

Exploring the Life of an Organic Farmer

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Abstract: The Agricultural Graduates Consultancy and Service Society (AGCASS) in India plays a pivotal role in promoting organic farming across Tamil Nadu to champion location-specific technologies for Climate Resilient Regenerative Agriculture. To encourage grassroots innovation, AGCASS instituted the annual "Best Organic Farmer Award." This article explores the inspiring life and sustainable practices of the 2026 award laureate, Sri. T. Thirumanan.

The Vision of Climate Resilient Agriculture

Modern agriculture faces unprecedented climatic challenges, making sustainable transitions vital. AGCASS has been at the forefront of disseminating eco-friendly farming paradigms in Tamil Nadu. As part of its strategic initiatives to honor exceptional contributions, the executive committee nominated Dr. R. Udaya Kumar—Vice President of AGCASS and a distinguished CIRDAP Expert—to evaluate and authenticate the eligibility of empanelled candidates.

Following a rigorous field assessment in Punjai Thurayampalayam village, Gobi Taluk, Erode District, Sri. T. Thirumanan was chosen for his harmonious coexistence with nature and pioneering regenerative farming methodologies. His daily farm routine embodies a complete ecosystem approach to sustainable rural livelihoods.

Core Sustainable Practices on Farm

- **Integrated Livestock Management:** Beyond traditional crop cultivation, he maintains resilient native cattle and goat breeds exceptionally suited to shifting climatic conditions.
- **Nutrient Recycling:** He expertly converts crop residues and cattle yard wastes into high-grade organic manure, eliminating external chemical inputs.
- **Sheep Penning:** He actively utilizes traditional sheep penning to naturally enhance and restore soil fertility across his farmlands.
- **Botanical Protection:** Chemical fertilizers and synthetic pesticides are entirely substituted by natural organic manures and herbal decoctions such as "*Mooligai Karaikal*."

Furthermore, his commitment to zero-waste living extends to domestic energy: he completely avoids electrical, kerosene, and LPG cooking sources, relying instead on a cost-effective domestic Gobar gas plant fueled entirely by recycled cow dung.



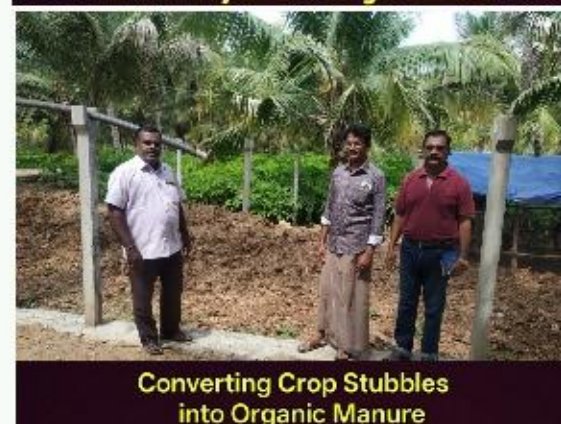
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Best Organic Farmer 2026
Award Winner Sri.T.Thirumanan,Gobi**

Excellence in Action

Sri. Thirumanan goes beyond personal cultivation by actively demonstrating his package of organic technologies to visiting fellow farmers and NGO personnel on-field, fostering community-wide adoption.



**Preparation of Jeevamirdham,
Panchakavyam & Mooligai Karaikal**



**Converting Crop Stubbles
into Organic Manure**

Recognition & Conclusion

Convinced by his unwavering dedication and zealous advocacy for organic agriculture within farming communities, AGCASS proudly conferred upon him the "**Best Organic Farmer Award 2026**" during the General Body Meeting held on September 12, 2026. Sri. Thirumanan stands as a beacon of hope for sustainable agrarian futures across the region.