

## GOVERNOR OF GOA & GUJARAT LAUNCHES PROJECT OF NATURAL FARMING

Need to undertake it in a big way

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The Governor of Goa, Shri P. S. Sreedharan Pillai in the presence of Governor of Gujarat, Shri Acharya Devrath launched the project of Natural Farming organized by the Directorate of Agriculture at Raj Bhavan Donapaula [today](#).

Speaking on the occasion, Governor said agriculture is fundamental source of prosperity. We have ancient tradition of natural farming and stressed on the need to continue with it in a big way as it is conducive for environment and better human living. The original breed of cow Shwet Kapila has been reared at Raj Bhavan Gaushala as token of our ancient tradition.

Governor of Gujarat, Shri Acharya Devrath in his address highlighted the importance of natural farming. Natural farming results in saving environment, soil and arrest contamination of water. Natural food leads to a healthy life apart from keeping our land safe, he said and underscored the need for natural farming as it is the best alternative for chemical and organic farming. Use of chemical fertilizers will destroy fertility its natural carbon, nitrogen level of land, etc he added.

Urging Goan farmers to undertake natural farming, he hoped Goa to become the first State in the country in natural farming.

Chief Minister called upon farmers to fulfill our basic requirements of vegetables fruit, milk, for which we depend on other States. The Government intends to ensure that central Government and State Government schemes reach to needy people in the State to achieve the goal of self-reliant. He appealed to the people to cooperate with the Government by undertaking farming on a large scale to make Goa self reliant.

Minister for Agriculture Shri Ravi Naik said agriculture our age old profession include the production of paddy, cashew, coconut, vegetables etc. The different fruits production, arecanut, etc. Our ancestor have professed agriculture from past, we have to preserve our farm lands for posterity. He exhorted youth to acquire education but turn towards agriculture as well. Presently there is demand for agricultural product. It is the responsibility of every citizen to preserve our agriculture lands and let us work to make Goa self reliant in agricultural production.

Minister for Animal Husbandary Shri Nilkanth Halarnkar reiterating Government endeavour to increase milk production of Goa said Government has implemented various schemes to encourage dairy farming in the State. Presently milk production is not sufficient because of more demand, he said and called upon the people to undertake dairy farming availing the benefit of schemes and help to make our Goa self reliant in milk production.

Some farmers who undertook innovative and outstanding work in the field of agriculture were honoured - Best organic farmer - Shekhar Parsekar, Pernem; Dashrath Madgaokar, Guirim, Bardez; Vrindha Kittur, Neura, Tiswadi; Narayan

Salgaonkar, Ladfem, Bicholim; Vishwamber Gawas, Navelim, Sattari; Prashant Rane, Keri, Sattari; Hermant Samant, Conxem, Nirankal, Ponda; Smt. Tulshi Gaonkar, Kirlapal, Dabal, Dharbandora; Gauresh Prabhu Desai Rivona, Sanguem; Sachin Naik, Poinguinim, Cancona and Rui Costa, Chicalim, Mormugao.

M/s. Nanu Farms, Shri Pravas Naik Sulcorna, Quepem took the honours for best producer of certified organic product.

Highest vermi compost producers - Sudhir Dhauskar, Ibrampur, Pernem; Rohidas Ganesh Parab, Pirna, Bardez; Krishna Sinari, Amona, Sakhali; Nester Rangel, Golouli, Thane, Sattari; Mohan Tendulkar, Molcornem, Quepem; Urmila Parab, Mencurem, Bicholim; Gomantak Gausevak Mahasang Goshala, Shikeri, Mayem, Bicholim and Jai Shri Ram Gosanvardhan Goshala, Valpoi, Sattari were felicitated at the hands of the Chief Minister, Dr. Sawant

Minister for Social Welfare Shri Subhash Faldesai; Chief Secretary Shri Puneet Kumar Goel IAS; Director Agriculture, Shri Nevil Afonso were among others who attended the function.

Secretary Agriculture Shri Arun Mishra IAS proposed the vote of thanks.

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