with over **60 organic women farmers coming together** at Navdanya farm. There were lectures and discussions on the GM Mustard issue. Women farmers shared their experience of cooking in soy oil and pledged not to let the Indian Rai (mustard) disappear. Groups of women enthusiastically took the responsibility of varieties of seeds to preserve and return next harvest season with ten times more. The farmers also discussed the Bt cotton failure in Punjab and expressed solidarity.



The second event organized by Navdanya was food awareness seminar at Jawaharlal Nehru University: “Poisons in our Food: Safety, Biosafety and Public concerns of chemical agriculture”, held by public health expert Dr Mira Shiva.

Drawing from her vast experience as the advisory committee member of Peoples’ Health Movement & former Chairperson, Health Action International Asia Pacific, she spoke to the students about the importance of food and further discuss about the health and biosafety of GMOs.

The third event was held at **Navdanya Organic Cafe at Dilli Haat, New Delhi**, where Navdanya’s organic chefs proposed India’s capital forgotten delicacies to celebrate the day in a gourmet way.

World Food
Weekend 16th-18th, October,
2015

Navdanya celebrates World Food Weekend.

Join us in savouring Bhoole Bisre Anaj - Forgotten Foods - like millets & pseudo-cereals, that enrich our bodies with nutrients for the changing season. Navratra fast is based on adopting these foods in our diet.

Be a Food Smart Citizen - join the Anna Swaraj Movement

Because **#farmerslivesmatter**

Singhara Halwa

Sabudana Vada

Sabudana Kheer

Kuttu Pakoda

Kuttu Puri

Sectaphal in Rai Tadka

Amaramath Cutlet

At Dilli Haat, Navdanya Organic Food Stall No 18, Opposite INA market.
Contact us at: 011-24121548 navdanya@gmail.com www.navdanya.org

More information and photos :

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/navdanya-world-food-day-celebrations-and-events/>

Video:

- ✓ <https://youtu.be/Q7qDhidNuY8>

Which Future of Food and Farming

Reflections on World Food Day 16th October 2015

By Dr Vandana Shiva

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/which-future-of-food-and-farming/>

Event

Food Justice March

16 October 2015

Washington DC, USA



More information, videos and photos:

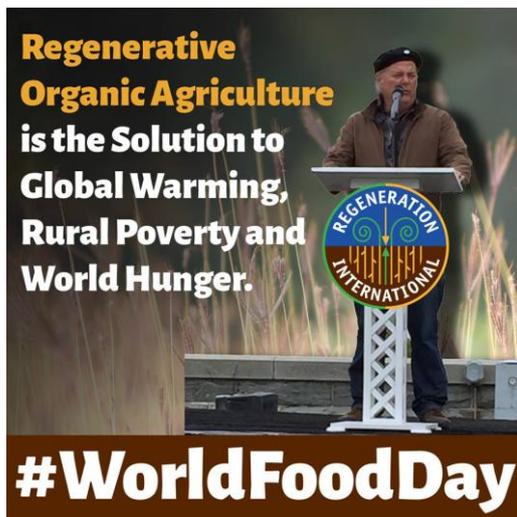
- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/foodjustice-march/>

Event

The Future of Food: From Degeneration to Regeneration

16 October 2015

Washington DC, USA



More information, videos and photos:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/the-future-of-food-from-degeneration-to-regeneration/>

Video

- ✓ <https://youtu.be/Sre-5qz-QB0>

Event

'Semilune' and 'Amici dell'Orto 2' meeting for Seed Freedom

18 October 2015

Bracciano, Italy



More information and photos:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/semilune-e-amici-dellorto-2-semi-ortaggi-antichi-e-tradizionali-per-seed-freedom/>

Event

Terra Viva: our soil, our commons, our future at Novo Modo Festival

23 October 2015

Florence, Italy



Dr Vandana Shiva "Lectio Magistralis", in cooperation with Navdanya International
The Lecture was held within "Novo Modo", a three day event of debates and discussions with the aim of developing new ideas and proposal for a fairer and more equitable future.

More information:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/terra-viva-il-suolo-beni-comuni-e-futuro-terra-viva-our-soil-our-commons-our-future/>

Dr Vandana Shiva's conference video:

- ✓ <https://youtu.be/TIEvRDuoBc>

Related Campaign:

'Terra Viva' — Our Soil, Our Commons, Our Future:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/terra-viva-our-soil-our-commons-our-future/>

Event

Eine gute Welt für alle – A good world for everyone

24 October 2015

Vienna, Austria



“Nature shrinks as capital grows. The growth of the market cannot solve the very crisis it creates.”

Vandana Shiva talks about the negative effects of genetic engineering, the role of women in the fight for biodiversity and the struggle of civil society for food sovereignty.

More information:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/eine-gute-welt-fur-alle-a-good-world-for-everyone/>

Dr Vandana Shiva's Conference Video:

- ✓ <https://youtu.be/G8KQalpjGvg>

Related Campaign:

'Terra Viva' — Our Soil, Our Commons, Our Future:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/terra-viva-our-soil-our-commons-our-future/>

Mobilization Tour Actions for Sarson Satyagraha in Uttar Pradesh

24 – 27 October 2015
Uttar Pradesh, India



The Sarson Satyagraha Uttar Pradesh 2015 started on October 24th and travelled through 4 villages in Uttar Pradesh. Farmers and concerned citizens had the opportunity to share their problems related to the consequences of Green Revolution, but also what each village still had saved of their knowledge in traditional agriculture, seed saving and food. The Navdanya team held talks and debates on health risks posed by GM crops, the threat of Glyphosate use on fields, the problems of soil degradation, the heavy debts on the small farmers and the way India's rural oil seed economy would be ruined by the introduction of GM mustard. Each village received mustard seeds from the Navdanya Seed Bank and took a pledge to use the local sarson seeds.

More information and photos:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/actions-for-sarson-satyagraha-in-uttar-pradesh/>

Related Campaign:

Sarson Satyagraha – Civil Disobedience against GMO Mustard

(Photos, video, articles):

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/sarson-satyagraha-civil-disobedience-against-gmo-mustard/>

Event

Dr Vandana Shiva joins farmers' protest at Jantar Mantar

24 – 27 October 2015

Uttar Pradesh, India



Vandana Shiva joined a group of farmers protesting against farmer suicides and alleged that agro-chemical companies were pushing them into spiralling debt.

Around 200 farmers, led by Azadi Bachao Andolan, said that the government should focus on the promotion of traditional agriculture and discourage use of chemicals.

“Indian farmers are being exploited by the agro-chemical companies through their high cost seeds, chemical pesticides and failed yields. The farmers of India have been pushed into a debt trap and finally into suicides,” Shiva said.

The farmers raised slogans against several companies in this sector accusing them of pushing farmers into debt and polluting land and water of rural areas with carcinogenic substances. “The only way we have now to save rural India is to revive traditional methods of agriculture and fight for a healthy food sovereign organic India,” Shiva asserted.

More information, photos and article:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/dr-vandana-shiva-joins-farmers-protest-at-jantar-mantar/>

Related Campaign:

Navdanya Campaign in support of farmers victims of BT Cotton failure in Punjab

(Photos, video, articles):

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/no-to-bt-cotton-campaign/>

Mobilization Tour

Actions for Sarson Satyagraha in Rajasthan

31 October – 3 November 2015

Rajasthan, India



This journey aimed to promote traditional Mustard and to oppose GM. Mustard and chemical farming in the state. Meetings with Rajasthan farmers were held in 3 villages covering issues like the importance of seeds in India's tradition and the agenda of agro-biotech companies to take over the seed market and make India dependent on expensive genetically modified seeds. Influenced by Navdanya's message, farmers came out in a large numbers to collect local mustard seeds.

More information and photos:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/actions-for-sarson-satyagraha-in-uttar-pradesh/>

Related Campaign:

Sarson Satyagraha – Civil Disobedience against GMO Mustard

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/sarson-satyagraha-civil-disobedience-against-gmo-mustard/>

Event

It takes a seed to make everything / Per fare tutto ci vuole un seme

31 October 2015

San Gimignano, Italy



The conference was held within the 1st Earth Festival in San Gimignano 'Biodistretto' Area. Maria Grazia Mammuccini, Navdanya International Vice President, Ruchi Shroff, Seed Freedom Campaign Coordinator and Riccardo Bocci, Rete Semi Rurali (Rural Seeds Network) spoke about the silent corporate invasion in the world of seeds and the loud resistance of farmers around the world.

More information:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/per-fare-tutto-ci-vuole-un-seme-it-takes-a-seed-to-make-everything/>

Campaign Launch and debate

Le rôle des citoyen.ne.s dans la transition agricole / The role of citizens in agricultural transition

9 November 2015

Paris, France



On November 9th, 2015, Dr Vandana Shiva participated in a citizens' day around the theme of agricultural transition organised by SOLIDARITE and [AMAP Network](#) Île-de-France.

The day started with a breakfast meeting with the Minister of the Environment Ségolène Royal. They discussed the need for government's support to ecological agriculture in spite of pressure from agro-food industry lobbies and free trade agreements.

The meeting was followed by the planting of a plum tree and the sowing of seeds in a community garden of the 11th arrondissement in Paris,

The evening was then rich in teachings and of proposals for citizen engagement for an agricultural transition. The panel debate was hosted by Jade Linaard journalist of Médiapart. The diversity of participants, together with Dr Shiva and Aurélie Trouvé gave a realistic view on the possibilities of a Citizens' commitment for an agricultural transition and the tools to be implemented starting from today.

The [French Version of the "Pact for the Earth: A People's Pact to Protect the Planet and Each Other"](#) was launched and distributed and people were invited to add their signature online on Seed Freedom website.

More information:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/le-role-des-citoyen-ne-s-dans-la-transition-agricole/>
- ✓ [French] <http://seedfreedom.info/events/le-role-des-citoyen-ne-s-dans-la-transition-agricole/>

Related campaign:

Pact for the Earth: A People's Pact to Protect the Planet and Each Other

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/pact-for-the-earth/>

Event

Symposium “Vielfalt ernährt die Welt” / “Diversity feeds the world”

10 November 2015

Vienna, Austria



Within the celebration of Arche Noah 25th anniversary a day of conferences and debates was organized around the following topics:

What crop diversity is related to sustainable agriculture?

Can a farmer have a livelihood based on diversity? Does Europe need even more monoculture in order to “feed the world”?

Can crop diversity contribute to the achievement of the global sustainable development goals of the UN?

Dr Vandana Shiva gave the keynote speech. Leaders of other prominent organisations also took part in the event: Chee Yoke Ling, director of the Third World Network. Benedikt Haerlin of the Foundation on Future Farming, Margit Mayr-lamb by the Upper Austrian organic farm life Fair

More information and press coverage:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/symposium-vielfalt-ernahrt-die-welt-diversity-feeds-the-world/>

Dr Vandana Shiva’s Conference Video:

- ✓ <https://youtu.be/6wt7o5F21mM>
- ✓ [German] <https://youtu.be/mqtsK1HvdY>

Event and Campaign Launch

Women of India Exhibition and Launch of Yuva Anna Swaraj

12-23 November 2015
New Delhi, India



Navdanya, in collaboration with the ministry of Women and Child Welfare brought to Dilli Haat, INA the first ever organic Women of India Exhibition through the [Mahila Anna Swaraj](#) (MAS) (Diverse Women for Diversity) initiative which connects over 5 million women (seed savers, organic growers, artisanal processors) from 22 states of India as one force for sustainability and women's empowerment. We all aim to revive our women centered traditions and once again make women the keepers of health, nutrition and seed. Throughout history women's knowledge and skills that have kept India diverse, nutritious and healthy.

On Children's Day 2015, Navdanya launched a campaign on Children's Right to Healthy Food (Yuva Anna Swaraj). Within the exhibition Navdanya's 2016 "Pulse of Life" Campaign was also announced, in celebration of the UN 2016 Year of Pulses.

More information, photos and press coverage:

Navdanya organises Women of India Organic Exhibition with Ministry of Women and Child Welfare

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/navdanya-organises-women-of-india-organic-exhibition-with-ministry-of-women-and-child-welfare/>

Navdanya launches campaign on Yuva Anna Swaraj (Youth Food Sovereignty) on Children's day

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/navdanya-launches-campaign-on-yuva-anna-swaraj-youth-food-sovereignty-on-childrens-day/>

Related Campaign:

Food Smart Citizens for Food Smart Cities

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/food-smart-citizens-for-food-smart-cities/>

Mobilization Tour, Campaign Launch Navdanya at COP21

1 – 9 December 2015

Please refer to the annex Report “Navdanya at COP21”

Event

“Annam” – National Food and Agrobiodiversity Festival

10-14 December 2015

Kochi, Kerala, India



This National Seminar focused on the changing paradigms in food and agro-biodiversity and the impacts on health, ecological, social, economic and environmental scenarios. Further, a wide array of multi-disciplinary subjects including innovations in promoting locally produced food materials and processing technologies, health benefits of indigenous foods, agro-biodiversity and nutritional security, food as medicine, traditional knowledge on food, etc were discussed in this platform. The deliberations in this seminar would provide necessary inputs to the food and health policies at national and regional levels.

More information and photos:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/annam-national-food-and-agrobiodiversity-festival/>

Dr Vandana Shiva's speech video

- ✓ <https://youtu.be/pP8Mtv08NXY>

Related Campaign:

Food Smart Citizens for Food Smart Cities

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/food-smart-citizens-for-food-smart-cities/>

Event – Campaign
RoundupOut – Builders Warehouse

12 December 2015
South Africa, Nationwide



More information and photos:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/roundupout-builders-warehouse-south-africa/>

Related Campaign:

Roundup Round Up

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/round-up-round-up/>

Mobilization Tour and Campaign Launch **Seed & Food Sovereignty Awareness Campaign in Maharashtra and Vidharba**

16-18 November 2015
Maharashtra and Vidharba, India



To defend Gandhi's Ghani, Dr Vandana Shiva joined with Gandhian organisations for a three day awareness campaign into the Vidharba region of Maharashtra. Gandhi's Ghani was served a notice to shut down after coming under attack from the pseudo-safety conspiracy of the industrial processing industries. With an aim to destroy all our rural and national oilseed economies industrial soy oil corporations are destroying our small scale traditional ghanis (artisanal oil press).

The tour included visits to Organic Cotton local farms and the oldest Seed Bank established by navdanya in Vidharba and also a meeting with more than 600 students to spread Yuva Anna Swaraj.

Satyagraha for Gandhi's Ghani – Awareness Campaign

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/satyagraha-for-gandhis-ghani-awareness-campaign/>

More information and photos

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/satyagraha-for-gandhis-ghani-awareness-campaign/>

Dr Vandana Shiva's Video Log

- ✓ Day 1: <https://youtu.be/WjhWViLsniY>
- ✓ Day 2: <https://youtu.be/kyXAtDrEuRQ>
- ✓ Yuva Anna Swaraj Pledge: <https://youtu.be/gO0U4mBzviY>
- ✓ Day 3: <https://youtu.be/K4JD6JdN1i0>

Related Campaigns

Sarson Satyagraha – Civil Disobedience against GMO Mustard

<http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/sarson-satyagraha-civil-disobedience-against-gmo-mustard/>

Navdanya Campaign in support of farmers victims of BT Cotton failure in Punjab

(Photos, video, articles):

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/no-to-bt-cotton-campaign/>

Food Smart Citizens for Food Smart Cities

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/food-smart-citizens-for-food-smart-cities/>

