



Organic Mahotsav 2019

Healthify- Food | Farming | Youth



29th November - 1st December 2019
Shilpgram, Udaipur, Rajasthan 31300



Organic Farming Association of India (OFAI)



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Organic Farming Association of India (OFAI) was set up by the senior-most members of India's organic farming community in the year 2002. The present committees at OFAI is constituted of young and dynamic members who have been dedicated to the domain for the past few years and are up forexploring new possibilities for increasing farmers income and creating more accessible platforms for availability of authentic Organic produce to consumers at affordable prices.

Organic Mahotsav 2019 is the 7th in series of the popular biennial conventions held by the Organic Farming Association of India. The event is being held in Udaipur (Rajasthan) at Shilpgram from 29th November to 1st December, 2019.

The convention provides a platform for organic farmers from all over India to share, learn and grow. Renowned farmers, scientists, policy makers, seed savers, innovators come together to bring the developments in organic farming to a common platform – the ultimate goal being growth of our farmers while also replenishing our natural resources.

As a new initiative this year, we are involving consumers who have been supporting, as a part of the organic movement. Awareness and involvement of the youth in organic agriculture at every level is a key focus area. A youth incubation program will be developed to promote innovative ideas in the field of organic farming.



**2000+ Delegates|100+ Organizations|
50+ Speakers| 5 Sessions Areas| 5 Workshops**

appeal:

We are hosting the meet in Udaipur to share stories of growing food and crops without damaging soils or harming people's health. These farmers have chosen to produce safe food, i.e., food grown without the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides, and are trying to keep us healthy. And now these farmers need your help, you participation in the whole event will contribute in organizing this event successfully.

Registration cost :

Rs 2500 including Organic meals and dormitory accommodation for 3 days.

Process of Registration :

<https://convention.ofai.org/registration/>
Click on the link for registration.
In case of any trouble regarding payments please contact - 09875817520.





Events Programme Overview

7th National Convention on Organic Farming - "ORGANIC MAHOTSAV 2019"

Seed Bio Diversity Festival |

Seed is the basic input and lifeline of agriculture. Local farming communities have preserved, shared and reused their diverse indigenous seed varieties over generations. The festival will bring together seed savers, organic farmers and farmer breeders from all over the country with the motto of promoting our Desi (indigenous) varieties for nutritious and productive crops. More than 200 Seed savers from all over India will participate with more than 4000 across grains, pulses, rice, vegetables, fruits, tubers etc.



Farmer Markets|

This space will allow consumers to know and procure authentic organic produce directly from producers as well as interact with them. It opens up marketing opportunities for all the organic producers selling farm produce and value added products.



Gaba-Alternate Fashion | 30th November, 2019

A unique show featuring desi cotton clothing dyed using natural materials. Organic Farming Association of India (OFAI) is collaborating with designers, to create clothing which is easily accessible and wearable in everyday life. The show focuses on promoting showing the value chain of desi cotton from farmer to consumer. Bringing slow and sustainable clothing into the mainstream and spreading awareness. The program includes a ramp walk, interactive displays with fabrics and clothing, a networking session for producers, designers and students, and an organic marketplace.



Aai ki Handi- Food Festival | 1st December, 2019

Our Dadis and Nanis had the wisdom to define what is good for our health, they knew what combination works best for nourishing combination of Physical, emotional and spiritual Body. Traditional Cuisine evolved with efforts of generations who have experimented, observed and then shared their knowledge with the world. The Food we eat today has evolved to an extent and with such great pace that the primary reason of having food has changed to filling the stomach, but not really knowing with what? Traditional recipes have existed in remotest corners with very localized and basic resources available to them and yet have been able to create some unique dishes that exist till today in our kitchens.



We invite you to explore traditional recipes from different parts of India like Karnataka, Andhra, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, and Bihar during our Aai Ki Handi Food Festival.

Agri-preneur Startup Camp |

A program for guiding and motivating young entrepreneurs. Amplifying their ideas into successful models through inputs and training.





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Day 1	Friday 29th November, 2019				
10:00 am	Registration Begins				
	Auditorium				
10:30- 10:40 am	Welcome Speech, Rohit Jain(Secretary, OFAI)				
10:40- 10:50 am	Chair, K.P. Illiyas(President, OFAI)				
10:50- 11:10 am	Inaugral Speech Gajendra Singh Shekhawat - Union Jal Shakti Mantri				
11:10- 11:25 am	Greeting from Padamshree Shree Hukumchand Patidar				
11:25- 11:40 am	Dr N.S Rathod Vice chancellor, MPUAT, Udaipur				
11:40- 12:00 pm	Edith Van Walsum, IFOAM World Board member, Netherlands				
12:00- 2:00 pm	Claude Alvares -What are the lessons from 40 years of organic farming in India for farmers in Rajasthan?				
	Session Venue				
	Auditorium	Vayu Chaupal	OFAI Pavilion	Tech Chaupal	Farm Chaupal
2:00 - 3:00 pm	Sultan Ismail Director, Ecosciene Rsearch Foundation	Open Discussion	Rajinder Singh- Weed Management	Pawan Tak- Compost Preparations	
3:00 - 4:00 pm	Sabarmatee Tiki - Women, Agri- culture, Drudgery and health-What we have to think of it?		Jagat Ram - Challenges in Organic Farming	Babulal Dahiya- Folk literature and Seed Conservation	Deepika - Natueco Farming
4:00- 4:45 pm	Anant Bhojar Organic India – Dharti Mitra (Pro- cess and Award)		Vishalakshi Padmnabhan- Participatory Guarantee System Organic Council	Dr Sharad Goda- Government Schemes in Rajasthan for Promotion of Organic Farming	
4:45 - 5:30 pm	Dr SK Sharma Science in Organic Farming				
5:30 - 6:15 pm	Dr E Som Sundaram - Scientific Validation of Organic Inputs and Organic Farming Policy		Subhash Sharma- What is Agriculture?	Hukam Chand Patidaar - Rights of farmer from Seed to Market.	Deepika - Practical Session on Natueco Farm- ing
6:15 - 7:00 pm	Ravi Gauria - Fakenews and misnoformation in social media			Umendra Datta - Cultural aspect of Agriculture	
7 pm onwards	Culture Night at Amphitheater				





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Day 2	Saturday 30th November, 2019				
	Auditorium	Vayu Chaupal	OFAI Pavilion	Tech Chaupal	Farm Chaupal
10:00- 11:00 am	Dr A Kumar, Ravi Kelkar, Vaishali Malviya, Subhash Sharma Future of Organic Farming	Shiva Prasad, Telanaga (Conservation and distribution of Traditional Seeds)	Gauri Sareen Bhumijaa/ Living without medicine	Rakesh Chaudhary- Medicinal plants	
11:00- 12:00 am		Navroop Singh- Traditional Cow Care		Sanjoy Singh- Organic pulses farming: Opportunities and Challenges	
12:00- 1:00 pm	Kapil Shah- Issues with Organic Certification System and Alternative Quality Assurance Systems	Avinash Singh Dangi- Importance of Indigenous Seeds and Multicropping in Organic Farming	Akash Chourasia Multi Layer farming	Sachin Desai - Smyantak University of Life	
12:00- 2:00 pm	Afsar Jafri- Free Trade Agreement, RCEP and their impact on Farmers.		Manish Jain- Local Food and Economy	Prem Singh - Aavartansheel Kheti	Dr M Shahid Siddhiqui - Use of technology in Agriculture
2:00- 3:00 pm	Sudhir Gupta- Opportunities For Agri Entrepreneurs in Organic.		Ravi Kelkar - Model Organic Farm	Sujata Goel and Maya Goel- Biodiversity, why it is essential?	Akash Chourasia- Practical Session on Multi Level Farming
3:00- 4:00 pm	Bharat Mansata - Holistic Understanding of Water and its linkages to soil, forest, farming, economy and culture	Santhosh Nimbarkar- Multi-cropping System		Binita Shah- Biodynamic Farming	
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Vijay Jardari - Beej Bachao Andolan		Siddharth Jaiswal - Entrepreneurship in Organic Agriculture	Akash Badave- Community mobilization and Farmer Producer Organization	Aparna Beejom- Permaculture
5:00: - 6:00 pm	Naresh Bishwas Bewar Swaraj			Shruti Shah- Agroecological way of Managing Weeds	
6 pm onwards	Gaba Fashion Show and Kabir Concert at Amphitheater				





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Day 3	Sunday 1st December, 2019					
	Auditorium	Vayu Chaupal	OFAI Pavilion	Tech Chaupal	Farm Chaupal	
10:00- 11:00 am		Benson Issac Theater of Op-pressed	Shamika Mone - A Model Organisa- tion -Kerela Jaiva Karshaka Samithi	Round Table Discussion: Organic Certification of handloom textiles.	Kapil Mandawewala- Urban Gardening	
11:00- 12:00 pm	Kalyan Paul - Adoption of value chains for en- hancing incomes for small farmers - from farms to fingers!		Kumud Dadlani Review of 3 case studies of Farming Miracles around the world			
12:00 - 2:00 pm	Movie - Film Festival Begins	Devesh Patel Innovation in value addition	Siddharth Jaiswal - Agri- Entrepreneurship		Deepak Ashwin- Design your Food Forest	
2:00- 3:00 pm		Closed Group Discussion- Organic Traditional Handloom			Anita Paul - Participatory Guarantee System and Gender Euality! Experiences from Himalaya	
3:00 - 4:00 pm			Brij Ballabh Udaiwal - Plants used in nat- ural Dye and their significance		Dr Archana Thombare – Benefits of Millets and Local food in women and Children.	
4.00-5:00 pm		VK Sajeewan - Role of Tubers in our diet	Dr Shankar Ramachandani- Paraquat-the Killer - case study from Odisha		Manu Moudgil Digital Media toolkit for advocacy	
5:00- 6:00 pm			Dr Arun Acharaya- Feed your Health and starve your Disease.		Rohit Jain - Jaivik Kutumb "Community Supported Agriculture"	
6:00- 6:30 pm					Concluding Cere- mony / Welcome - Shamika Mone / Chair - Illiyas K P / Keynote Speech - Ashok Kumar V / Grati- tude - Rohit Jain	
10:00 am - 8:00 pm		Aai Ki Handi and Food Festival at Food Festival Area				





Speakers Profile

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1. Vijay Jardhari- Beej Bachao Aandolan

Vijay Jardhari, started 'Beej Bachao Andolan' Uttarakhand in 1986 along with fellow farmers for propagating the message of conservation of indigenous seeds. He has dedicated his life to conserving seeds, which otherwise would have disappeared due to the wide acceptability of hybrid seeds among farmers. He has also propagated Baranaja Kheti, a traditional style of farming of agriculture in Uttarakhand where 12 different types of indigenous crops are used throughout the year ensuring nutrition and food security.

2. Sabarmatee Tiki- Women, Agriculture, Drudgery and health-What we have to think of it?

Sabarmatee Tiki was recently awarded Nari Shakti Award by the President of India, for more than 3 decades of her work on collecting and reviving indigenous seeds and spreading it amongst farmers in the region. She was also involved in converting 90 acres of Barren land into the lush green forest - an impossible task made possible - Sambhav farms in Odisha. She has also been involved with research on topics related to the importance of Women in agriculture, drudgery, health and its impact.

3. Sultan Ismail -

Dr. Sultan Ismail is a soil biologist and ecologist, founder of the Ecoscience Research Foundation (ERF) in Chennai and has been centrally involved with the Organic Farming Movement in India since its very beginning. Dr. Ismail has dedicated his life's work to the study of indigenous varieties of earthworms and its application to agriculture, biodegradable waste management and bioremediation of difficult soils.

4. Claude Alvares - What are the lessons from 40 years of Organic Farming in India for Farmers in Rajasthan?

Claude Alvares is an environmentalist and activist based in Goa who leads the Goa Foundation an environmental monitoring action group that fights against illegal mining in Goa. He is one of the early crusaders of the Organic farming movement in our country and one of the founding members of the Organic Farming Association of India. He is one of the few who launched the concept of 'Multiversities' where they feel the need to overthrow the present day "educational system," represented everywhere on the planet by the familiar factory structures of schools and colleges. He is the one who also started Other India Press publications to spread alternative thinking and writing.

5. Subash Sharma- What is Agriculture?

Believing in Nature to be his best teacher, he began organic farming in 1994 – well before different state governments started seeing the benefits of it. His idea was to keep the inputs minimal and ensure the land

is self-sufficient. Even in a drought-prone district, He doesn't depend on external sources for water and has developed a unique water locking method that doesn't allow a single drop of rain to leave his farm. With 17 acres of land and 13 workers, he ensures that there are multiple crops to be grown all year round and hosting the labors on his farm, he has extended his family.

6. Hukumchand Patidar - Rights of a farmer from Seed to Market.

From a small village in south-eastern Rajasthan to international markets, Hukumchand Patidar has made a name for himself by promoting organic farming. He was awarded the Padam Shree award last year for his efforts in the propagation of organic farming for last 16 years. He has motivated around 120 farmers in the village to engage in organic farming and develop Manpura as a hub of chemical-free agriculture. They have set up a processing and grading unit in the village, and export coriander powder, garlic paste, fennel seeds, and fenugreek to European countries and Japan, and supply oranges, pulses, and onion to domestic markets.

7. Kapil Shah- Issues with Organic Certification System and Alternative Quality Assurance Systems

Kapil Shah, the Managing Director of Jatan Trust in Gujarat has been working for the cause of sustainable agriculture and farmer's empowerment in India, juggling work and relationships in the academic, policy, non-profit, and grassroots village arenas for more than twenty years. He is a promoter of organic farming, but for him, this means extending his reach all the way from the most advanced academic researchers to the smallest and most isolated farmers. He served as the most promising Secretary of OFAI since 2012-2017.

8. Bharat Mansata - Holistic Understanding of Water and its linkages to soil, forest, farming, economy, and culture.

Bharat Mansata is an author-editor- activist and a co-founder of 'Earthcare Books' in Kolkata, involved in environmental and sustainability issues for over two decades. He authored books like The Great Agricultural Challenge, Organic Revolution and his recent books like, 'The Vision of Natural Farming' based on principles followed by Lt. Shri Bhaskar Save, the legendary natural farmer from Gujarat. He conducts regular nature camps/ workshops on his farm in Vanwadi near Pune.



9. Brij Ballabh Udaiwal - Plants used in natural Dye and their significance.

Brij Ballabh Udaiwal belongs to a family of traditional textile block printers from Sanganer town in Rajasthan which is well known throughout the world for its fine printing with wooden blocks on fabrics. For many years now he has been actively involved in the revival of Natural Indigo by promoting and doing indigo plantation, extraction besides dyeing and printing on Fabric. He has also been closely working with craftsmen by running various educational and vocational training Center.

10. Suresh Desai- Hortipuncture Farming

Suresh Desai is a founding member of an Organic Farmers Club in Belgaum District of Karnataka, India. It has 400 members, some of whom are already growing crops organically, while others are in the process of shifting to organic farming. The most remarkable feat of Desai is that, besides being a successful practitioner of his principles, he communicates the science and art of his techniques in a simple lucid manner to one and all. His recent successful experimentation is on Hortipuncture farming.

11. Manish Jain- Local Food and Economy

Manish Jain has dedicated past 2 decades spearheading the movement on localization in India. He is one of the front runners of the Homeschoolers movement in our country and has been advocating on the value-based education system which promotes connection and understanding between hand, heart, and head.

12. Rajinder Singh Rathore- Weed Management

Inspired by the farmer scientist - Masanobu Fukuoka and his book, 'One straw Revolution' and having met farmers from various countries, Rajinder Singhji adopted Inter-cropping and mixed farming on his own farm. Looking at the need for Weed management in a Biodiverse system and without much labor to do it from hands, he innovated a small battery-driven, pollution-free, weed cutter that removes weeds between the crop rows and gets used as a compost mulch. Since 2014, along with around 50 farmers he has started a group called 'Prayog Parivar' to support genuine organic farmers market their produce.

13. Siddharth Jaiswal- Entrepreneurship in Organic Agriculture.

Siddharth Jaiswal is currently CEO/Secretary at Business planning and Development- Birsa Agricultural University. He is an alumnus of IIM-A and has been working with Organic farmers in Bihar, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh & Jharkhand for the past 15 years and specializes in the development of supply chain and marketing support systems for organic produce.

14. Dr. E Somsundaram- Scientific Validation of Organic Inputs and Organic Farming Policy

Dr. E. Somasundaram, is the Professor and Head of the Department of Sustainable Organic Agriculture, Directorate of Crop Management, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore, involved in education, teaching, research and extension activities on organic agriculture in the University. He is a member of framing the organic farming policy for the State and acting as a member in evaluating the ZBNF at the national level.

15. Babulal Dahiya- Folk Literature and Seed conservation

Babulal Dahiya is a farmer and poet from Satna district in Madhya Pradesh. Around 2005, while pursuing his interests in folk literature, Babulal ji realized that not only folk literature but traditional seeds and the knowledge associated with them was on the verge of extinction. And since then he started on-farm conservation work on traditional seeds of wheat, rice, maize and many other crops for which this year he was awarded the Padma Shree award. He has written several books and poems focusing on the importance of traditional seed diversity and its cultural relevance.

16. Sujata Goel and Maya Goel- Biodiversity ! why is it essential?

Biologists by qualification, Sujata and Anurag Goel stepped away from laboratory research life, leaving behind the rat race of urban living in 1994 to explore an organic way of life and reside in agreement with the natural world. Together they set up Mojo Plantation in 25 acres located at Western Ghats of Kodagu (Coorg) district in southern Karnataka where they grow cardamom, coffee, black pepper, vanilla, kokam, fruits, and some tree spices. They believe that If one plans and lives within ecological balances, problems on-farm are minimized. Their daughter Maya Goel, has been the youngest organic farmer and entrepreneur on this wonderful magic land.

17. Sachin Desai- Syamantak University of Life

Sachin founded Syamantak's "University of Life" which is a center for experiential, lifelong learning and sustainable living located at Dhamapur village in Sindhudurg district of Maharashtra. "University of Life" is a residential community center where education takes place using real-life activities as a medium of spiritual self-evolve-ment, exploration of social entrepreneurship skills with the perspective of ecological sustainability and social justice.



18. Deepak Ashwin- Design your Forest

Deepak Ashwani is an environmentalist with experience of 9+ years in Zambia, Rwanda, Denmark, and Bhutan. He is the founder of EdibleForest, which connects individuals and organizations to experts with the aim of designing their self-managed food forests. He has founded Dazin in 2014 which provides smokeless cooking energy services to 10000+ students in schools in Bhutan and is an award-winning social enterprise empowering the communities towards self-sufficiency. Deepak has studied Masters in Environmental Management from Denmark between 2010-12.

19. Manu Moudgil- Digital Media toolkit for Advocacy.

Manu is an Independent journalist writing on environment and governance issues. Manu's stories have impacted many throughout the country. As a journalist-activist, he has challenged the way media works. He is a Water Aid Fellow 2019, TDU-Nature India Fellow 2017, CMS Young Environment Journalist 2015; Govt of India's Right To Information Fellow 2012.

20. Pawan Tak- Compost Preparations

Pawan Tak is a young Rajasthani trainer who left his job in 2012 to fight against chemicals in Farming. Witnessing a girl dying of pesticide, he thought about the ill-effects of it on everyone who eats chemically grown vegetables and felt a sense of responsibility to put an end to this. Within a year Pawan was promoted as a chief trainer and was also given the responsibility to make the entire district of Jhalawar organic. His work now extends to several districts in Rajasthan.

21. Akash Choursia- Multi-Layer Farming

Akash is young farmer from Sagar District in Madhya Pradesh. He was recently awarded for the propagation of Multilevel farming concepts withing farmers. In the last couple of years, he has been extensively involved in taking the training of farmers on the multilevel farming concept across India.

22. Santosh Nimbalkar- Multi Cropping System

Santosh Nimbalkar is a successful organic farmer from Narayangaon, about 160 km from Mumbai. Since 2000, he turned to organic, cultivated seasonal crops in the right season increased fertility of his soil and controlled the pests by growing multiple crops including trap crops and nitrogen fixer crops in the right proportions, increasing the productivity on his farm. He doesn't use any external inputs to increase the productivity of his soil. He has divided his farm into parts balancing between the food crops and cash crops. He has also recently started agro-tourism and takes catering orders for the on-farm experience to urbanities.

23. VK Sanjeevan- Role of Tubers in our Diet

VK Sanjeevan is an organic farmer from Thrissur District in Kerala growing rice and conserving around 40 varieties of tubers including Colocasia, Yam, Sweet potato and many others for the last 15 years on a two-acre of his family farm. He has 5 cows of the traditional breed called 'Malanad gidda'. Since this year he is the youngest Taluka Secretary within the Thrissur district of Kerala Jaiva Karshaka Samithi (Kerala Organic Farmers Association, Kerala chapter of OFAI).

24. Navroop Singh- Traditional Cow Care System

Navroop Singh Started High Tech Dairy in 2009 with HF's cows after returning from Canada but returned to indigenous breeds in 2012. His exploration into indigenous breed led him to learn about Traditional systems of Cow care. Since 2012, he has been practicing naturing farming on his farm along with his two brothers and grows around 50 types of diverse crops.

25. Rakesh Choudhary- Medicinal Plants Farming

Rakesh Choudhary Founder of Vinayak Herbal & Member of National Medicinal Plant Board, Delhi. He has been involved in the promotion of organic Cultivation of Medicinal Plants since 2004, and has been extensively promoting organic cultivation of the herbs with farmers.

26. Devesh Patel- Innovation in value addition

Devesh Patel is a family farmer involved in biodynamic farming since 1992 in village Boriavi, Anand district of Gujarat. They grow spices, tubers, potatoes, ginger, turmeric, yam, elephant foot yam, chili, wheat, and other vegetables through biodynamic cultivation practices. Processing of products for value addition is done by machine innovated by him, which saves time in processing, and is not labor-intensive as it requires no special skill to operate it.

27. Vaishali Malviya- Panel discussion -The future of Organic farming.

After serving a decade in corporate, what made Vaishali quit her Job and move to her village in Madhya Pradesh, was ill-health of her mother who was fighting with Cancer. The revelation of food, being one of the leading causes of cancer, she took it on a personal journey of unearthing relation of Food, health, and Nutrition. She has been doing natural Farming for the last 5 years and has been working with a group of women farmers in the Khandwa region of Madhya Pradesh.



28. Gauri Sarin: Bhumijaa/ Living without Medicine.

Gauri Sarin is a graduate from XLRI specialized in Human Resources Management with 25 years of experience in working with corporates and running successful businesses in Talent search and consulting viz. In 2017 she made a foray into rural India connecting to women in agriculture through two initiatives Kasturi and Bhumijaa a program conceived to foster agripreneurship at a national level among women.

29. Prem Singh- Aavartansheel Kheti

Prem Singh's technique of 'Avartansheel Kheti', or 'periodic proportionate farming' has helped many farmers in the region to fight climatic distress. He also runs the 'Humane Agrarian Centre', an open university for young farmers to teach the principles of sustainable agriculture. Over the last 28 years, he hasn't sold any of his produce raw, rather has value-added them and sold. He believes that farm-level value addition can help farmers grow their income multi-folds.

30. Kapil Mandawawelia- Urban Gardening

Kapil Madawawelia moved to Gujarat to start organic farming at his 22-acre farmland. During the next five years, he established a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) system through which residents could buy local, seasonal, and fresh produce directly from the farm. He then founded Edible Routes in 2012 with the aim to help more and more people to grow their own food. He has created more than 500 edible gardens and manages 20 farms in and around Delhi with his team.

31. Kumud Dadlani- Review of 3 case studies of Farming Miracles around the world

Kumud Dadlani has gained a Masters's degree in Food Studies from the University of Gastronomic Sciences, Italy. She is a firm believer in local foods and the culture that surrounds it. Kumud has worked with India's top restaurant brands in creating a transparent & shorter supply chain while volunteering for the Slow Food organization.

32. Dr Sharad Godda- Government Schemes in Rajasthan for Promotion of Organic Farming

Dr. Sharad Godha did M.Sc.Ag. in horticulture and Ph.D. in biotechnology from the University of Rajasthan. He has about 33 years of experience in the field of Agriculture and Horticulture with the Government department of Agriculture and Horticulture. He has launched an organic Dungarpur project in which envisions converting all the farmers in the district into organic farming.

33. Shruti Shah- Agroecological way of Managing Weeds

Shruti Shah is botanists who possess 18 years of vast

experience surveying forest ecosystem, wetland ecosystem, agroecosystem. Her major work has been on Agroecosystem special emphasis on Agrestals and its important in Agroecosystem sustainability, Ecological Services of agrestal and their impact on farming practices, especially in Organic and Biodynamic farming.

34. Dr. Shankar Ramchandani- Paraquat-the Killer - case study for Odisha

Dr Shankar Ramchandani is a resident doctor in VIMSAR Odisha. He with other 4 colleagues sat on hunger strike recently on banning the Herbicide Paraquat, which is rampantly used by farmers in Odisha. He is on a mission to get these harmful chemicals banned from our food system.

35. Ravi Kelkar- Model Organic Farm

Ravi Kelkar studied agriculture during his collage but soon felt disenchanted with Chemical agriculture. Since 2001 he with his brother Ajit has been promoting Organic agriculture with various government and non-government organizations. He also has been promoting the idea of one's own seed, compost, produces and market with farmers for real sustenance in Organic agriculture.

36. Vishalakshi Padmanabhan- Participatory Guarantee System Organic Council.

Former chartered accountant Vishala P is the founder of Buffalo Back, an organic farming collective, which aligns the requirement of the urban with the traditional knowledge of the tribal community living in the fringes of Bannerghatta National Park, Karnataka. For her, safe, traditional and seasonal food are all interconnected. She is presently involved with functionalizing PGSOC (Participatory Guarantee System Organic Council) and making it accessible to farmers.

37. Sudhir Gupta- Opportunities For Agri Entrepreneurs in Organic.

Sudhir Gupta has extensive professional experience of over 40 years. He completed his Electrical Engineering degree and started his career at the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre. He then moved to industry and has held senior positions in leading organizations like DCM Data Systems, Uptron and Honeywell. Presently he is supporting social sector organizations and startups and is a member of the External Investment Committee at the INVENT Social Incubation Program at IIT Kanpur.

38. Akash Badave- Community Mobilization and Farmer Producer Company

Akash after graduating from BITS, worked in Barclays for 1 and a half year, his inclination towards grassroots-led him to join PMRDF fellowship in Dantewada district of Chhattisgarh. During 3 and half years in Dantewada, he was able to work with farmers closely and form a Farmer Producer company "Bhoomgadi". Akash continued to stay in Dantewada after completing the fellowship and has been strength to the farmer's network and FPO which has around 2000 farmer shareholders in the company.

39. Rohit Jain- Jaivik Kutumb "Community Supported Agriculture"

Rohit was always drawn to the concept of social entrepreneurship soon after graduating from college, he started to work and learn about farming in Gujrat. This exposure led him to witness issues in farming closely and this interest gave him the opportunity to live and work with farmers for few years in Gujrat and Rajasthan. During this journey the Idea of Banyan Roots a trust based farmers consumer network was conceptualized. He presently works with around 400 farmers in around Udaipur. He is also a member of the Intercontinental Network of Organic Farmers Organization, a member of the international Slow Food Youth Network, a Public Relations Advisor for the Asian Agro-History Foundation and a Learning Academy Member of Em Peace Labs of Arizona State University.

40. Ravi Guria- Fakenews and mis-information in social media

Ravi Guria is currently based in New Delhi, heading the Media and Communication Department in, Digital Empowerment Foundation (DEF), that is working towards finding sustainable digital interventions to overcome information poverty in rural and remote locations of India, and empower communities with digital literacy, digital tools, and last-mile connectivity. He has spent more than fifteen years in media, television and film industry as a Scriptwriter, Creative Director, and Producer.

41. Dr. M. Shahid Siddiqui- Use of technology in Agriculture

Development analyst and Agri-preneur by profession, Dr. M. Shahid Siddiqui enables digital agriculture transformation using ICT tools and Social Media, Through his expertise and global farmers group ("Youth Farmers Forum" & "Association of Social Media Professionals") on social media platforms spread in 28 African countries, he supports small farm holding farmers to reduce their cultivation costs by exchanging real-time information, improve their crop productivity

and connect with financial institutions through virtually connecting with rest of the agriculture ecosystem, likes input agencies, agriculture experts, produce buyers, financial institutions, policymakers and government extension officers.

42. Dr Arun Acharya- Feed your Health and Starve your Disease.

Dr Arun Acharya is a practicing physician from Jodhpur. He has been vocal about the role of food in our overall health and has written books around nutrition and health. He is a life member of the National Institute of Nutrition Hyderabad, and a strong proponent of Health Lifestyle through Food.

43. Dr. Shanti Kumar Sharma- Science in Organic Farming

Dr Shanti Kumar Sharma, Professor of Agronomy is presently working as Zonal Director Research, Agricultural Research Station, MPUAT, Udaipur. Prof. Sharma has made outstanding contributions to the field of organic farming. He has authored the first National Level Distance Education Course on Organic Farming in 2007 for creating awareness about the human face of environmental conservation.

44. Avinaash Singh Daangi- Importance of Indigenous Seeds and Multicropping in Organic Farming

Organic farmer from the last 18 years, He has received many awards from the state government. He is an indigenous seed saver and has been doing multi-cropping in his farm. He has been promoting the use of indigenous seeds for fighting climatic stress and having independence from buying market seeds. He also runs an Organic store in the Khargon district of Madhya Pradesh.

45. Binita Shah- Biodynamic farming

Binita Shah is an Organic/Biodynamic Farmer, Social – Entrepreneur & Agriculture Development Professional from Dehradun, Uttarakhand. She came to live in remote ancestral Orchard in village Supi, Nainital in her late twenties to and set up an organization dedicated to the promotion of organic agriculture. She was the prime mover for the Organic Agriculture Policy for Government of Uttarakhand in 2002 and headed the Organic commodity Board (2003 - 2015). Today SARG Vikas Samiti is a national player in Organic Agriculture Development and has the credit of making 1 million composts units among farmers of four states. She is also a Board member in PDKV Jaivik Kheti Mission, State govt of Maharashtra.

46. Aparna Rajagopal- Permaculture

Aparna Rajagopal is a lawyer by training, an artist by nature, and a self-taught farmer. She founded Beejom accidentally in 2014 when she went to find land to board a rescue horse. Farmer helping us with the land, showed us a piece big enough for the horse to freely roam but also enough for anyone to farm, and that's where the idea of farming set in. Today Beejom is an institution promoting sustainable organic farming practices, celebrating traditional cuisine and food, restoring the ancient relationship between animals and farmers while promoting soil & water conservation. Beejom is an animal sanctuary and sustainable agricultural farm located in Noida where the agricultural practices on-farm are animal-centric.

47. Afsar Jafri- Free Trade Agreement, RCEP and their impact on Farmers.

Afsar Jafri has been working on agricultural issues for decades and has written extensively on the ill effects of the "green revolution", international trade, GMOs, IPRs and patents, and about agroecology and food sovereignty as the alternative to the agrarian crisis in Asia. Afsar has long been associated with farmers' groups in South Asia. He has been working with farmer-unions in India on these issues. He was involved for a decade with the grassroots organisation Navdanya, founded by Dr. Vandana and has worked with Focus on the Global South – an Asian activist think tank – for 13 years. Afsar presently works with GRAIN, an international NGO that supports small farmers and social movements in their struggles for community-controlled and biodiverse food systems.

48. Shamika Mone- Model Farmers organization - Kerala Jaiva Karshaka Samithi (KJSS)

Shamika Mone is a researcher turned organic farmer and entrepreneur originally from Maharashtra. She does organic farming on 14 Acres of leased farm land traditional rice varieties and vegetables are grown. She is Treasurer and the Managing Committee member. Of The Organic Farming Association of India - a network of organic farmers across the country. Her documented book, "A Source Book on India's Organic Seeds" was officially released by Hon'ble Maneka Gandhi, in February 2015 which serves to increase the accessibility and availability of indigenous seeds for the farmers in villages as well as cities. She is also an executive committee member in Kerala Jaiva Karshaka Samithi - Kerala chapter of OFAI.

49. Shiv Prasad Raju- Multilayer cropping System and Biodiversity.

Shiv Prasad is a natural farmer and Seed conserver from Andhra Pradesh. For the past 5 years he has been working in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana with various farmer groups on formation of Indigenous seed banks while

promoting the concept of Seed Sovereignty. He is also working as state resource person with AP government promoting sustainable agriculture.

50. Anant Bhojar- Organic India –Dharti Mitra (Process and Award)

Anant Bhojar has been practicing Natural farming for last 16 years in 14 acres of land. He has extensively worked on creating seed banks for local and rare varieties of indigenous seeds. He has created a solar dryer for forest produce and market for the sale of the produce. He has also written and published 7 books on 'Natural farming and Lifestyle' and has been writing magazines. In 2009 Maharashtra Government awarded him 'Krushibhushan' award and he was also awarded "Dharti Mitra" national level event organized by Organic India in 2018.

51. Umendra Dutt- Cultural aspect of Agriculture

Shri Umendra Dutt is someone credited with introducing organic farming to the farmers of Punjab. After publicising the ill effects of chemical intensive farming, being witnessed in Punjab, both within the state and outside it, he set about convincing farmers to try organic farming. With a team of practising farmers helping him, he almost - single handedly created a movement of hundreds of organic farmers in the heartland of Green Revolution in India. Today, many of these farmers are also tied to loyal customers supporting this switch because of the efforts of Kheti Virasat Mission.

52. Anita Paul- Participatory Guarantee System and Gender Equality - Experiences from Himalaya!

Anita has been involved directly with community development programs since 1980 when she joined the National Dairy Development Board at Anand, as the first woman spearhead team member to promote the participation of women in dairy cooperatives in Operation Flood, the largest anti-poverty program in the world. In 1992, she co-founded Pan Himalayan Grassroots Development Foundation, a voluntary organisation which promotes holistic river basin restoration through active engagement of communities in Indian Himalayan Region. She continues to live and work from a tiny hamlet at 6,000 feet in the central Himalaya; focused about bringing forth sustainable change and development at the grassroots, through a balance between economics, ecology and equity.

53. Kalyan Paul- Adoption of value chains for enhancing incomes for small farmers - from farms to fingers!

He has been directly involved with community development programs since 1980 when he joined the National Dairy Development Board at Anand to organise a three-tier cooperative infrastructure for procurement,

processing and marketing of milk for small and marginal farmers in Operation Flood, the largest anti-poverty program in the world. He holds the portfolio of Executive Director in Grassroots besides being the chief promoter of Guilds of Barefoot Engineers involved with spreading the benefits of appropriate technologies in various cross-cutting sectors like community-managed drinking water, environmental sanitation, rainwater harvesting and renewable energy. His major responsibility is to organise communities across river basins for renewal of hydrology through adoption of appropriate technologies in soil and moisture conservation, followed by establishment of community-owned micro enterprises to improve livelihoods.

54. Edath Wan Walsum- IFOAM World Board member, Netherlands

Edath grew up in a village in the eastern part of the Netherlands and studied Nutrition, Extension and Rural Sociology at Wageningen Agricultural University. She with some young scientists formed a group Project Group with named Low External Input Sustainable Agriculture (LEISA). For more than 30 years she has dedicated herself for being the interface of LEISA/ agroecology/organic farming, nutrition and women's empowerment.

55. Deepika- Natueco Farming

Deepika is naturopathy practitioner and for the last 3 years has been practicing Natueco Farming. She has been a student of Late Shri Deepak Suchde Ji. She has been involved with various farming related projects in and around udaipur and train farmers too on making of healthy Soil.

56. Naresh Bishwas- Bewar Swaraj

Naresh Biswas has been working for the welfare of the Baiga tribe for two decades. Declared as one of the 76 primitive tribes in India, there are about 3.5 lakh Baigas mainly across Dindori and Anuppur districts in Madhya Pradesh and Raigarh in Chhattisgarh. For two decades, Biswas has been on a mission to ensure that no Baiga stomach goes empty because of 'external interference'. In bewar farming, Baigas grow eight to ten varieties of millets and corn and five varieties of legumes in a single plot. Bewar, Biswas stresses, ensures freedom from hunger.

57. Jagatram- Challenges in Organic Farming

Jagatram Ji is a farmer based out of a village of Karnal District in Haryana. He gained the interest and knowledge in sustainable agriculture looking at the tribal communities around him and further created a Seed bank, which now holds rare varieties of indigenous seeds in it. In a farm of 1 acre, he has been able to more than 20 types of vegetables, 7 types of pulses, grains,

millets and lots of fruits available throughout the year.

58. Archana Thobare- Benefits of millets and local food in women and children

Although, a qualified medical professional, Dr Archana Thombare has devoted her career for improving nutrition, health and well-being of communities, with special focus on mother and children. She is a recognized National level trainer on Diet and Nutrition, Ergonomics and Health Awareness & has worked with premier planning and administration institutions such as YASHADA (Yashwantrao Chavan Academy for Development Administration). By participating in lectures, seminars, talks and media interviews, she has reached out every stratum of society. She is also recognized for her contribution in Emergency Support Services and as Disaster Risk Reduction expert, particularly on the needs of women and children and psycho-social care. Her professional aim is to enrich communities with the knowledge about health which will enable them to take care of themselves.

59. Sanjoy Singh- Organic Pulses farming, Opportunities and challenges.

Sanjoy Singh is a Gandhian born in West Bengal and have been working in Bhudelkhand, Madhya Pradesh for many years now. He has extensively worked on Farm level Water Conservation and Natural Farming and has been constantly involved with small farmers in India and Nepal. He has also specifically worked on promotion of Organic Pulses cultivation in water scarce Budhelkhand and presently is a Secretary of Gandhi Smarak Nidhi, Delhi.



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