

**Name of the Event: Workshop on “In Harmony with Nature: Cultivating Resilience through Natural Farming Systems”**

**Date: 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2023**

**Venue: Ranchi**

On 28th December 2023, a workshop was organized in the local auditorium of Ranchi on the topic “**In Harmony with Nature: Cultivating Resilience through Natural Farming Systems**”. This workshop was organized to fulfill several objectives for large

scale adoption of natural agriculture in the state. In the program, farmers and various panelists shared that why have



we adopted natural or regenerative farming and what are we doing in it currently? How will you take it forward? How do you see the potential of natural farming in Jharkhand as a major player in the field of development and what have been your efforts so far to spread it? And what kind of ecosystem can be helpful for adopting natural farming in the entire state. All these points were discussed in detail in the program.

Secretary, Rural Development Department, Shri Chandrashekhar said that we need to take a quantum jump so that our problems can be solved and for this, natural farming is the biggest initiative. Our standards and policies need to change on a global scale. At the same time, we have to take natural farming to a larger level, conserve water and make barren land fertile through trees. Resilience will have to be promoted and such models will have to be developed which will prove to be a millstone.



Abu Bakar Siddiqui P, Secretary, Agriculture Department, Government of Jharkhand, said that we need to return to our roots and repair the damage that our greed has caused to

nature. We also have to arrange heritage for our future generations. For this, natural farming will prove to be the best option. Jharkhand's practice of conserving and protecting water, forests and land is our biggest strength. He advised to give the suggestions of the workshop in writing to the department and said that there is a need to conduct such workshops in future also so that necessary steps can be taken to promote natural farming in the programs and policies of the state.

About 125 participants including various stakeholders of Jharkhand and experts having better understanding of natural farming were present in this workshop.