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Healthy Harvests! Abundant sweet chilies, beautiful basil, radishes, the last eggplants, palmito, bananas, fresh oregano, chayotes starting, ayotes, pac choi, golden mini roma tomatoes, broccoli, and orange camote!



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Special Harvests! Big beautiful black beans in a gorgeous magenta pod! Yellow and Purple corn! Scarlet runner beans! A few Longkeepers tomatoes made it! A giant palmito that weighed 6kg and future pejibaye! And a big rollo of moringa!





The Team



Planning and strategizing for the year. We welcome, Priya to the Weekly Seeding and Anastasios, our newest volunteer!

Don Jagdish, keeping the beds well cared for. Nirgun and Yogiraj caring for the kale. Nimrod on the weekly planting. Tara, blissfully reviewing the papayas, and Nirmala prepping the next planting space!



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Pot table care, prep for the weekly seeding, daily watering, tomato care, bed/plant care, marking cuttable palms, the weekly Harvest walk, and planting!

We are immensely grateful for the incredible team that makes the Ashram flow like a superorganism!

The Team (2)

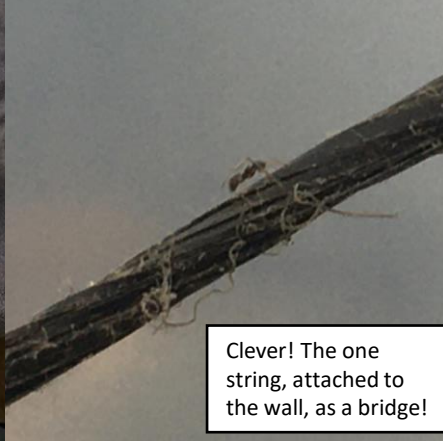




Seed Saving: The arugula patches, time for a germination test, the Florence lettuce got covered in mildew, mizuna ready to collect, ants back on the tomatillos, cilantro not pollinating well, mature chilis and Longkeeper tomatoes!



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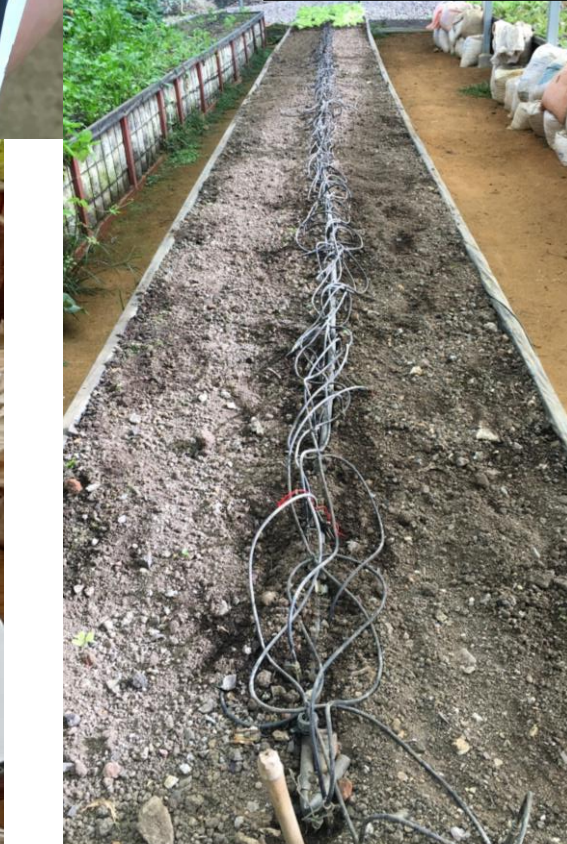


Clever! The one string, attached to the wall, as a bridge!





Materials: The soil mixing tables lasted over 5 years but were ready to be replaced. The team made several innovations that will help this new top last even longer! A new pair of herb harvesting/pruning scissors arrived from the US. Expanding our chive patch. Amrita helped us devise this clever net which helps us save hummingbirds that get trapped in the GH. And the team came up with an intelligent way of organizing the drip system between plantings!



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Challenges: Insects; jobotos (beetle larvae), aphids, thrips, flea beetles, and cochinilla. The vainica "rust" fungus has gotten worse in Sugata, it spread to one soy plant, and even some of the weeds!



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Challenges (2): Low sunlight has these lettuces growing thin and stretching for the sun. Despite the same number of heads planted, the plants weighed much less and produced a need to purchase lettuce from the market. Arugula is continuing to struggle with the soil disease.

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And wet conditions cause parsley to struggle at this time of year. Although some plants rot at the base, others that have established themselves are still thriving. Quite a paradox!





Seedling Damage:
We have been losing more seedlings than usual to a type of damping off fungus.



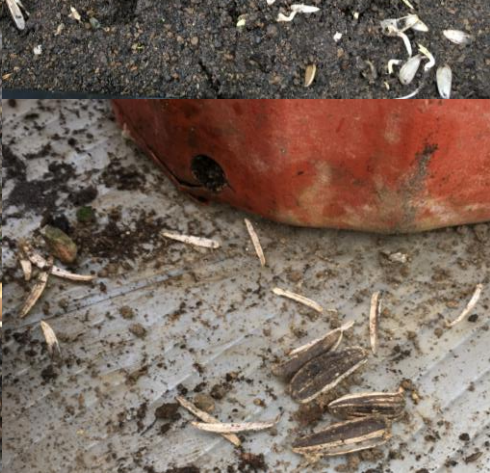
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We've been observing an increase in **nighttime seedling damage**. Although, investigation continues, still not much we can do.

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This case is quite logically a mouse, because of the way the seeds are opened, and the trail of seeds leading to several, more "hidden," meal spots.





Happenings: The mouse also got a taste of one of these juicy young radishes. The sweet chilies have shown early signs of the “picudo,” an insect that lays eggs in the flower and the larvae hatch inside the fruit, making it rot and fall off. The outdoor beets are getting damaged by heavy rain. And we removed the two patches of eggplants to make space for other crops. The root systems were quite healthy and full!

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We are doing some **grain experiments** with Millet, Barley, and several kinds of wheat. And also **saving seeds** from a healthy soya patch!





Fascinating Forms! Armored centipede, our two 'escape artist' hens, nasturtiums, lilies, Rosa de Venezuela, sunflowers, giant toad, and the next generation of golden orb spiders!



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