

# **Programme Schedule**

*Natural Farming: Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities, Achieving Food Security and Promoting Inclusive Growth for Sustainable Agriculture*

*24 -25 Feb, 2024*

## ***Organized By***

*Gujarat Institute of Development Research, Ahmadabad &  
Gujarat Natural Farming Science University, Halol, Gujarat*

## ***In Association with***

*Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India, Gandhinagar  
Gujarat National Law University, Ahemdabad*

## ***Conference Venue:***

*Gujarat Institute of Development Research  
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## Programme Schedule

Sl. No.	Timing	Event	Details
<b>Day1 - 24.02.2024.</b>			
1.	8:30 AM to 10:00 AM	Welcome and Registration of delegates, Breakfast and Tea at GIDR	
2.	10:00 AM to 11:30 AM	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Inaugural Session</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Formal Welcome by Prof. (Dr.) Nisha Pandey, Director, GIDR</li> <li>2. Prof. Dhananjay Singh , Member Secretary Indian Council of Social Science Research.</li> <li>3. Prof. S.P. Gautum, Ex VC, Jabalpur University and Chairman, Ganga Project Evaluation Committee, NMCG,and Member CSIR-RAB, New Delhi.</li> <li>4. Shri A. K. Rakesh, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture, -Farmers Welfare &amp; Co-operation Department, Government of Gujarat</li> <li>5. Key note address by Honourable Governor, Shri Acharya Devvratji, Government of Gujarat</li> <li>6. Vote of Thanks by Prof.(Dr.) C. K. Timbadia, VC, GNFSU, Halol</li> </ol>	
3.	11:30 AM to 12:00 AM	<b>High-Tea</b>	
4.	12:00 AM to 1:30 PM	<p>First Plenary session: Role of Institutions to promote Sustainable Agriculture - Session chair, Professor Umakant Dash, Director, IRMA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prof. V.K. Srivastava. VC MS University</li> <li>2. Shre Atul Jain, General Secretary of Deendayal Research Institute</li> <li>3. Dr. Sunil Shukla (Director General, EDII)</li> <li>4. Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar Director, GNLU Ahmedabad</li> <li>5. Professor Anup K Singh, Director General, Nirma University, Ahmadabad</li> <li>6. Prof. (Dr.) Baljeet Singh Saharan, Senior Scientist, CCS Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar</li> </ol>	

<p>12.00.1.30</p> <p>Lakadwala hall</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Parallel Session -1</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Panel Discussion on</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reorganizing the Extension for the Promotion of Natural Farming in the Country</b></p>
	<p><b>Dr. Kirit Shelat (Ret. IAS)</b> - Executive Chairman, NCCSD - Chairman</p> <p><b>Shri A. K. Rakesh (IAS)</b> - Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture, Farmers Welfare &amp; Co-operation Department, Government of Gujarat</p> <p><b>Prof. (Dr.) A. R. Pathak</b> - Former Vice Chancellor, JAU, Junagadh and NAU, Navsari, Gujarat</p> <p><b>Dr. C. K. Timbadia</b> - Vice Chancellor, GNFSU - Co-chairman</p> <p><b>Dr. T. Vijay Kumar (Ret. IAS)</b> - Vice Chair Person, RYSS and Former Special Chief Secretary, Agriculture Dept., Govt. Andhra Pradesh</p> <p><b>Dr. D. V. Raidu (Ret. IAS)</b> - Sr. Advisor, RYSS, Govt. Andhra Pradesh</p> <p><b>Dr. V. V. Sadamate</b> - Agril. Extension Specialist &amp; Former Adv. Agri. Plang. Comn, GOI, DELHI, NCR</p> <p><b>Prof. (Dr.) K. Narayana Gowda</b> - President, INSEE, Extension Specialist and Former Vice Chancellor, U.A.S., Bangalore</p> <p><b>Prof. (Dr.) P. Chandra Shekara</b> - Director General, National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad</p> <p><b>Prof. (Dr.) Rajeshwar Singh Chandel</b> - Vice-Chancellor, Dr. YS Parmar University of Horticulture &amp; Forestry Nauni, Solan (Himachal Pradesh)</p> <p><b>Prof. (Dr.) S. V. Reddy</b> - President &amp; Executive Director, PRDIS, Hyderabad</p> <p><b>Dr. Nisha Pandey</b> - Director, GIDR, Ahmedabad</p> <p><b>Dr. Neelam Patel</b> - Senior Advisor, Agriculture-Allied-Sectors, NITI Aayog</p> <p><b>Mr. Prafulbhai Sejaliya</b> - Chief Coordinator, Prakritik Kheti, Gujarat</p> <p><b>Mr. B K Singhal</b>, CGM Gujarat NABARD</p>

		<p><b>Prof. Bharat Bhasker</b>, Director , IIMA  <b>Prof. S.P. Gautum</b> , EX VC, Jabalpur University. Chairman, Ganga Project Evaluation Committee, NMCG, and Member CSIR-RAB, New Delhi.</p>
5.	01:30 PM to 2:30 PM	<b>Launch</b>
6.	2:30 PM to 3:30 PM  Main Stage	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Second Plenary Session -</b></p> <p><b>NF's Contribution to Food Security: Natural Farming as alternative sustainable livelihood; Effort from the state -</b>  <b>Session Chair: - Prof. Sambhu Prashad , IRMA</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prof. P. Chandrashekehr , Director General, National Institute of Agriculture Extension Management, Hyderabad</li> <li>2. Dr K. Narayan Dewgowada, President, INSEE, Extension, Specialist and Former, Vice Chancellor U.A.S., Bangalore</li> <li>3. Dr. T. Vijay kumar (Ret. IAS), Vice Chair Person, RYSS, and Former Special Chief, Secretary, Agriculture Dept., Govt. Adhra Pradesh</li> <li>4. Prof. (Dr.) S. V. Reddy, President &amp; Executive Director, PRDIS, Hyderabad.</li> <li>5. Dr. Chandrika Parmar Director, DoCC, SP Jain Institute of Management and Research (SPJIMR)</li> </ol>
7.	2:30 PM to 4: 30 PM  Lakadwala hall  and meeting room no 1	<p><b>Inclusivity for Small Farmers: Assess the position of marginal and small farmers within the NF discourse, considering Inclusivity and accessibility. Participative approach of NF with Design Thinking with farmers practicing Natural Farming</b></p> <p>Prof. (Dr.) Nishant Sharma, IIT-Mumbai,  Women collectives in NF</p> <p>Dr. Itishree Patttnaik and Dr. Jharna Pathak, GIDR</p>
	3.30 to 3.45 P.M	<b>Tea</b>

	3.45 to  4. 45 P.M	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Third Plenary Session</b></p> <p><b>Sustainability of NF: Explore the prospects and challenges of developing Natural Farming (NF) as a sustainable alternative to current agricultural practices.</b></p> <p><b>Session Chair : Prof. (Dr.) Shambhu Prashad , IRMA</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dr. V. V. Sadamate Agril. Extension Specialist &amp; Former Adv. Agri. Plang. Comm, GOI, DELHI, NCR.</li> <li>2. Dr. D. V. Raidu (Ret. IAS) Sr. Advisor, RYSS, Govt. Adhra Pradesh</li> <li>3. Dr. Ute Rickmann Project manager, Support to Agro-ecological Transformation Processes in India</li> <li>4. Prof. Arunaditya Sahay, Dean Research BIMTECH</li> <li>5. Prof. (Dr.) Hari Om, Padma Shree Awarded in 2024, State Training Advisor (Natural Farming), Retd. Principal Scientist CCSHAU, Hisar</li> </ol>
8.	4:45 PM to 6.00 PM	<b>Poster presentation, Cultural Programme/Tea and Refreshments</b>
<b>Day 2 - 25.02.2024.</b>		
9.	9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	<b>Breakfast and Tea at GIDR</b>
10.	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Forth Plenary Session - Marketing and Scaling up of Natural Farming -</b></p> <p><b>Session Chair - Prof. (Dr.) Rajeshwar Singh Chandel, VC, Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry (HP)</b></p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Dr. Hardik Lakhani</b>, Expert, Natural Farming, National Institute of Agriculture Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad</li> <li>2. <b>Dr. Virabhai Chavda</b>, Assistant Professor and HOD, Department of Natural Farming - School of Skills and Entrepreneurship, Lokbharti University of Rural Innovation</li> <li>3. <b>Dr. Virendrabhai Bhatt</b>, Associate Professor (Retd.), Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh</li> <li>4. <b>Prof. M.V. Ashok</b>, EX-DGM, NABARD, Mumbai</li> <li>5. <b>Mr. Prafulbhai Sejaliya</b> [Coordinator, Prakritik Kheti, Gujarat]</li> </ol>

11.	11:00 AM to 11:15 AM	<b>Tea Break</b>
12.	11:15 AM to 12:45 PM	<p align="center"><b>First Technical Session -</b></p> <p><b>Chair Person :-</b> Prof. Satyendra Pandey, IRMA</p> <p>Papers from different university</p> <p>GNFSU faculty and research Scholars (5-6 selected papers)</p>
13.	12:45 PM to 1:30 PM	<b>Launch for all delegates at the venue</b>
14.	1:30 PM to 2:30 pm	<p align="center"><b>Second Technical Session -</b></p> <p><b>Chair Person :-</b> Prof. S. S. Kalamkar, Director, AERC, Anand</p> <p><b>Papers on NF from selected states</b></p> <p><b>1. Perceived Effectiveness of Natural Farming: A Study of JIVA Programme, India</b></p> <p>Authors: Dr. Deepak Chamola, Advisor, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, New Delhi, India</p> <p>Mr. Anmol Jain, Intellect Consortium</p> <p>Dr. Ravi Babu, General Manager, NABARD</p> <p>Ms. Chetna Nahata, Senior Consultant, NABARD</p> <p><b>2. Implementation and Impact of Climate Resilient Zero Budget Natural Farming: A Case Study of AF-EC Andhra Pradesh Community Natural Farming in Anantapuramu District</b></p> <p>Authors: Dr. M. Srinivasa Reddy, Faculty Member, Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS), Hyderabad</p> <p>and</p> <p>Dr. Brajaraja Mishra, Faculty, ICFAI Business School, Donthanapally Shankarapalli Road, Hyderabad</p>

		<p><b>3. Women empowerment through collective natural farming</b>  Authors: Dr. Itishree Pattnaik, Associate Professor, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore</p> <p><b>4. Natural Farming Revolution: Empowering kuttiattoor Mango Growers</b>  Authors: Anoob J S, Assistant Professor, DCSMAT Thiruvananthapuram  And  Amal Manilal, DCSMAT Thiruvananthapuram  Fathima Shaji, DCSMAT Thiruvananthapuram</p> <p><b>5. An analysis of the growth and Trade performance of organic products in India: Are we moving in the right Direction?</b>  Authors: Department of Economics, Indira Gandhi University, Meerpur-Rewari  and  Dr. Vikas Batra (Associate Professor), Department of Economics, Indira Gandhi University, Meerpur-Rewari,</p>
15.	2:30 PM to 3:30 PM	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Third Technical Session -</b></p> <p><b>Chair Person, Dr. V. P. Usadadiya , Director of Research, GNFSU</b></p> <p><b>1. Natural Farming and the Calling of Anna, Ananda, and Integral Development: Towards a New Dance of Soil, Soul, Society, Mother Earth, and Cosmos</b>  Author: Anata Giri, Professor, MIDS, Chennai</p> <p><b>2. Livelihood Diversification in Rural Gujarat: Analyzing the rural households' reliance on farm income</b>  Author: Vachaspati Shukla, PhD, Assistant Professor, Sardar Patel Institute of Economic and Social Research, Ahmedabad</p>

		<p>3. <b>Crop-livestock intensification, utilization of crop residue and access to feed and fodder for dairy production: An explorative study from different Agro-climatic zones of Odisha</b>  Authors: Braja Bandhu Swain and Nils Teufel, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)</p> <p>4. <b>Cultivating Sustainability: A Case Study on Post-Harvest Value Addition and Market: Linkages at Farmer's Share Farm, Kerala</b>  Authors: Dr Joseph M.K Professor, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous), Cochin, Kerala and Abshana Jamal Research Scholar, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous), Cochin, Kerala.</p> <p>5. <b>Harmonizing Host and Tourists: A Tale of Village Tourism Experience</b>  Authors: Angelin Thomas, Research Scholar, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Tuljapur Campus and Dr. Neelam Yadava, Assistant Professor Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Tuljapur Campus</p>
16	2.30 to 3.30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fifth Plenary Session:</b></p> <p><b>Reorganizing Extension Strategy for Promotion of Natural Farming</b></p> <p><b>Chair Person:-</b> -Dr. Kirit Shelat, Executive Chairman, NCCSD.</p> <p>1. . Dr. C. K. Timbadia, Vice Chancellor, GNFSU, Halol  2.. Dr. V. V. Sadamate, Agril. Extension Specialist &amp; Former Adv. Agri. Plang. Comn, GOI, DELHI, NCR  3. Dr. S. V. Reddy, President &amp; Executive Director, PRDIS, Hyderabad.</p>
16.	3:30 PM to 4:00 PM	<b>Tea Break</b>



17.	4:00 PM to 5:00 PM	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Valedictory Session -</b></p> <p><b>Chief Guest:</b> Prof. Rama Shanker Dubey, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Gujarat</p> <p>Dr. C.K.Timbadia, VC, GNFSU, Halol  Dr. S. V. Reddy, President &amp; Executive Director, PRDIS, Hyderabad.  Dr. Sunil Shukla , Director General, EDII  Dr. S. Shanthakumar Director, GNLU Ahmedabad  Dr. Nisha Pandey, Director, GIDR</p>
18.	5:00 PM	Certificate Distribution and Departure of Guests