

## South India Natural Farming Summit (SINF), 2025

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## Why in news?

The South India Natural Farming Summit 2025 was held from November 19 to 21, 2025, in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.

**Natural farming -** A "chemical-free" farming system that only uses inputs produced using livestock and plant resources, as per the definition of Union Ministry of Agriculture.

- Organized by Tamil Nadu Natural Farming Stakeholders Forum.
- **Objective** To promote sustainable, eco-friendly, and chemical-free agricultural practices and accelerate the shift toward natural and regenerative farming.
- **Participation** The summit included over 50,000 participants, including farmers, scientists, organic input suppliers, and other stakeholders from various southern Indian states.

## **Highlights & Key Discussions of PM's address**

- **PM-KISAN Instalment** PM released the 21<sup>st</sup> instalment of the *PM Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme*, amounting to over Rs. 18,000 crore for 9 crore farmers across India.
- Science-Backed Movement PM emphasized the *goal of making natural farming* a science-backed movement and encouraged research institutions to treat farmers' fields as living laboratories.
- One acre, One season approach PM urged farmers to adopt the <u>"One Acre, One Season" practice</u> to test natural farming methods.
- **Role of FPOs** The importance of Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) was highlighted in creating farmer clusters, value-addition facilities, and linking farmers to online markets like e-NAM.
- **Farmer Innovation** PM interacted with farmers showcasing value-added and GI products, such as banana waste products, various types of tea, moringa powder, and traditional paddy varieties.
- **Policy Measures** *National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF)* launched in 2024 to promote natural farming in mission mode across the country.
  - Under NMNF, in the next 2 years, <u>1 crore farmers</u> across the country will be initiated and supported by *certification & branding*.
- **Kisan Credit Card (KCC)** Over Rs. 10 lakh crore assistance provided this year, extended to livestock and fisheries.

- **Traditional Practices** Farmers encouraged to use Panchagavya, Jeevamrit, Beejamrit, mulching and integration of Shree Anna (millets) with natural farming for nutrition and climate resilience.
- Agricultural Models Promotion of multi-crop agriculture over monoculture.
  - Examples from Kerala & Karnataka: multi-storey farming (coconut, areca nut, fruits, spices, pepper).
- Legacy South India highlighted as a "living university of agriculture", with historic water management systems like temple tanks and canals.

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