

# 'RAITHA TEERPU' FROM NOVEMBER 30

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"RAITHA Teerpu", a programme organised by Alliance for Democratising Agricultural Research in South Asia (ADARSA), will be held from November 30 to December 4 in Bangalore, said Decan Development Society Convener P V Satish. Satish told reporters that ADARSA was a platform to bring together farmers, farmers' organisations, scientists, NGOs, academicians, researchers and the media to discuss issues related to recent developments in the Agriculture sector.

He said that the farmers will discuss their problems and propose solutions at the programme. "The existing packages announced by the government have failed to stop farmer suicides. Moreover,

multi-national companies have been acquiring lands of small farmers in the name of Contract farming. This event will help the farmers to know more about the research findings at the South Asia level," he added.

ADARSA comprises jury members such as the former High Court Chief Justice M N Venkatachalaiah, Karuna Trust founder H Sudarshan, eminent development economist Gopal Kadekudi, former University of Agriculture Vice Chancellor Dwarakinath, former Advisor to Prime Minister K R Venugopal and Kannada writer and Dalit Activist Devanoor Mahadev. "All jury members will be present at the 'Raitha Teerpu' programme to be held from November 30," said Satish. Interested farmers, NGOs and others may contact Kurubur Shanthakumar, he added.