



The First Ever Field Day Celebration on Natural Farming by the Indian Institute of Sustainability, Gujarat University , on February 04, 2024.



The Indian Institute of Sustainability (IIS), established by Gujarat University, works exclusively towards sustainability goals with a practitioner approach not only for Gujarat but for the entire Bharat. This institute operates on the pillars of Practice, Research, Training, and Institutional collaboration. IIS works in the domain of environment & climate, agriculture & forestry, heritage & smart cities, circular economy and other areas for integrating sustainability with development.

We are thrilled to announce **the first-ever Field Day Celebration on Natural Farming** to be organised at one of our experimental sites at Vasna Keliya village, Dholka by the Indian Institute of Sustainability (IIS), Gujarat University, **on February 04, 2024** (10:30 am - 03:00 pm) in the gracious presence of Shri Devusinh Chauhan (Hon'ble Minister of State for Communications of India), Shri Kiritsinh Dabhi (Hon'ble MLA of Dholka) and Dr. Neerja A Gupta (Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Gujarat University). Furthermore, the event will also be graced by the presence of Shri Kaushik Jain (Hon'ble MLA of Dariapur), Shri Himanshu Parikh (Joint Managing Director, GLPC, Ahmedabad), and Dr. Snehal Bagtharia (Joint Director, Gujarat State Biotechnology Mission, DST, Govt. of Gujarat). Their participation will undoubtedly add to the overall grandeur of the event. The event is being organised as a part of Natural Farming (NF) project funded by **GSBTM, Dept. of Science and Technology, Govt. of Gujarat**. This project entails a three-year NF experiment focusing on mustard and pearl millet. Concurrently, to disseminate NF knowledge and its benefits for farmers and the

environment, IIS is organizing this event with the title of *“Field Day Celebration Focusing on Natural Farming Under 'Paras Parv' of Gujarat University”*.

This landmark event is the first of its kind organised by State University under the dynamic leadership of Hon’ble Vice Chancellor of Gujarat University, Prof. Neerja Gupta, Indian Institute of Sustainability is growing to leave imprints of development and aiding to the growth of the nation. As the University is celebrating “Paras Parv”-75 years of the establishment, through this event will be truly momentous because it will be the first event when we will provide training to trainers (75 Self-Help Groups Women Leaders) to disseminate knowledge of NF to around 750 women farmers. The event will feature hands-on training for farmers on NF inputs preparation, and we will showcase the application of NF inputs using cutting-edge Drone technology. This demonstration will underscore how modern tools like drones can significantly augment productivity and sustainability in natural farming. As part of the event, we will also train SHG Sisters as Drone Sakhi. In the Field Day, the Hon’ble Minister will also felicitate the leading Natural Farming farmers, FPOs, and startups that are mentored by the Indian Institute of Sustainability. In this event, Gujarat Livelihood Promotion Company Ltd. (GLPC) will be our SHGs Partner and Dronelab Technologies Pvt. Ltd. will be our Technology partner.

This Field Day Celebration on Natural Farming will not only showcase the benefits and adoption of NF but also realize the Viksit Bharat @2047 vision of Hon’ble Prime Minister of India, emphasizing the promotion and adoption of NF because this farming technique holds the promise of enhancing farmers' income without compromising natural resources.



