

**THE GUJARAT NATURAL FARMING AND ORGANIC
AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023.**

GUJARAT BILL NO. 24 OF 2023.

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*further to amend the Gujarat Natural Farming and Organic Agricultural
University Act, 2017.*

It is hereby enacted in the Seventy-fourth Year of the Republic of
India as follows:-

- 1.** (1) This Act may be called the Gujarat Natural Farming and
Organic Agricultural University (Amendment) Act, 2023.
- (2) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may,
by notification in the *Official Gazette*, appoint.

**Short title and
commencement.**

- Amendment of section 1 of Guj. 16 of 2017.** **2.** In the Gujarat Natural Farming and Organic Agricultural University Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as “the principal Act”), in section 1, in sub-section (1), for the words “the Gujarat Natural Farming and Organic Agricultural University”, the words “the Gujarat Natural Farming Science University” shall be substituted. **Guj. 16 of 2017.**
- Amendment of section 2 of Guj. 16 of 2017.** **3.** In the principal Act, in section 2, in clause (z), for the words “Gujarat Natural Farming and Organic Agricultural University”, the words “Gujarat Natural Farming Science University” shall be substituted.
- Amendment of section 3 of Guj. 16 of 2017.** **4.** In the principal Act, in section 3, in sub-section (1), for the words “Gujarat Natural Farming and Organic Agricultural University”, the words “Gujarat Natural Farming Science University” shall be substituted.
- Amendment of section 4 of Guj. 16 of 2017.** **5.** In the principal Act, in section 4, in sub-section (3), for the words “Natural Farming and Organic Agricultural University”, the word “University” shall be substituted.
- Amendment of section 53 of Guj. 16 of 2017.** **6.** In the principal Act, in section 53, in sub-section (1), for the words “Natural Farming and Organic Agricultural University”, the word “University” shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The State Government has enacted the Gujarat Natural Farming and Organic Agricultural University Act, 2017 to establish and incorporate a University for the development of the natural farming and organic agricultural sciences in the State of Gujarat.

To promote natural farming in a scientific manner and to make available experienced and knowledgeable human resources in the field of natural farming and considering the basic difference between organic agriculture and natural farming, it is necessary to change the name of “the Gujarat Natural Farming and Organic Agricultural University” to “the Gujarat Natural Farming Science University”. Accordingly, necessary amendments have been proposed in the said Act.

This Bill seeks to achieve the aforesaid object.

RAGHAVJI PATEL,

MEMORANDUM REGARDING DELEGATED LEGISLATION

This Bill involves the delegation of legislative power in the following respects:-

Clause 1.- Sub-clause (2) of this clause empowers the State Government, by notification in the *Official Gazette*, to appoint the date on which the said Act shall come into force.

The delegation of power as aforesaid is necessary and is in normal character.

Dated the 11th September, 2023.

RAGHAVJI PATEL.

ANNEXURE**EXTRACT FROM THE GUJARAT NATURAL FARMING AND
ORGANIC AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY ACT, 2017.****(Guj. 16 OF 2017)**

Short title and commencement.	1. (1) This Act may be called the Gujarat Natural Farming and Organic Agricultural University Act, 2017.		
	(2)	XXX	XXX XXX
Definitions.	2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,-		
	(a) to (y)	XXX	XXX XXX
	(z) "University" means the Gujarat Natural Farming and Organic Agricultural University as constituted under section 3 of this Act;		
	(za)	XXX	XXX XXX
Establishment and Incorporation of University.	3. (1) There shall be established and constituted a University by the name of the "Gujarat Natural Farming and Organic Agricultural University".		
	(2) to (4)	XXX	XXX XXX
Territorial Jurisdiction and Constituent Bodies.	4. (1) and (2)	XXX	XXX XXX
	(3) The Natural Farming and Organic Agricultural University may assume responsibility for the establishment, development and operations of its constituent bodies in the territorial jurisdiction and abroad as may be required.		
Accreditation Committee.	53. (1) The Board shall form an Accreditation Committee with at least one <i>ex-officio</i> member of Board and one academician who shall provide credit rating on the basis of the norms determined by the Board from time to time, to the Natural Farming and Organic Agricultural University and the		

institutions teaching organic agriculture subjecting to this voluntary accreditation and shall also publish and put on the website of the University for information of the public.

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**[SHRI RAGHAVJI PATEL,
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AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY,
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**D.M.Patel,
Secretary,
Gujarat Legislative Assembly.**