

# What's a Good Life



## The Bhoomi Conference - 2011

*for Students, Teachers and Life-Long Learners*

January 21st & 22nd, 2011 (9am to 6pm)

Venue: St. John's Auditorium, Koramangala, Bangalore

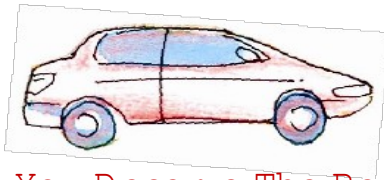
## Perspective: Why this Conference?

We are living in times when success is measured by wealth and extravagance. And never before in any civilization has the average citizen been so pampered in materialistic ways – through food, clothes, vehicles, gizmos, holidays and more...

Our current development paradigm has fostered our notions of a “Good Life” – which are almost universally held and hence not questioned or explored.

Along with increasing ‘development’ that is meant to lead towards a good life for humankind, we are also faced with other realities that threaten our well-being:

- ❖ Ecological damage including pollution of water and degradation of land.
- ❖ Lowered levels of personal contentment, more broken relationships, terrorism, war.



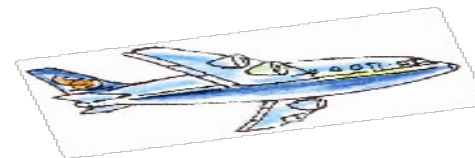
*You Deserve The Best*

❖ Foods that slow-poison us.

❖ An economic system that has created poverty and hunger on the one hand and exploitation and accumulation of wealth on the other.



*Dil Mange More!*



*Take a Dream Trip to Europe!*



**The Complete Man**

# Focus of the Conference

This conference is a space to ask questions about the connections between our notions of a good life and relationships, happiness, economics and ecology. It is also a space to explore leads and directions offered by various thinkers, scientists and philosophers.

- ❖ What is the Good Life we really want for ourselves?
- ❖ How do we decide what is too much consumption?
- ❖ Is our drive to succeed as individuals harmful to our civilization and planet earth?
- ❖ Climate change is also a global, political issue – does individual change matter then?

## Taking Charge of our Lives...

All around us we have media, celebrities and personally known role-models influencing our choices of who we want to be, what we buy, do, eat and how we live.

Yet, there is a new awakening around the world that we need to question who is in charge of our lives? And where are we heading towards as a civilization? This conference is focused on how we can take charge of our choices and look for happiness and fulfillment along with a sustainable good life; and on how we can influence the world around us as change agents if we wish to.



**Live Life  
King Size**



**As Unique as You!**

# What's in it for you?

## New Adventures for today...

- ❖ If you have been engaging in eco-friendly activity of any kind, this conference is a place where you can inspire and support others by making short presentations about your work. Contact us before 31st December 2010 at [bhoomi.network@gmail.com](mailto:bhoomi.network@gmail.com)
- ❖ If you wish to spearhead the creation of consciousness about sustainable living in your school / college / organization or family, you will find many like-minded people and resources to learn from.
- ❖ If you have had some concerns about climate change, destruction of bio-diversity, chemicals in food and agriculture, pollution of water and air etc., you can connect with others who have devoted themselves to understand these phenomena and act on their convictions.

## Learning Partnerships

The Conference also includes a “Learning Partnerships” space where you can have a stall with charts etc, and interact with participants individually. For example, if you have been cycling or have an all solar-energised home, you can have a stall on these themes.



*“Real learning is akin to lighting a flame – not collecting in bucketfuls.”*

# The Joy of Networking

For Students, Teachers and Life-long Learners...

The 1st Bhoomi Conference was held in December 2009 and attended by over 700 people.

The first 4 issues of the 'Eternal Bhoomi' magazine have put us in touch with several people who wish to join in a mission of education and awareness building of sustainable living. Many have started some community activity to deal with local ecological issues and are involved in a range of environmental projects.



The 2nd Bhoomi Conference is a space for all of us not only to learn from each other but also to celebrate the joy of networking and working together for a common cause.

## About Bhoomi Network

Bhoomi Network is a not-for-profit organization committed to education and sharing of ideas on sustainable living. We network and provide platforms through:

- > The 'Eternal Bhoomi' Magazine – which offers powerful writings of holistic thinkers and is sent to over 4000 colleges & schools in India.
- > The Bhoomi Conference – An annual event which is organized as a platform for those concerned about sustainable living.
- > Programmes – offered through the year on: Learning from Wilderness, Food and Eco-wisdom, Organic Terrace Gardening, Transition to a Conscious Kitchen, Inner and Outer Ecology
- > Workshops – for school and college students on Food and Sustainable Living

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The Bhoomi Conference, 2011

This conference will provide an enriching learning space for everyone interested in “A Good Life”. It aims to be a forum, particularly for teachers and students, to share and explore new potentials and possibilities for learning and fulfilment.

## Day 1 - Theme: Seeing the Whole Picture

### Keynote Speakers

**Dr. Vandana Shiva** : Basics for a Good Life

**Dr. Nandita Shah** : Nature, Food and the Body Beautiful

**Dr. V.S. Shreedhara** : Education and Careers  
- Seeing the Connections

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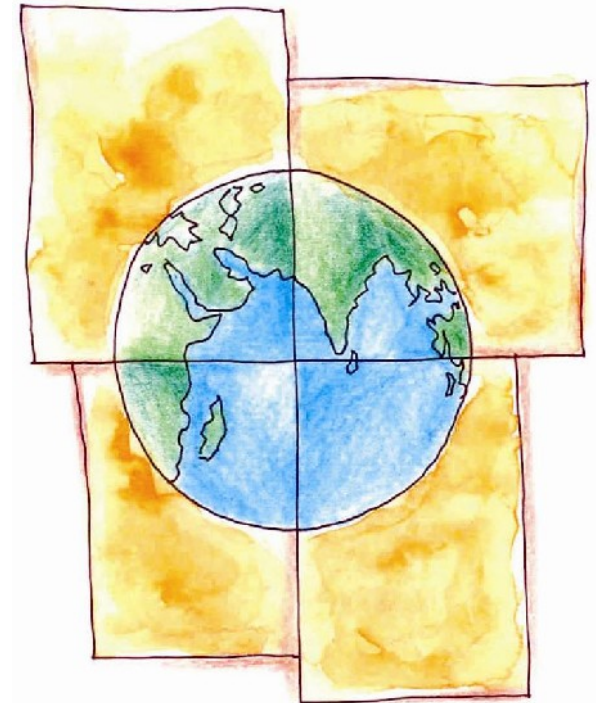
**Short presentations** : by Students

**Short Films**

**Workshops by Bhoomi Team & Aastha Foundation:**  
on Perceptions and processes – on seeing the  
whole Picture & Understanding ecological principles

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**Events**  
**Skits by students**

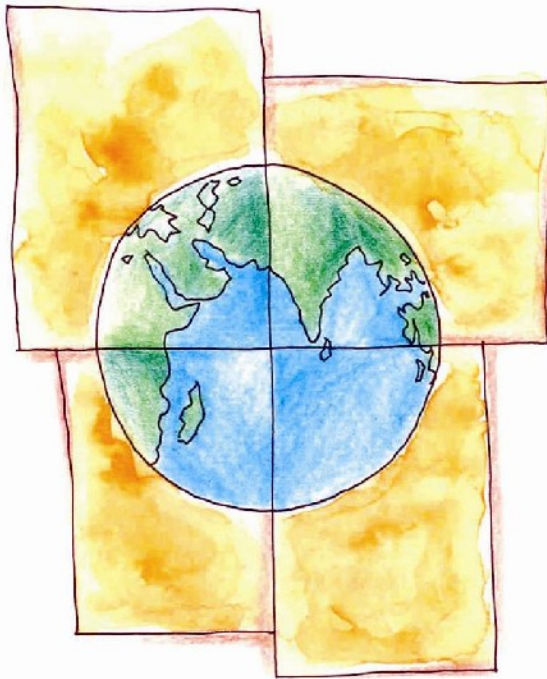


*“Our task must be to widen our circle  
of compassion and  
embrace all living creatures and the  
whole of nature in its beauty”*

**- Albert Einstein**

There will be presentations by Scientists and experts in various fields, as well as by individuals who are part of a movement for earth reverence and sustainable living that is gradually growing in strength around the world.

## Day 2 - Theme: A Sustainable Good Life



*“Every person can make a difference. Together we can make a change.”*

- Mahatma Gandhi

### Keynote Speakers

**Dr. Devinder Sharma** : Making sense of a complex world

**Mr. Gopinath Menon** : Local Self-governance for Sustainable Living

**Dr. Mira Shiva** : Nutrition for a ‘Good Life’

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**Short presentations** : by students

**Panel Discussion by Educational Leaders:**

Role of Institutions to bring about a focus on sustainable living

**Workshops by Bhoomi Team & Aastha Foundation** :  
on Visioning for a Sustainable ‘Good Life’

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### Events

**Learning Partnerships** – Interaction with Eco-heroes

**Music Concert : Kabira!** By Bharathi Balakrishnan

# The Bhoomi Conference, 2011 for Students, Teachers and Life-long Learners

*"We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors,  
we borrow it from our children"*

**- Native American Proverb**

Welcome to the Bhoomi Conference to meet and interact with visionaries, people with a pioneering spirit and others who are keen about learning to live sustainably on planet earth.

## *Delegate Fee Details:*

**Conference Rs.1500/- for Heads of Institutions**

**Fees: Rs. 500/- for students and others**

Conference fees includes fees for participation in all conference events, lunches and teas, as well as a conference kit. (50% concession available to students on request)

## *Sponsorships:*

We would like as many students as possible to join us at this conference.

Hence we would like to offer 50% concession on delegate fees to students.

**On payment of Rs. 1000/- you can help 4 deserving students  
participate in this conference.**

## *About the Venue:*

St John's Auditorium is centrally located at Koramangala, opposite the B.D.A. Complex, Bangalore.

Guest rooms, convenient for outstation participants, are available near the auditorium at a reasonable cost.

For help in booking accommodation, please contact (before 10th January 2011)

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### **Conference Timing**

**Jan 21 Registration at the venue: 8am to 9am**

**Conference timing: 9am to 6pm**

**Jan 22 Conference timing: 9am to 5:30pm**

**Music Programme : 6pm to 7:30 pm**



**Thank You!**