



National Conference Natural Farming: Pathways to Self-reliant Farming and Rural Prosperity (NCNF2026)

“One Farm, One Ecosystem, One Health”

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**CAU (Imphal)-College of PG Studies in Agricultural Sciences
(CPGSAS), Umiam, Meghalaya**

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Agriculture worldwide is at a critical juncture, confronting unprecedented challenges arising from climate change, soil degradation, biodiversity loss, declining farm profitability, growing concerns over food and nutritional security, and environmental pollution. In response to these challenges, Natural Farming has emerged as a transformative and sustainable agricultural approach that fosters ecological balance, conserves natural resources, enhances climate resilience, and improves farmers' livelihoods. By minimizing dependence on external chemical inputs and strengthening the natural biological processes, it offers a viable pathway towards sustainable agricultural development.

The **National Conference on “Natural Farming: Pathways to Self-reliant Farming and Rural Prosperity” (NCNF2026)** aims to provide a dynamic platform for scientists, academicians, policymakers, extension professionals, entrepreneurs, development practitioners, students, and progressive farmers to exchange knowledge, share research findings, and deliberate on scientific innovations, field experiences, policy interventions, and emerging opportunities in Natural Farming.

The conference seeks to promote interdisciplinary dialogue and collaborative action for advancing Natural Farming as a scientifically sound, economically viable, and environmentally sustainable farming system. It will facilitate discussions on innovative technologies, indigenous knowledge, capacity-building strategies, market linkages, value-chain development, and policy frameworks that can accelerate the adoption of Natural Farming and contribute to sustainable agriculture, rural prosperity, and national food and nutritional security.

The conference aims to:

- Promote scientific dialogue on natural farming and agroecological transitions.
- Showcase innovative technologies and best practices.
- Foster collaboration among researchers, policymakers, development agencies, and farming communities.
- Explore opportunities for climate-resilient and regenerative agricultural systems.
- Strengthen pathways for scaling natural farming through institutional, technological, and policy innovations.
- Contribute towards sustainable agriculture, nutritional security, environmental conservation, and rural prosperity.

The conference will feature keynote lectures, technical sessions, oral & poster presentations, panel discussions, farmer and stakeholder interactions.

ABOUT CENTRAL AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY, IMPHAL

The Central Agricultural University (CAU), Imphal, was established through an Act of Parliament in 1992 to serve the field of agricultural education, research, and extension needs of the North Eastern Hill Regions of India. The University caters to the states of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, and Tripura through a network of 13 constituent colleges, six (6 nos.) Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), six (6 nos.) Multi-Technology Testing Centre (MTTCs) and Vocational Training Centres (VTCs).

CAU is committed to excellence in teaching, research, innovation, and technology dissemination. The University plays a pivotal role in generating location-specific technologies for hilly and valley agro-ecosystems and developing skilled human resources for sustainable agricultural development in the region. With multidisciplinary academic programs, state-of-the-art infrastructure facilities, and extensive outreach activities, CAU has emerged as one of the leading agricultural universities dedicated to transforming the agricultural landscape of Northeast India.



ABOUT CGSAS, UMIAM, MEGHALAYA

The College of Post Graduate Studies in Agricultural Sciences (CPGSAS), Umiam, Meghalaya, is a premier constituent college of Central Agricultural University, Imphal. Established to promote advanced education and research in agriculture and allied sciences, the college offers Master's and Doctoral degree programmes across a wide range of agricultural disciplines.

Located on the picturesque banks of Umiam Lake, the campus provides an ideal academic environment with modern laboratories, research farms, libraries, digital learning facilities, and interdisciplinary research opportunities.

The institution has earned recognition for its contributions to agricultural research, rural development, climate-resilient agriculture, natural resource management, and capacity building. Through strong collaborations with national and international organizations, CGPSAS continues to contribute significantly to agricultural transformation and sustainable development.



Conference venue: CPGSAS, Umiam, Ri-Bhoi, Meghalaya

CONFERENCE THEMES AND SUB-THEMES

Theme 1: Revitalizing the Farms: Sustainable Natural Resource Management & Climate Resilience

- **Sub-theme 1:** Agronomic innovations for sustainable productivity under Natural Farming
- **Sub-theme 2:** Resurrecting living soil, restoring soil floral and faunal biodiversity, and soil health.
- **Sub-theme 3:** Water Wisdom: enhancing soil moisture retention, groundwater recharge, and local watershed management.
- **Sub-theme 4:** Farms as Carbon Sinks: measuring and maximizing how natural farming captures atmospheric carbon to fight climate change.
- **Sub-theme 5:** Circular Biomass Management: recycles farm residues to build soil health and eliminate crop residue burning.

Theme 2: Eco-Friendly Plant Protection and One Health solutions

Sub-theme 1: Agrobiodiversity and agro-allied systems for ecological crop protection

- **Sub-theme 2:** Indigenous knowledge system-based plant protection technologies
- **Sub-theme 3:** Next-Generation BioSolutions for sustainable Crop Protection
- **Sub-theme 4:** Biointensive Plant Protection: Soil, Seed and Microbiome Health
- **Sub-theme 5:** One Health approaches to Food Safety, Nutrition and Environmental Sustainability
- **Sub-theme 6:** Digital and Precision Technologies Supporting Plants Protection

Theme 3: Genetic Resources, Seed System and Crop Improvement

- **Sub-theme 1:** Strengthening the seed system: Establishing community seed banks, seed hub and quality seed production of crop varieties.
- **Sub-theme 2:** Breeding for low-input use efficient varieties: Varietal improvement for higher water use efficiency, nutrient use efficiency, biotic and abiotic stress tolerance.
- **Sub-theme 3:** Protection of heritage crops: Conservation, utilization and protection of ancestral plant varieties of agricultural, horticultural, medicinal and aromatic crops.
- **Sub-theme 4:** Efficient crop selection strategies: Combining indigenous varietal selection practices with modern breeding approaches, use of MAS, omics in targeted trait improvement suitable for natural farming.

Theme 4: The Symbiotic Farm: Integrating Agroforestry, Horticulture, Animals and Fisheries for One Health

- **Sub-theme 1:** Livestock as the Ecosystem's Heart: the critical role of indigenous animals in natural farming.
- **Sub-theme 2:** Natural Ethno-Veterinary Care: using traditional plant-based remedies to maintain livestock health and welfare.
- **Sub-theme 3:** Agroforestry and Horticulture based natural farming.
- **Sub-theme 4:** Aquaculture and Wetland-based Natural farming.
- **Sub-theme 5:** Use of AI and ML models for pest and disease diagnostics for plant, soil, animals and humans.

Theme 5: Natural Farming for Food, Nutritional and Environmental Security

- **Sub-theme 1:** Food as Medicine: scientific tracking of higher micronutrient density and bioactive compounds in naturally grown foods.
- **Sub-theme 2:** Cultivating Dietary Diversity: improving household nutrition and eliminate hidden hunger.
- **Sub-theme 3:** Validation of food quality vis-à-vis environmental quality under natural farming practices

Theme 6: Governance, Policy Framework and Value chain Development

- **Sub-theme 1:** The Economics of Regeneration: quantification of ecosystem services, carbon markets, green credits and policy insights to drive profitable natural farming.
- **Sub-theme 2:** Agri-business models: development of efficient and resilient value chains for natural farming products.
- **Sub-theme 3:** Gender & Inclusive Equity: empowering women as leaders in seed conservation, bio-input production, and farm decision-making.
- **Sub-theme 4:** Digital Tools and Traditional Wisdom: fusing traditional knowledge with AI-driven advisory, peer-to-peer networks, and next-gen extension services for natural farming.
- **Sub-theme 5:** Case studies and success stories of Natural Farming & Chemical-Free Villages and certification system for natural farming.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

The conference welcomes participation from:

- Scientists and Researchers
- Faculty Members and Academicians
- Policy Makers and Government Officials
- Extension Professionals
- Natural Farming Practitioners
- NGOs and Civil Society Organizations
- Agripreneurs and Start-ups
- Industry Representatives
- Postgraduate and Doctoral Students
- Progressive Farmers and Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Abstracts must be original and unpublished.
- Abstract length should not exceed 300 words.
- Use Times New Roman, 12-point font, single spacing.
- Include title, author(s), affiliation, corresponding author's email
- Clearly indicate the relevant conference theme and sub-theme.
- Include 3–5 keywords.
- All submissions will undergo peer review.
- Selected papers may be considered for oral or poster presentation.

Abstract submission and registration can be made by visiting the conference website.

IMPORTANT DATES

Activity	Date
Release of Conference Circular	21 st July 2026
Last Date for Abstract Submission	25 th August 2026
Acceptance Notification	30 th August 2026
Last Date for Registration	25 th August 2026
Conference Dates	9 th to 11 th September 2026

REGISTRATION FEE (Individual)

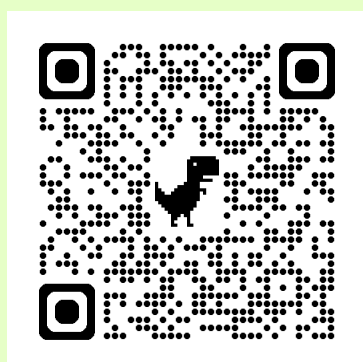
Category	Registration Fee
PG & Ph.D. Scholars	₹ 3,000
Faculty Members / Scientists	₹ 7,000
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1. **Best Master's Thesis Award**
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4. **Best Extension Award**
5. **Best Natural Farming Practitioner Award**
6. **Best Research Paper Award (Oral)**
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The nearest major airport is Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, Guwahati located about 95 km from the campus and well connected to all major Indian cities.

By Rail: The nearest major railway station is Guwahati Railway Station, approximately 90 km from Umiam.

By Road: CPGSAS is situated along National Highway-6 between Guwahati and Shillong. Regular taxi and bus services are available from Guwahati Airport, Guwahati Railway Station, and Shillong city.

Distance from Major Locations

- Guwahati Airport – 95 km
- Guwahati Railway Station – 90 km
- Shillong City – 15 km
- Umroi Airport – 10 km

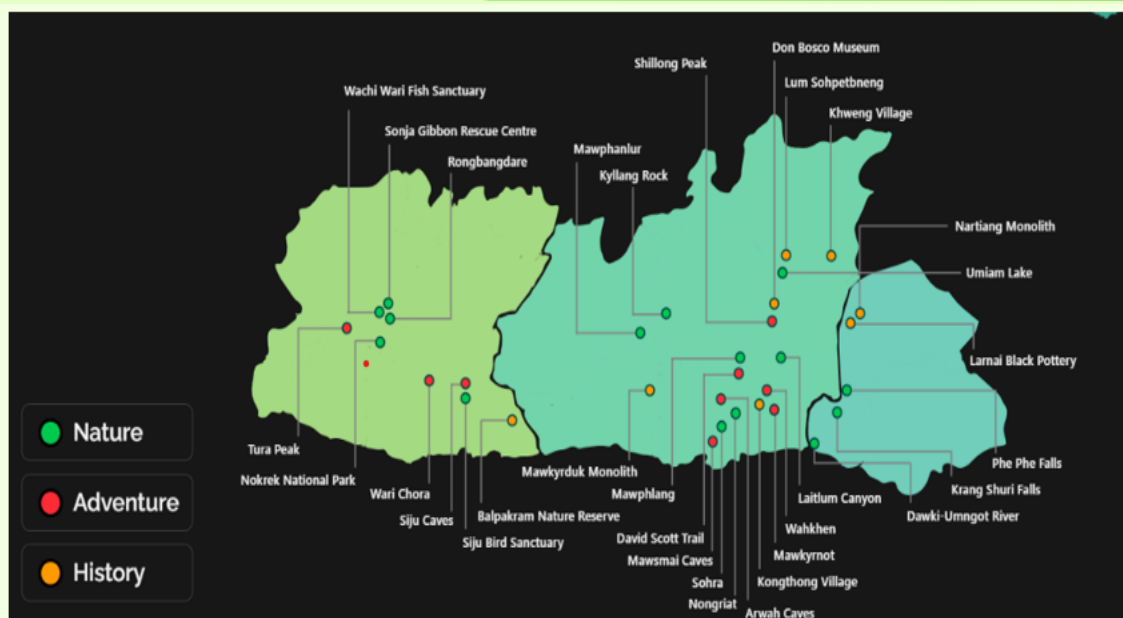
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In and around Shillong

- **Umiam Lake** – A scenic reservoir known for boating, water sports, and breathtaking landscapes.
- **Shillong Peak** – The highest point in Shillong offering panoramic views of the city and surrounding hills.
- **Elephant Falls** – One of Meghalaya's most visited waterfalls.
- **Ward's Lake** – A beautiful landscaped lake in the heart of Shillong.

Day Excursions

- **Mawlynnong:** Widely known as one of Asia's cleanest villages.
- **Living Root Bridges:** Remarkable examples of indigenous bioengineering.
- **Dawki:** Famous for the crystal-clear waters of the Umngot River.
- **Sohra:** Renowned for spectacular waterfalls, caves, and unique landscapes.



Tourism spots in Meghalaya



We warmly welcome you to Meghalaya, the "Abode of Clouds," and look forward to your participation in this important scientific gathering dedicated to advancing natural farming and sustainable rural development