



DRAFT PROGRAMME  
**LEARNING JOURNEY**  
**EMPOWERING SMALLHOLDER FARMERS IN INDIA**

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DATE	24-26 September 2018
LOCATION	Hyderabad, India

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DATE	DETAILS
<b>DAY 0</b> <b>23 September,</b> <b>Sunday</b> Optional	18:00 - 20:00 Introductions and programme overview followed by dinner at the hotel
<b>DAY 1</b> <b>24 September,</b> <b>Monday</b> Field visit & community interactions	Breakfast in the hotel 7:30 Travel to Zaheerabad, Sangareddy dist, TS (about 100 Kms) 9:30 – 10:30 Brief introduction on local initiatives including marginalised women empowerment, conservation of traditional crops, bio-diversity, market, etc. <b>hosted by DDS*</b> 11:00 – 13:00 Field visit to farms and Interaction with men and women members – Khasimpur and Arjun Naik Thanda Villages 13.30 – 14.30 Lunch at Ethnic Café, Zaheerabad 15:00 – 16:00 Visit to Millet Complex: the methods of millet processing, women led initiatives: value addition and ways of marketing, and women run shop 16:30 – 18:00 SSI methodology – principles, practices and adoption by farmers – visit to SSI nursery, sugarcane fields and interaction with farmers by AgSri 18:00 Leave back for Hyderabad 19:30 – 20:30 Dinner at Shadab Restaurant 20:30 – 22:00 Visit to Charminar & shopping and return to the hotel
<b>DAY 2</b> <b>25 September,</b> <b>Tuesday</b> Half-day field visit hosted by <b>Bayer</b>	7:00 Travel to Banswada, Kamareddy Dist., TS (about 180 Kms). Breakfast in the vehicle during travel. 10:30 – 11:30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction on Bayer Rice Traceability Project</li><li>• Implementation model, safety use of agro-chemicals, etc.</li></ul> 11:30 – 13:30 Field visit to farms and interaction with project farmers near Banswada and visiting some trail plots 13:30 – 14.30 Lunch at Banswada 15:00 – 17:00 Visit Karakwadi Village, Gandhari Mandal, Kamareddy Dist., to see various community

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initiatives in the village; water conservation & harvesting, soil conservation & dryland crop technologies, nutrition and food security, dairy and goatery by women, men & women group activities, village association, **facilitated by RF\***

17:00 – 18:00 Interaction with office bearers of Nizamabad Progressive Farmers Producers Company Limited – Governance, Functions and achievements, etc.

18:00 Leave back for Hyderabad

**DAY 3**  
**26 September,**  
**Wednesday**

Field visit & community interactions

Day hosted by  
**Bayer**

8:00 Travel to Vantimamidi village, Near Shameerpet, Rangareddy dist, TS (about 50 kms)

9:30 – 12:30 Field visit programmes at Potharam and Anathavaram villages near Vantimamidi for crops like tomato, ridge gourds, etc. and observing different cultural practices adopting in the production of safe and quality vegetables for Metro Cash & Carry/Bayer.

12.30 – 13:00 Visit to Metro Cash & Carry collection centre at Vantimamidi to see the quality vegetable collection from project farmers

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch at Aalankrita Resort, Thumukunta

14:30 – 16:00 Leave back for Hyderabad, reach hotel by 16:00

16:30 – 18:00 Group reflections and feedback on overall learning by participants & wrap up and departures

**Abbreviations:**

DDS – Deccan Development Society, a well-known NGO in India ([www.ddsindia.com](http://www.ddsindia.com))

RF – Reliance Foundation, an Indian philanthropic initiative affiliated with Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) and is one of the largest private foundations in the country founded in 2010. (<https://www.reliancefoundation.org>)