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(above) Selvyn Roy sews paddy seeds at organic farming fields.

PREMA VASAM CELEBRATES 20 YEARS

From Selvyn Roy: **"We have celebrated our 20th Annual day on 1st of June with the profound gratitude for all the blessings, for the ups and downs of these 20 years happily. This year to make it special, some of our old staffs and girls who have settled down in life have come with their families to make us feel proud and happy."**

What a wonderful image for Australind's newsletter in our 40th year with a focus on the Organic farming project and the amazing progress in the rice fields. Forty years ago the focus was on Operation Milk Flood that sought to support the growth in milk production across India. With the support of many people this year we can see again the possibilities that can come from a vision. This one focuses on sustainable agriculture through organic farming that can demonstrate the benefits of organic farming and permaculture farming practices.



(Above) Planting paddy in fields at organic farming land, near Prem Illam in may 2019.

UPDATE: ORGANIC FARM

Near Prem Illam, the land for Organic farming has been leased for three years since April 2019.

The farming land will be used to grow organic produce for Children at Prema Vasam. Productive gardens at Prem Niketan and Prem Illam have encouraged this new venture into organic farming for Prema Vasam. As depicted, the organic paddy fields are thriving after 3 months of hard work!

(below: image from the organic paddy fields near Prem Illam in July)



PROGRESS UPDATE: ORGANIC FARMING

After months of hard work using organic farming techniques with guidance and support from their experienced mentor and local farmer, Subbu, Prema Vasam's organic paddy stock is thriving!

Indra says, "this is a big eye opener for the neighbouring farmers - those who have been using chemical fertilisers and pesticides for ages." To see the growth of their organic paddy fields is incredibly rewarding, and they are looking forward to harvesting rice from the paddy fields for the children and family of Prema Vasam.



Images of Paddy fields near Prem Illam in July this year.

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