

PROGRESS OF NATURAL FARMING UNDER THE NATIONAL MISSION FOR NATURAL FARMING

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The Union Cabinet approved the National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) on 25th November 2024 as a centrally sponsored scheme which is being implemented across the country to promote natural farming. Natural Farming is a chemical free farming, involving livestock integrated natural farming methods and diversified crop systems rooted in the Indian traditional knowledge. Natural farming improves soil health, restores ecosystems and reduces input cost to the farmer to achieve greater climate resilience. Natural farming recognises the interdependence of the natural ecosystem amongst soil, water, microbiome, plants, animals, climate and human requirements. State/UT wise details of the number of farmers covered, area brought under natural farming, and the clusters formed under the Mission (2024-25 and 2025-26) is given at **Annexure - I**.

Under the Mission, 527 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), 76 Agriculture Universities (AUs), 194 Local Natural farming Institutes (LNFIs) have been identified to support cluster level implementation of the scheme. 18 Centres of Natural Farming Institutes (CoNFs) have been identified that provide training of Scientists (from these (KVKs)/(SAUs), Officials of State/Districts/Block level implementing the scheme and Farmer Master Trainers (FMTs). At a cluster level Community Resource Persons (CRPs) are deployed to handhold the farmers on the practices of Natural Farming. So far, 33,257 Krishi Sakhis/Community Resource Persons (CRPs) have been trained at Krishi Vigyan Kendras(KVKs)/Agricultural Universities (AUs)/Local Natural Farming Institutions (LNFIs) under the Mission.

Annexure-I

State/UT wise number of clusters formed, number of farmers enrolled and area covered in hectares under National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) Scheme (2024-25 and 2025-26)

S. No.	State/UT	Clusters formed	Number of Farmers enrolled	Area in Hectare
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	2	250	100
2	Andhra Pradesh	5002	650163	425912.564
3	Arunachal Pradesh	108	2982	705.316

4	Assam	32	3721	2584.596
5	Bihar	450	50065	21155.308
6	Chhattisgarh	467	57590	25605.416
7	Delhi	6	375	150
8	Goa	13	1623	630.888
9	Gujarat	1033	117108	48740.94
10	Haryana	194	11288	9307.212
11	Himachal Pradesh	531	62003	22002.316
12	Jammu & Kashmir	160	19791	6905.048
13	Jharkhand	182	11562	4586.88
14	Karnataka	991	124332	54456.8
15	Kerala	114	16700	6210.112
16	Ladakh	4	621	175.616
17	Madhya Pradesh	1805	167661	90902.256
18	Maharashtra	1711	143707	40514.96
19	Manipur	88	9077	3564.632
20	Meghalaya	84	7017	2273.396
21	Mizoram	176	13503	8396.04
22	Nagaland	107	7998	3473.12
23	Odisha	442	60422	24058.648
24	Puducherry	6	772	256.252
25	Punjab	68	5295	1831.28

26	Rajasthan	2380	212346	91165.58
27	Tamil Nadu	60	6072	2708.912
28	Telangana	506	61205	35819.928
29	Tripura	111	13643	5188.988
30	Uttar Pradesh	1857	230733	83166.9
31	Uttarakhand	203	23032	9566.548
	TOTAL	18893	2092657	1032116.452

This information was given by the **Union Minister of state for Agriculture and Farmers welfare, SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR** in a written reply in the **Rajya Sabha**.

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