GREEN KASHMIR

Report
August- December 2017

Introduction

Introducing Permaculture practices in Kashmir, for active hope, and practical real-life solutions to address environmental and social crises that modern-day Kashmir faces.

This report highlights the work done by Green Kashmir team during the 4 month period August - December 2017 in the Kashmir Valley.
What has been achieved in the four months

Solid Waste Management Survey (SWM) carried out in SGR. Key sites visited, and key stakeholders were interviewed. Please follow this link for full report:

https://www.greenkashmir.org/waste-management
Several volunteers welcomed and supervised, with board and lodging.
Rosemary Morrow agrees to come to Kashmir (KMR) before the IPC India 2017 to teach full PDC as a guest teacher.
Alice Gray visits KMR to support the PDC and to mentor students and volunteers alike.
Amber secures a venue at the Agricultural Uni for the PDC and makes a partnership with the Vice Chancellor of the Uni and several senior Deans.
PDC is publicised to overwhelming response and the course is oversubscribed, with a waiting list for next year set up. 30 participants on the first PDC in KMR with graduation and certification. Positive feedback received from all students.
15 participants at ToT with graduation and certification, again positive feedback is received from all students.
Green Kashmir secures platform for Dr Alice Gray to deliver a lecture on Palestine and Permaculture at SKAUST. The lecture is very well received and attended and the Dean of Horticulture gives positive feedback.
A delegation of PDC students from KMR attends IPC India 2017, both the conference and the convergence. Four members of the Green Kashmir delegation give a presentation at the IPC convergence at Polam Farm.
Saalim Nazki a farmer in KMR is sponsored by Green Kashmir to attend the PDC, ToT, and the IPC. Saalim has a small holding in a village on the outskirts of SGR and was under pressure from his family to leave to go and work in Dubai.
A partnership was formed between Saalim and Green Kashmir to develop the small holding into a Permaculture Demonstration Site. This work started in December 2017 and is developing creatively and constructively to make great progress.