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Synopsis

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(Representative image)

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Increasing global temperatures, rising sea levels, depleting natural resources, air pollution, and decreasing soil fertility are some of the effects of increased **greenhouse gas emissions**. The uncontrolled use of fossil fuels for generating energy for heating, lighting, electricity, and transportation is the leading cause of releasing greenhouse gases (GHG) into the atmosphere. Rotting organic wastes in landfills and improper application of animal wastes are also responsible for greenhouse gas emissions.

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Natural farming is in vogue nowadays. It's a practice that emphasises working with nature to create a self-sustaining ecosystem. Experts talk about why India needs it.

Anushruti Singh | May 9, 2023



Over the years, organic farming has made an impact on the Indian agrarian sector as well as on the consumers, implying that the ecosystem is moving away from chemical means to grow crops. Even the organic market has grown quite steadily here with various initiatives such as the Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) and the Mission Organic Value Chain Development for the north-eastern region (MOVCDNER) since 2015.

But nowadays, another farming perspective has been trending.

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“But first understand that they both are different. Often people get confused between both (Organic VS Natural) and use it as an interchangeable word for that reason,” says Gaurav Kedia, Chairman, Indian Biogas Association.

“We can get confused with organic farming because, by default, natural farming and organic farming are chemical-free. So, when you talk about natural farming, it is a system where the laws of nature are applied to agricultural practises. In this system, natural humus is produced and used. But in organic farming, we intentionally produce the natural humus or organic manure, and enforce it on the mother land, whereas in natural farming it happens by default,” he further explains.

Why India needs natural farming

Due to its name—natural farming sounds kind of old fashioned. Over the years due to the rise of conventional farming methods (with chemicals), natural farming practices began to be forgotten. However, natural farming is back in vogue now.

The promotion of natural farming began in 2019-20. The Bhartiya Prakratik Krishi Paddhati (BPKP), a sub-scheme of PKVY, was launched to assist farmers in adopting traditional indigenous practices for encouraging all forms of ecological farming, including Zero-Budget Natural Farming (ZBNF). The Economic Survey of 2021 also mentions that ‘good agronomic practices’ with chemical free farming should be promoted.

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