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Respected **Sir,**

As you are aware, the Government of India is celebrating the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' initiative to commemorate 75 glorious years of progressive India. As a part of this initiative, NITI Aayog is organizing a one-day National Workshop on "Innovative Agriculture" on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 from 09:00 AM to 4:30 PM (IST) at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi in hybrid mode.

2. The workshop is expected to bring together all the stakeholders working in the field of innovative agriculture and natural farming practices. Deliberations will be held in key areas related to promotion of natural farming, role of natural farming for soil health restoration and climate mitigation and innovations in natural farming.

3. Your esteemed participation in the workshop will help to enrich the session and also aid in developing concrete recommendations. You are also requested to kindly depute faculties and students to attend the workshop. A copy of the tentative agenda of the event is attached herewith.

A line of confirmation will highly be appreciated.

With warm regards,

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एक कदम स्वच्छता की ओर

**National Workshop on “Innovative Agriculture”**  
**(Azadi Ka Amrit Mahostav)**  
**25<sup>th</sup> April, 2022**  
**Venue: Vigyan Bhawan**  
**(Time: 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM)**

Time	Inaugural Session
9:00-10:00 AM	Registration
10:00-10:05 AM	Welcome by Dr. Neelam Patel, Senior Adviser (Agriculture), NITI Aayog
10:05-10:10 AM	Address by Shri Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog
10.10-10.20 AM	Address by Prof. Ramesh Chand, Hon’ble Member, NITI Aayog
10.20-10.30 AM	Address by Shri Parshottam Rupala, Hon'ble Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
10.30 -10.40 AM	Release of compendium of success stories (Hindi and English) & videos of farmers practicing Natural Farming
10.40-10.50 AM	Address by Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
10.50 -11.00 AM	-Chairman address by Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Hon’ble Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog
11.00 -11.15 AM	Address by Chief Guest Shri Amit Shah, Hon’ble Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Cooperation
11.15 -11.30 AM	Address by Shri Acharya Devvrat, Hon’ble Governor, Gujarat
<b>Technical Session-I</b>	
<b>Technical Session- I: Panel discussion on Natural Farming in States</b> <b>Chair: Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Hon’ble Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog</b>	
11:30- 12:30 PM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Shri Yogi Adityanath, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh</li> <li>2. Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh</li> <li>3. Shri Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Andhra Pradesh</li> <li>4. Shri Jairam Thakur, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Himachal Pradesh</li> <li>5. Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Uttarakhand</li> </ol>
1:00-1:30 PM	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>Technical session-II</b>	
<b>Technical Session- II: Natural Farming for soil health restoration and climate change mitigation</b> <b>Chair: Dr. Mihir Shah, Chairman, National Coalition for Natural Farming</b>	
1:30-2:30 PM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Promotion of regenerative agriculture- Dr. Rattan Lal, Distinguished University Professor of Soil Science, Director, Carbon Management and Sequestration Center, The Ohio State University: College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Science and recipient of the prestigious World Food Prize-2020</li> <li>2. Reversing and mitigating climate change with traditional farming systems-Walter Jehne, Australian soil microbiologist and climate scientist and the founder of Healthy Soils Australia</li> <li>3. Green economics for New India- Pawan Sukhdev, Special</li> </ol>

	<p>Adviser and Head, UNEP's Green Economy Initiative</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Sustainable Agro ecological food systems for 21st Century- Dr. Bruno Dorin-Senior Researcher and Head, Economics and Development, Centre De Sciences Humaines</li> <li>5. Climate resilient agriculture solutions with natural farming – Dr. Ravi Prabhu, Director, ICRAF</li> </ol>
<b>Technical Session-III</b>	
<b>Technical Session- III: Promotion of Natural Farming</b> <b>Chair: Shri. T. Vijay Kumar, Executive Vice-Chairman, Rythu Sadhikara Samstha (RySS), Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, AP</b>	
<b>2:30-3:30 PM</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Scaling up of natural farming in India - Shri Manoj Ahuja, Secretary, MoA&amp;FW</li> <li>2. Integration of NRLM resources for promotion of Natural Farming - Shri Nagendra Nath Sinha, Secretary, Rural Development</li> <li>3. Role of Cooperatives and FPOs for promotion and scaling up of marketing network and credit support for Natural Farming-Shri Ajay Bhai Patel, Chairman, Gujarat State Co-operative Bank</li> <li>4. Community based certification process in Natural Farming- Dr. Rajeshwar Chandel, Executive Director, Prakritik Kheti Khushhal Kisan Yojana, Himachal Pradesh</li> <li>5. Improving soil biology and biodiversity- Dr. Baljit Saharan, Associate Prof., HAU, Haryana</li> </ol>
<b>Technical Session-IV</b>	
<b>Technical Session - IV : Innovations in Natural Farming</b> <b>Chair: Dr A.K. Singh, DDG (Extension), Indian Council of Agricultural Research,</b>	
<b>3:30-4:00 PM</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pre Monsoon Dry Sowing and other Innovations- Shri. T. Vijay Kumar, executive vice-chairman, Rythu Sadhikara Samstha (RySS), Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, AP</li> <li>2. Crop residue management under Natural Farming - PRAN (NGO), Gaya, Bihar</li> <li>3. Mechanisation and automation for input preparations and applications in Natural Farming - Shri. Rati Lal, Subham Agriculture, Gujarat</li> </ol>
<b>4:00-4:30 PM</b>	<p>Way ahead - Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Hon'ble VC, NITI Aayog</p> <p>Vote of Thanks - Agriculture &amp; Allied sectors, NITI Aayog</p>