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.
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.
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
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.
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 backbone of Indian agriculture, especially organic farming.
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
A committed organic farmer
He has been also providing training programme to the farmers.
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 Ajit Pal
From Darjeeling, West Bengal
Sri Sukanta Chakraborty
From Nadia, West Bengal

An experienced farmer & has been actively involved in promoting organic farming.
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
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 Neelam
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
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 Abhishek Mehta

From Yamunanagar, Haryana
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 Kachchh, 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 earmarked 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
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
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 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.
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, caster and Turmeric.

Sri Sathi Reddy
From Nalgonda, Telangana
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.
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
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.
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.
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
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 Krishne 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
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”
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.
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.
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.
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
A biomedical 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 Arvind Kumar 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
Due to heavy loss in Chemical farming he switched over to organic farming
1. Totally debt free
2. Training people in organic farming
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.
1. Since 20 years into organic farming
2. has been successfully growing crops such as coconut, arecanut, cinnamon, nut meg
3. The farmer has been able to save substantial amount of money on input
He is an outstanding organic farmer with firm belief in Zero Budget Natural Farming.
An exceptionally involved person in farming which is sustainable, Growing both Horticultural and Agricultural crops
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
An experienced farmer in organic farming

Has been actively involved in promoting organic farming.

Sri Dharam Singh
From Sehore, Madhya Pradesh
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.
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 bringing 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.
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