Community building, capacity building, leadership building took place in KMR for the benefit of the students who attended the two courses at the university, and the Kashmir Permaculture Network was created among the graduates with its own FB page and meetings to be held in KMR. The first KPN meeting took place on 1st March 2018 at the Agriculture Uni.

ORGANIZED BY GREEN KASHMIR

Kashmir Permaculture Network MEETING

Venue
Shalimar Campus, Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir

1ST MARCH 2 PM TO 4 PM

KPN
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On our return visit to KMR after the IPC we went to Bandipora to visit one of the PDC students who lives in a village there to discuss the possibility of developing a second Permaculture Demo Site on the other side of SGR. Showkat Hussein is a qualified Social Worker with a speciality in Capacity Building and we discussed plans to put a project in place locally to teach local farmers and growers in Permaculture Principles.
The broiler house next to the holding is up for sale, with the land it sits on to be leased, and discussions are taking place about purchasing the building and leasing the land to convert the site into a learning hub and training centre for Permaculture, which would also be the first of its kind in KMR. This project also has the potential to create Right Livelihood opportunities, with a potential revenue from the accommodation and training schedule once the site is converted.
There are plans to work on the first Eco Houseboat refit which could impact very positively on ecotourism opportunities on Dal Lake if other Houseboat owners come on board with the project.

Proposal to start a Solar Panel Business to help support the citizens of KMR cope with frequent power cuts.
Using rocket stoves for heating to reduce the burning of wood to make charcoal for the traditional kangri
which leaves the air choking with smoke pollution in the autumn months when the charcoal is made. Campaign for cleaner air by encouraging the cessation of burning leaves instead of composting them, and by banning the burning of plastics which release carcinogenic gases into the air when burnt in the open spaces people live, work and breathe in.
Encouraging groups of women to develop their garden plots into kitchen gardens
Permaculture Design Students Kashmir 2017
Earth Care # People Care # Fair Share
On 21ST March 2018
Celebrating Spring Equinox.
In Kashmir known as Nauroz.
The Inauguration and naming ceremony of Green Kashmir Permaculture Demonstration site was organised.

The name which was agreed collectively by all Green Kashmir Team.

'Navrooz Bagh'
'The Garden of the new dawn'

Work is in progress building 'Navrooz Bagh'