

**National Workshop
on
Yogic Farming, Organic Farming
& Zero Budget Natural Farming**

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INTRODUCTION

Indiscriminate use of chemical fertilizers, insecticides-pesticides, herbicides etc resulted into a rise in cost of production, and also deteriorates quality of natural resources viz; soil, water and environment along with quality of crop and animal produces, which ultimately adversely influence human life. In agriculture, the market-led innovations have frequently generated processes and products that affect the environment and put sustainable development at risk. Therefore, there is a need of effective alternative natural farming system which eliminates use of agro-chemicals in agriculture. **“Yogic” Farming, Organic Farming and Zero Budget Natural Farming** is aimed to conserve natural resources viz; soil, water and environment besides curtailing the cost of production and focusing on more natural and spiritual way of living.

Sustainable “Yogic” agriculture integrates thought-based meditative practices, it is a method that reduces costs while helping to create happy and resilient rural communities. This method of farming includes understanding the self as a spiritual being, igniting the dormant positive inner energy of self and channelizing the energy of the mind through meditation to empower all the five elements. Farmers use bio-diverse system-wide approach. Sustainable “Yogic” farming recognizes all the elements of farming; animals, birds, flying and crawling insects, micro-organisms, domestic seeds, vegetation, surrounding ecosystems and the natural elements. Organic and zero budget agriculture is a core of “Shasvat Kheti”- Sustainable agriculture, which while conserving the mother NATURE, also helps to curtail cost of production and by adoption of this system, particularly small and marginal farmers could be benefited.

Anand Agricultural University, a leading state agricultural university, is engaged in research, extension and education of agriculture and allied sciences for the betterment of farming community of the nation, and Gujarat state in particular. “Yogic” Farming is a pioneering initiative of Agriculture & Rural Development Wing of the Rajyoga Education and Research Foundation of Prajapita Brahma Kumari Ishwariya Vishwa Vidhyalaya, initiated in 2007. In order to take this innovative approach of farming especially for the small and marginal farmers, the Agriculture & Rural development wing voluntarily conduct mass awareness programs, agricultural fairs, seminars, conferences, exhibition etc. for sensitization. Capacity building programs coupled with countywide campaigns for lighting a ray of hope in the eyes of the farmers. In this connection, taking a step forward, a national workshop has been organized on **“Yogic” Farming, Organic Farming and Zero Budget Natural Farming** at AAU, Anand.

WORKSHOP MISSION

To prepare the detail inventory on strategies, planning and execution of “Yogic” Farming, Organic Farming and Zero Budget Natural Farming for exploiting the opportunities of unlocking the production potentials under different agro-eco-regions with aim at bringing qualitative and spiritual upgradation in the life of farming community.

VENUE : B. A. College of Agriculture, Anand Agricultural University, Anand, Gujarat, India

DATES : September 17-18, 2018

THEMES

A. “Yogic” Farming

- Present Status and Opportunities of “Yogic” Farming
- Experiences of Research Institutions
- Discussion and Interaction
- Farmers’ Experiences : Success Stories

B. Organic Farming

- Present Status and Opportunities of Organic Farming
- Experiences of Research Institutions
- Certification and Quality Control
- Marketing of Organic Products
- Constraints and Way Forward
- Farmers’ Success Stories

C. Zero Budget Natural Farming

- The Concept, Method & Opportunities of Zero Budget Natural Farming
- Promotional Schemes of Zero Budget Natural Farming
- Agni Hotra Farming – Concept & Method
- Sharing of Experiences by Farmers and Research Institution on Zero Budget Natural Farming

PARTICIPATION

The workshop is open to all those interested in agricultural technologies pertaining to “Yogic” Farming, Organic Farming and Zero Budget Natural Farming. Representatives of all public and private sectors, central and state government agencies, scientists and students from agricultural institutes and universities, farmers dealing with “Yogic” Farming and organic production technologies, international agencies, agriculture input association, NGO’s, SHG’s, etc. can participate in the workshop.

INVITED PAPERS

Oral presentations on specific topics falling along with the themes are invited. An extended abstract (About 2 pages) of the invited papers along with full length papers should be submitted by the speakers with brief bio-data on or before 31st August. If more number of papers are received, parallel sessions will be organized.

REGISTRATION FEE (Rs.)

Per Participant	Up to 31 st August, 2018	Spot registration
Farmers/ Students	500	600
RA/ SRF/ Academicians	1500	2000
Industry sponsored delegates & others	2500	3000

Payment of registration fees should be made through bank DD drawn in favour of “Yogic Farming Workshop-2018” payable at Anand and send to Dr. M. V. Patel, Organizing Secretary, Department of Agronomy, B.A. College of Agriculture, Anand Agricultural University, Anand-388110 (Gujarat).

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation will be provided to registered participants only on his/her request in advance on first come first serve basis. The participant should pay the actual charges of accommodation.

LOCATION DETAILS

Anand is situated between Ahmedabad and Vadodara on NH-8 connected with Road and Rail routes. The nearest airports from Anand are Vadodara (45 km) and Ahmedabad (70 km). B. A. College of Agriculture, Anand Agricultural University, Anand is about 5 km away from Railway / Bus station and can be easily reached by auto rickshaw.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Participants
Passport size
photograph

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Gender : Male Female

Designation _____

Address _____

City _____ Pin _____ State _____

Phone No. _____ Mobile No. _____

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Invited for Paper Presentation ? YES NO

Title _____

Accommodation request: Yes / No

Details of payment of registration fee:

Demand Draft Number _____ Date _____

Name of the Bank & Branch: _____

Mode of travel to Anand: Train / Bus / Air

Arrival Train/Flight No. _____ Date _____ Time _____

Departure Train/Flight No. _____ Date _____ Time _____

Reuest for Pick up at Bus stop/Railway station/Airport: YES NO

Place:

Date:

Signature