



Call for Papers/Posters

For the Conference on

Natural Farming:

Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities, Achieving Food Security, and Promoting Inclusive Growth for Sustainable Agriculture

24 -25 Feb, 2024

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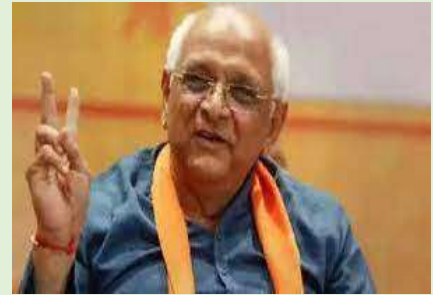
Gujarat Natural Farming Science University, Halol, Gujarat

And

Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India, Gandhinagar

Conference Venue:

Gujarat Institute of Development Research (GIDR), Ahmadabad



Natural Farming (NF) or Zero Budget Natural Farming (ZBNF) stands out by producing most crop inputs on the farm, reducing costs, and utilizing crop residues productively.

Padmashri Subhas Palekar, a pioneer since 1990, demonstrates the economic viability of NF. The Government of India's National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) further promotes NF, expanding the Bhartiya Prakritik Krishi Paddati (BPKP). States like Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Kerala, and others have adopted NF through the NF-BPKP, emphasizing indigenous practices like biomass mulching, utilizing cow products, and avoiding synthetic chemicals. Despite skepticism, NF shows comparable yields to mainstream practices, making it a potential game-changer. The scheme encourages marketing of cow-based inputs, catering even to farmers without livestock. However, the lack of long-term field data raises concerns about NF's robustness and economic viability.

Gujarat Institute of Development Research, Ahmedabad, Gujarat Natural Farming Science University, Anand and Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India, Ahmedabad, take great pride in organizing this landmark seminar. The seminar aims to bring researchers, policymakers, and experts together to share experiences, address challenges, and design interventions for the future of NF.

Join us on a remarkable venture to unleash the potential of Natural Farming in promoting sustainable agriculture, rural livelihoods and achieving multiple SDGs. Together, let's forge enduring transformations and mold a future that is not only brighter but also more inclusive!

Conference Sub-Themes: These topics are indicative, authors can submit the papers in the related and relevant areas as per the conference theme.

- *Natural Farming; Prospects and Challenges*
- *Climate change and climate-smart agriculture*
- *Sustaining agro-ecosystem, agronomic techniques, and resource management*
- *Post-harvest value addition, certification, and establishing market linkages*
- *Natural Farming and marginalized farmers*
- *Women Empowerment Through Natural Farming*
- *Enhancing food security through Natural Farming*
- *Rural livelihood diversification*
- *Role of Institutions in Natural Farming*
- *Natural Farming and Social Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Inclusion*
- *Technological innovations and digital solutions in Natural Farming*
- *Global Perspectives on Natural Farming*
- *Ancient farming techniques blended with contemporary practices*
- *Biodiversity and Natural Farming: A Symbiotic Relationship*
- *Natural Farming for Urban Space: Sustainable Agriculture in Cities*
- *Agro-tourism and Natural Farming*
- *Role of Natural Farming in Enhancing Food Quality and Nutrition*

Conference Highlights:

Keynote Speakers: Renowned experts and thought leaders in the field of Natural Farming.

Panel Discussion: In-depth conversations on themes such as climate-smart agriculture, post-harvest value addition, women empowerment, rural livelihood diversification, and more.

Paper Presentations: Academic and field-based insights on the economic feasibility, long-term benefits, and technological innovations in Natural Farming.

Participatory Workshop: Participative workshop on Learning from farmers practicing Natural Farming.

Poster Presentation: Poster presentation from farmers/researchers/practitioner for best practices/outstanding Natural Farming

Global Perspectives: Learn from international experiences and practices in Natural Farming.

Interactive Sessions: Engage in practical sessions on the implementation of Natural Farming techniques.

Submission Deadline:

Last date of Submission of Abstract: 30th January 2024

Last date of Submission of Paper: 15th February 2024

(Abstract/ Paper to be e-mailed to nfc2024@gidr.ac.in)

- All contributions must adhere to any one reference style. (APA, Chicago, Harvard, etc.)
- Paper should have the formatting of 12 font size in Times New Roman and 1.5 spacing.
- An initial abstract of not more than 350 words to be submitted.
- Paper to be submitted in MS Word format with 3-5 keywords.
- Paper should not be more than 8000 words including tables, charts and references
- The corresponding author and all co-authors should be listed in the submission
- The selection of papers for presentation in the seminar will be based on criteria such as originality, relevance, and field-specific insights.

Dates to Remember

Abstract Submission: January 30, 2024

Communication about acceptance: February 5, 2024

Registration: February 15, 2024

Submission of Full paper/Poster: February 10, 2024

Conference dates: February 24-25, 2024

Registration:

For doctoral scholars/students: Rs. 1500

For Faculty members: Rs. 2500

For Industry representatives/FPOs: Rs. 3000

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