

PARTICIPANTS

The leaders from community representing various people organizations from Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Bihar are expected to participate in this meeting. This event will be organized under the leadership of Office Bearers and Governing Body members.

EXPECTED OUTCOME

- Sharing and consolidation of best practices at Vayalaga Mutual Movement level
- Improved perspective on resilience building among leaders from various people organizations
- Building a strong SRO monitoring system for building resilient people organizations

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

09.30 am: Registration

10.00 am: Prayer

10.15 am: Welcome Address

10.25 am: Purpose and Background of the Convention

10.50 am: Inaugural Address by Chair Person

11.00 am: Chief Guest Address

11.10 am: Annual Report /Lead Paper Presentation

11.40 am: Felicitation and Experiences Sharing by the Leaders

01.15 pm: Discussion on Presentation

01.45 pm: Lunch Break

14.35 pm: Sub Group Discussion

16.45 pm: Synthesis/Action points and concluding remarks

17.30 pm: Vote of Thanks

ORGANIZER AND CONTACT PERSON

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DATE: 22.09.2017

VENUE: THAMUKKAM GROUNDS, MADURAI

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MADURAI SYMPOSIUM 2017

Thamukkam Ground, Madurai

September 22, 2017

VAYALAGAM WAY OF BUILDING RESILIENCE

Organised by

**DHAN VAYALAGAM (TANK) FOUNDATION
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ABOUT VAYALAGA MUTUAL MOVEMENT

Vayalaga Mutual Movement (VMM) is a farmer collective working on community-led water conservation and agriculture development across seven states in India. Launched with 25000 farmers in the year 2002, the movement has reached over 3.1 lakhs poor farmers as on March 2017. VMM has a unique architecture and engineered to facilitate community to handle development works along with various stakeholders. It is spear headed by a group of leaders drawn from the tank farmer's organizations. VMM works towards empowerment of marginal and small farmers, promoting self-governance, conservation of water bodies, creating farmer friendly policy environment and agriculture development. Being a farmer based movement; it represents the voices of marginal and small farmers at National and International level.

THE BACKGROUND

The southern states of India are blessed with around 1.5 lakh water bodies, which serve as a lifeline of livelihoods of farming communities. Earlier, these water bodies were maintained under "Kudimaramathu" system, under which village communities participated in renovation and development of water bodies. The centralization of ownership under the British rule resulted in alienation of local community. Due to poor maintenance and absence of local management, many of the water bodies are in pathetic condition. Post-independence the government maintained the status-quo. DHAN Foundation launched the Vayalagam Tank-fed Agriculture Development Programme in the year 1992 to regenerate community management and improve the conditions of water bodies. Realizing the need for a movement to bring policy changes and to involve community into direct action, DHAN Foundation facilitated the promotion of Vayalagam Movement in the year 2002. The VMM has completed Sixteen years and have stepped into the Seventeenth year.

Every year the VMM organizes general body meeting with the participation representatives from the member institutions across seven states. The GB serves as a platform to discuss various initiatives and set agenda for future development. In 2017, the general body meeting has been organized with focus on "Vayalagam Way of Building Resilience".

PURPOSE OF THE VAYALAGA MOVEMENT

1. To develop a favorable policy environment through interactions, seminar, conference, policy workshop, dialogues.
2. To create awareness among the public about the revival of traditional water harvesting structures like tanks, ponds etc and water management.
3. To regenerate local management of tanks by promoting tank institutions for all small scale water bodies for long term sustainability
4. To conserve the primary natural resources like water, soil, vegetation and livestock etc.

VAYALAGAM WAY OF BUILDING RESILIENCE – ELEVEN KEY INITIATIVES OF VMM

- VAYALAGAM DHANAM
- VAYALAGAM SHRAMDHANAM
- VAYALAGAM KUMBAABHISEKAM
- VAYALAGAM SELF-REGULATION PRACTICES
- VAYALAGAM DHANYAM DONATION SCHEME
- VAYALAGAM JOTHI
- VAYALAGAM KANIK-
- VAYALAGA PONGAL
- VAYALAGAM VIDHYA DHANAM
- VAYALAGAM AWARD
- VAYALAGAM CELEBRATIONS

ABOUT THE CONVENTION

The Vayalaga Mutual Movement has scheduled its General Body Meeting on 22 September 2017 with focus on "Vayalagam Way of Building Resilience". This event is organized as part of Madurai Symposium, - a Biennial event organized in Madurai.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE EVENTS ARE

- To share the experience of Vayalaga Movement in building resilience through people organization in the year 2016 – 2017
- To facilitate sharing of best practices among participants representing various member organizations and consolidate the best practices
- To evolve the policies, procedures and mechanisms to ensure the institutional, financial and development standards at people organization level
- To build the perspectives on resilience building among leaders of various people organizations
- To evolve the action plan for resilience building across states through Vayalaga Mutual Movement