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**ISSUES AND CHALLENGES IN INDIAN AGRICULTURE :
A GEOGRAPHICAL STUDY**



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ABSTRACT

Agriculture is a critical sector of Indian economy in India, around 70 % of the population earns its livelihood from agriculture. It plays a very important role in the development of India. India is a country with many diversified economic activities. One of the important economic activities is agriculture. However, agriculture is a broad term which includes different economic activities. This is a sincere effort, through the review of literature, to understand the history and characteristics of the Indian agriculture sector, its transition from traditional to commercial agriculture and the problem it faces. Modern agriculture practices conjointly the relationship with environmental depletion which has also been assessed. The article discusses some of the developmental challenges faced by the

Indian agriculture sector in particular and developing nations in general-illiteracy, poor socio-economic conditions, lack of technical knowledge and awareness, small land holdings, modernization leading to barren land and disasters leading to rural poverty, weather-dependent farming systems, low per capita income, underdeveloped physical infrastructures and inefficient bureaucratic procedures associated with the relatively high value of agricultural production. Natural disasters and human evoked environmental degradation area unit closely related to improved farming systems.

KEYWORDS

Indian agricultural sector, Corporate farming, Economic Development, Contract Farming, Challenges and perspectives, Group farming