

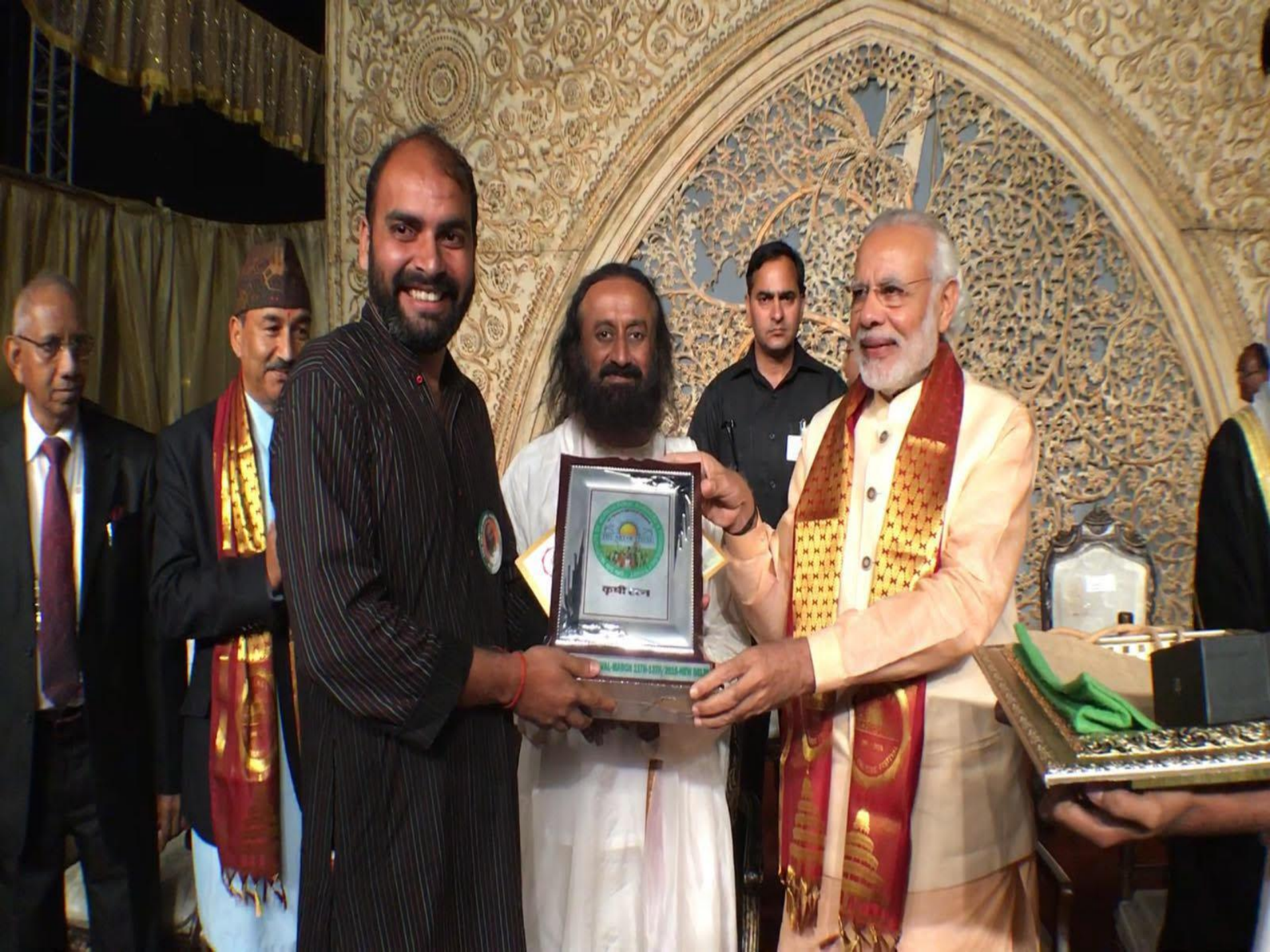
KRISHI RATNA AWARD- 2016

It is Poojya Gurudev's vision that the farming in India should have sustainable practices in places to ensure nutritional security for the nation as well as provide better livelihoods to farm based families.

SSIAST has taken number of initiatives to promote sustainable practices with the help of volunteers and agriculture teachers who are helping farmers in the rural areas to adopt organic farming methods in agriculture

In World Culture festival 2016, on 11th March, in Delhi, 51 farmers are felicitated with "Krishi Ratna" award in presence of Poojya Gurudev Sri Sri Ravishankar ji, and Sri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India considering their outstanding contribution in the field of agriculture, who are practising natural farming to develop their land and water resources and increase agricultural production.









Sri Mahadeo Gomare

From Latur , Maharashtra



- 1. More than 10 years experience in organic farming**
- 2. He also believes in growing more trees for increasing the biomass**
- 3. Taken initiatives for conducting workshops on organic farming.**



**Dr. Shashikant Yashwant
Salunkhe**

From Satara, Maharashtra

- 1. He has been several times interviewed by media based on the success of his farming**
- 2. Use of Jeevamrut, Beejamrut and mulching techniques have saved the cost on inputs**
- 3. Has organized number of farmer meetings, training in organic farming**

Sri Ranjit Jaikishan Givetonde

From Nagpur, Maharashtra



A hard core organic farmer with a small holding

- 1. Successfully implemented organic farming methods on the his land.**
- 2. All the able bodied members of the family are actively involved in the farming**
- 3. He has been practicing organic farming practices since last 4 years.**



**Sri Asaram Nanabhau
Jogade
From Jalna, Maharashtra**

An expert farmer with diversified farming

- 1. He has been growing agriculture, horticulture crops and as well as Sericulture**
- 2. Successfully raising a range crops organically in area which is otherwise known for dry land agriculture**

Sri Bhaginath B. jadhav
From Ahmednagar,
Maharashtra



An expert Onion Seed grower organically

- 1. More than 7 years experience in organic/natural farming**
- 2. Grows a range of crops such as Soya, Sugar cane**
- 3. He has mastered the techniques of soil and water conservation.**
- 4. A strong believer in indigenous breeds of cattle which he says are the back bone of Indian agriculture especially organic farming.**



Sri Khudiram Munda
From Ranchi, Jharkhand

An outstanding farmer growing vegetables organically

- 1. Involved in organic farming since 2009**
- 2. He has maintained indigenous breeds of cattle**
- 3. He finds organic farming is low cost and less cumbersome**

Sri Julius Tigga **From Ranchi,** **Jharkhand**



A committed organic farmer
He has been also providing training programme to the farmers.





Sri Ajit Pal
From Darjeeling ,
West Bengal

An innovator and avid organic farmer has promoted organic farming in more than 450 villages in West Bengal since 2004

- 1.He is not only a farmer but written book on organic farming and distributed to about 45000 farmers.**
- 2. He has developed innovative machineries required for food processing.**
- 3.He has also distributed desi seeds to more than 1000 farmers at free of cost .**
- 4. He has been also a successful teacher of agriculture promoting organic farming in West Bengal**

Sri Sukanta Chakraborty
From Nadia,
West Bengal



**An experienced farmer & has been actively
involved in promoting organic farming.**





Sri Nimai Mondal

From Nadia, West Bengal

- 1. He has been actively involved in organic farming**
- 2. He has been involved advocacy of organic farming in the surrounding villages**
- 3. He has established proper market linkages.**
- 4. He has been actively involved in germplasms for future use.**

Sri Lakshman Pramanik

From Nadia, West Bengal



An expert farmer in Betel vine cultivation

- 1. He has been identified as a model farmer by the fellow farmers and seek his advice on organic farming**
- 2. He has expertise in growing field crops to vegetables**
- 3. He has been trainer**



Smt Neelam

From Jhajjar, Haryana

- 1. She has been practicing Zero Budget Natural Farming**
- 2. She has a very good customer base in Delhi who prefer to buy their farm needs from her.**
- 3. She has been an innovative farmer always finding ways to reduce the on farm expenditure.**

Smt Salochana Rani Nehra

From Jhajjar, Haryana



Involved in farming with diversified cropping pattern

- 1. She has been recognized as the model farmer surrounding her village in Jhajjar district of Haryana**
- 2. She has established orchard, dairy unit and bio gas unit**



Sri Abhishek Mehta

**From Yamunanagar,
Haryana**

Successfully brought down the cost of production by using bio-inputs like vermicompost, Panchagavya, Jeevamrut

Successfully raised crops such as Sugar cane, Mangoes, Wheat, Guava, Turmeric and Broccoli.

He has opened his organic shop

Sri Natabarbhay G. Patel

From Sabarkantha, Gujarat



An enthusiastic organic farmer

- 1. He has not only practiced organic farming techniques but also trained more than 500 farmers**
- 2. He has been an active organic farming teacher from Sri Sri Institute of Agricultural Sciences and Technology**
- 3. He has also worked with Deepak foundation in preserving the native seeds.**
- 4. Has expertise in growing all sorts of Indian crops especially, cereals, pulses and vegetables.**



Sri Vishal H. Mange

From Kachch, Gujarat

Has been following organic farming practices since 5 years

- 1. Has been successfully raising crops such as Cotton, Wheat, Dates, Jowar and Bajra**
- 2. He has been motivating fellow farmers in the neighbourhood to take to organic farming methods.**
- 3. Has maintained Indigenous cows**

Sri Sudhir Thobanbhai Zala

From Junagadh, Gujarat



Practicing organic farming since last 5 years

- 1. Out of 10 acres 2 acres ear marked for Agriculture, 1 acre in horticulture and 7 acres in plantation crops.**
- 2. His promoting his produce in the brand name “ RADHE FARM”**
- 3. He has also been promoting eco-tourism that includes sessions on Nature studies**
- 4. Several times interviewed by media to create awareness on natural farming**
- 5. Also associated with Agri Information Board, Chennai and NHB, Gurgaon**



Sri Manubhai N. Sarasya

From Rajkot, Gujarat

He has been relentlessly working in preserving the Gir breed of cow

He has firsthand knowledge of gir cow management

He grows Fennel, Cotton, Asafoetida and Jowar

Practices sustainable farming practices

Sri Chandrasekhar Pillai

From Kollam, Kerala



Has been a successful organic farmer and as well Teacher

- 1. Has been successfully practicing organic farming in a Mixed farming system.**
- 2. Also trainer in organic farming**
- 3. Growing crops such as Rice, Til, Vegetables, Coconut, Ratalu**



Sri Mukunda Sahu

From Sambalpur, Odisha

A Technocrat transformed into organic farmer

- 1.Has been successfully growing vegetables**
- 2.Using bio-pesticides for control of pests**
- 3.Has preserved indigenous cows**
- 4.Marketing as SRI SRI NATURAL FOODS**
- 5.Has been interviewed by media on his achievements**

Smt K. Lavanya R. Reddy

From Mahboobnagar, Telengana



An young woman successfully producing organic seeds under the brand name Lavanya Seeds

- 1.She is a vegetable and flower growers**
- 2.Has been mentoring large of number of farmers in the surrounding area**
- 3.Having a list of crops raised in Mixed farming system.**
- 4. Earning from the sale of flower per day is about Rs 400-600 per day.**



Sri Sathi Reddy From Nalgonda, Telengana

At 72 he is deeply involved in organic farming.

1. He has formed a group of about 50 farmers.

2. Customers pay the premium price for the produce raised in his farm.

3. He has been a regular resource person for the various trainings conducted in the village.

4. Grows range of crops such as Amla , Paddy, Vegetables, Pulses, Garlic, sapota, castor and Turmeric

Sri Pamulapati Balaiah

**From Koornool,
Andhra Pradesh**



A marginal farmer who has been successful in organic farming

- 1. Many farmers visit him to gain knowledge,**
- 2. Got 10 additional bags of paddy yield after starting organic farming.**
- 3. He has been role model for many other farmers in his area.**



Sri Elanchelian Nanian

**From Thanjavur,
Tamilnadu**

Has been actively involved in preserving the native breeds of cows especially Kagayam which is extremely good for drought purpose.

- 1. Makes organic jaggery out of sugar cane that he grows.**
- 2. On his 23 acre crops he grows plantation, Agriculture and Horticulture crops.**
- 3. Expertise in Sugar cane, Banana and Vegetables to some extent paddy**

Sri R. Ashokan

From Thanjavur, Tamilnadu



A practitioner of organic farming, a mentor and leader in sustainable practices

- 1. Grows both Horticulture and Plantation crops.**
- 2. Paddy grown in his field belonging to the rare variety of black rice and traditional samba varieties.**
- 3. Also involved in PGS certification.**



Sri R. Sriram

**From Thanjavur,
Tamilnadu**

He has saved more than 30 different varieties of paddy.

Has been following organic farming since 2010.

Saved about Rs 6 lakhs which he used to incur for the chemical inputs for farming

He has been marketing the produce with brand name "ORGANIC WAY".

Agriculture produce is certified under Participatory Guarantee scheme..

He also maintaining the native breeds of cows like Kangayam, Rathi, Gir and Red Sindhi

Sri C. Venkateshwara Rao

From Koppal, Karnataka



An ardent follower of Natural Farming Techniques

- 1. He has preserved the breeds of Indian cattle such as Ongole, Sahiwal and Malnad Gidda**
- 2. Crops grown are Sugar cane, Banana and Paddy. Navadanya's are taken as intercrops.**
- 3. Makes Organic Jaggery which is free from chemicals.**
- 4. Has undergone organic certification process.**



Smt Padmamma

From Mysore, Karnataka

- 1. She has saved more than 50 varieties of Paddy**
- 2 She has been growing crops such as Paddy , Millets and vegetables successfully.**
- 3. Following Water and soil conservation methods.**
- 4.Has been training number of farmers in organic farming.**
- 5. A large number of farmers visit her farm for gaining knowledge on organic farming**

Sri A.V. Munikrishna Gowda

From Kolar, Karnataka



He has more than 3 decades experience area in farming

1. He has played in restoring soil health by adopting suitable conservation methods.
2. He has been an ardent follower of Subhash Palekar method of organic farming



Sri Krishna Gowda K.C

**From Chikmagalur,
Karnataka**

Successfully raising Pomegranate without using any chemical pesticide and chemical fertiliser

- 1. Range of crops grown such as-Pomegranate, Papaya, Amla, Mango, Coconut, Areca Nut, Pepper**
- 2. Has been following Zero Budget Natural Farming methods**
- 3. He has adopted water and soil conservation methods to improve the productivity of the land**

Sri N.B.Shivakumar

From Hasan, Karnataka



A small coffee planter who is growing using organic methods of farming.

- 1. Member of “Parisar Premi Gumpu” (Environment Lovers Group) which has 500 members**
- 2. Strictly follows zero budget natural farming**
- 3. Has gone in for organic farming certification through “Rainforest Alliance”**



Sri Ravdeep Singh

From Barnala, Punjab

- 1. He has 9 acres under Agriculture, 2 Acres in Horticulture and has planted more than 100 trees**
- 2. He has been role model for many young farmers in Punjab**
- 3. Involved in preserving traditional varieties of seeds.**
- 4. Helping youngsters to pursue agriculture as the best career.**

Sri Hartej Singh Mehta

From Bathinda, Punjab



For him it was a wonderful shift to farming from Naxalite movement.

- 1. Fought tooth and nail to protest against BT cotton and GM crops**
- 2. Has actively involved in preserving Sahiwal breed of cow.**
- 3. Involved in multiplication of desin seeds.**
- 4. He is one of the founding fathers of organic farming in the state of Punjab**



Sri Amarjeet Sharma

From Faridkot, Punjab

More than 10 years in Organic Farming

- 1. Converted his complete land holding into organic farming in 2005**
- 2. Totally debt free.**
- 3. Grows all the major needs of his household.**
- 4. He has been several times interviewed by MEDIA channels.**
- 5. He grows more than 30 different crops and thus has created biodiversity model.**

Sri Abhishek Kumar

From Aurangabad, Bihar



He is an avid organic farmer using organic methods to raise the crops

- 1. Effectively used biofertilizers.**
- 2. He has adopted Integrating Farming System which includes Fisheries.**
- 3. He is member of KVK advisory committee**
- 4. He also expertise in growing Zerbera**
- 5. Often he has been invited as resource person to impart training in organic farming.**



Sri Manish Shrivastava

**From Bemtara,
Chhattisgarh**

A successful organic farmer

- 1. Grows oilseeds, pulses, soyabean and Paddy**
- 2. Practices organic farming methods**
- 3. Motivate fellow farmers to get into low cost farming techniques**

Sri Narendra Patel

From Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh



A Bio medical engineer getting into organic farming

- 1. Using natural inputs derived from desi breeds of cows**
- 2. Raising number of field crops such as Soya completely organic farming using sustainable farming methods**
- 3. Actively involved in bringing more young farmers to organic farming mode.**



Sri Arvindkumar Bishnoi

**From Hanumangarh,
Rajasthan**

**More than 14 years in Organic farming
Grows Oil seeds, Pulses, Grains, Vegetables and Fodder
Preserved desi cows.
Has keen interest in Biodiesel farming**

Sri Dinesh Gurjar

From Jodhpur, Rajasthan



Due to heavy loss in Chemical farming he switched over to organic farming

- 1. Totally debt free**
- 2. Training people in organic farming**



Sri Surendra Singh

**From Aligarh,
Uttar Pradesh**

**An established organic farmer
Has been keen lover of desi cows.**

**Uses the products derived from cow urine and cow dung in
controlling pest and diseases and as well in improving the
fertility of the land**

**Very keen in using every drop of water that falls on the
land.**

Sri Chinmay P. Tanshikar

From South GOA, GOA



- 1. Since 20 years into organic farming**
- 2. has been successfully growing crops such as coconut, arecanut, cinnamon, nutmeg**
- 3. The farmer has been able to save substantial amount of money on input**



Sri Ravi Kiran Saini

**From Haridwar,
Uttarakhand**

**He is an outstanding organic farmer with firm belief in Zero
Budget Natural Farming**



Sri Nirbhaya Singh



**An exceptionally involved person in farming which is sustainable,
Growing both Horticultural and Agricultural crops**



Sri Prabhudayal Punde

**From Betul,
Madhya Pradesh**

A very successful farmer practicing organic farming since 4 years

- 1. He has been successfully growing wheat, Soyabean,**
- 2. Using the methods of chemical free farming which he picked up from Sri Sri Agriculture teacher from Betul**

Sri Dharam Singh
From Sehore,
Madhya Pradesh



An experienced farmer in organic farming

Has been actively involved in promoting organic farming.



Sri Sham Singh

**From Sambalpur,
Jammu**

He is the one who introduced Strawberry cultivation in J&K. The farmer has been actively involved in Horticulture crops which includes fruits and flowers namely; strawberry, mango, litchi, Peach, Gladiolus, Tuberose and Rajani gandha

He is also training farmers in improved sustainable farm practices through his Farm School established on his farm.

In addition to horticulture crops he also grows pulses, oilseeds

Very well connected with Krishi Vigyan Kendra and Agriculture University also network of farmers who adore him as their role model

Sri Abdul Mannan

From Daarang, Assam



1. Got influenced by the Organic Farming Scheme initiated by Department of Agriculture and shifted from chemical farming to organic farming 3 years back.
2. He is happy with organic farming as it has helped in brining down the cost of production as his dependency on external inputs has considerably reduced.
3. He has been helping the fellow farmers to adopt organic farming practices which are sustainable



Sri K.Krishnamorthy

From Puducherry

Farmer has been practicing organic farming successfully since last 8 years
Self regulated organic farmer primarily cultivates Paddy.
Member of various organic forums.
Small scale processing of paddy
Cultivates various traditional paddy varieties
Doing Zero Budget farming

Smt Nisha Chauhan

From Shimla, Himachal Pradesh



Practicing organic farming since 2005.

- 1. Grows crops such as Apple, Peach, Nectarine and vegetables**
- 2. Has motivated number of farmers to adopt organic farming practices.**
- 3. Directly marketing the produce to Hotels in Delhi**
- 4. Initiated “Organic Farmers Forum” which is a registered society**