

World's **First Organic State** Is In India



**And Here's What The Rest Of The
Country Needs To **Learn From It****



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In 2016, Sikkim made history by converting all its farmland, over 75,000 hectares, into certified organic land. The UN even awarded it the Future Policy Gold Award: the "Oscar for best policies."



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But how did this tiny Himalayan state pull it off? It started way back in 2003, when the government made a bold resolution: to go fully organic, no chemical fertilizers, no synthetic pesticides.



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In 2010, the [Sikkim Organic Mission](#) was launched to turn [vision into action](#). A massive, state-wide movement to [phase out chemicals](#) step by step, farm by farm.



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**And by 2016, the dream became reality!
Sikkim officially declared itself 100%
organic, benefiting over 66,000 farming
families in the process. It wasn't
overnight, but steady and stubborn.**



At the heart of this movement?
The farmers. Thousands were trained in
organic farming techniques.
Workshops, field demos, hands-on
learning, so that no one was left behind.



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Farmers got **subsidies and financial aid** to ease the transition. And crucially, market linkages were created to guarantee **premium prices for their organic crops.**



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Without chemical abuse, Sikkim's soil healed its fertility and structure improved dramatically. Fields became richer, healthier, and more alive than ever before.



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Birds, bees, butterflies, the small wonders of nature returned in full swing. Sikkim's green cover grew thicker, and the air felt cleaner.



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And the rivers? Crystal clear.
**With chemical runoff gone, water
bodies rejuvenated. Sikkim didn't
just protect its soil, it protected its
very lifelines.**



**Organic produce from Sikkim
started fetching higher prices in
national and international markets.
Europe became a new buyer for
Sikkim's organic treasures.**



Tourism flourished like never before.
Between 2014 and 2017, tourist numbers
jumped by 50%, with **eco-tourists** eager
to experience a **clean, green paradise**.



Speaking of clean, Sikkim is setting records there too. Plastic? Banned. Littering? Hefty fines. The people themselves lead regular clean-up drives to keep their villages and towns spotless.

**One small state with
one big message.**

**Change is possible.
Cleaner farming, cleaner
living, cleaner futures,
it's all within reach.**

**If Sikkim can do it,
why not the rest of India?**