

Policy discussion to explore roles of policymakers and influencers in mainstreaming natural farming (NF), 9th July 2021.

Key takeaways from the session were :

- Dr. Rajiv Kumar emphasises on the **need to conduct large scale studies and create evidence on the merits of NF** instead of trying to establish the truth by more aggressive assertion. Comparative studies between NF vis-a-vis conventional farming have to be carried out in a scientifically holistic manner to look beyond yield as the only parameter.

- **Academic community plays a substantial role in credible data generation on linking NF** to our international commitments of greenhouse gas reduction, which can be translated into monetary terms and factored into a policy so that farmers can be incentivised for transitioning to NF.

- A key policy lever to **diversify the basket of public procurement is needed** to promote crop diversification.

- **Agriculture must be linked to public services** and the need of the moment is to call for integrated public services to be activated in which agriculture must become a public commons where all the systems must be directed towards making agriculture viable and sustainable.