



Sadguru Gnanananda Fellowship for Agripreneurs

From 2012 to 2023, the Manava Seva Dharma Samvardhani Trust supported emerging social entrepreneurs through the Sadguru Gnanananda Fellowship. Selected fellows received a monthly stipend of Rs. 10,000 for three years during the startup phase of their social enterprises.

In response to growing demand from farmers and rural entrepreneurs, this fellowship has now been restructured to specifically support agripreneurs.

To be eligible for the Sadguru Gnanananda Fellowship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Applicants must be 25 years of age or older.
2. Applicants must be Indian citizens residing in rural areas.
3. Applicants must have at least 2 years of experience in natural farming.
4. Applicants must commit to working full-time in natural farming throughout the three-year fellowship period.
5. Applicants must agree to attend CSIM workshops, seminars, or courses related to agriculture and entrepreneurship.

Assessment Criteria

Applicants should possess the following traits:

1. A clearly defined and focused plan for their agripreneurial venture.
2. Strong leadership qualities with the ability to inspire and lead others.
3. Practical skills, including problem-solving, strategic thinking, and organizational abilities.
4. Strong interpersonal and networking skills for collaboration and outreach.
5. A high standard of ethics and reliability.

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Applicants must submit a proposal that clearly outlines their vision for natural farming. The proposal should detail the agricultural activities undertaken by the applicant and the natural farming practices adopted, and plans for scaling and sustaining the farming venture in the long term.

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