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• Land → Water → Production → Storage → Market → Income → Nutrition → Sustainability

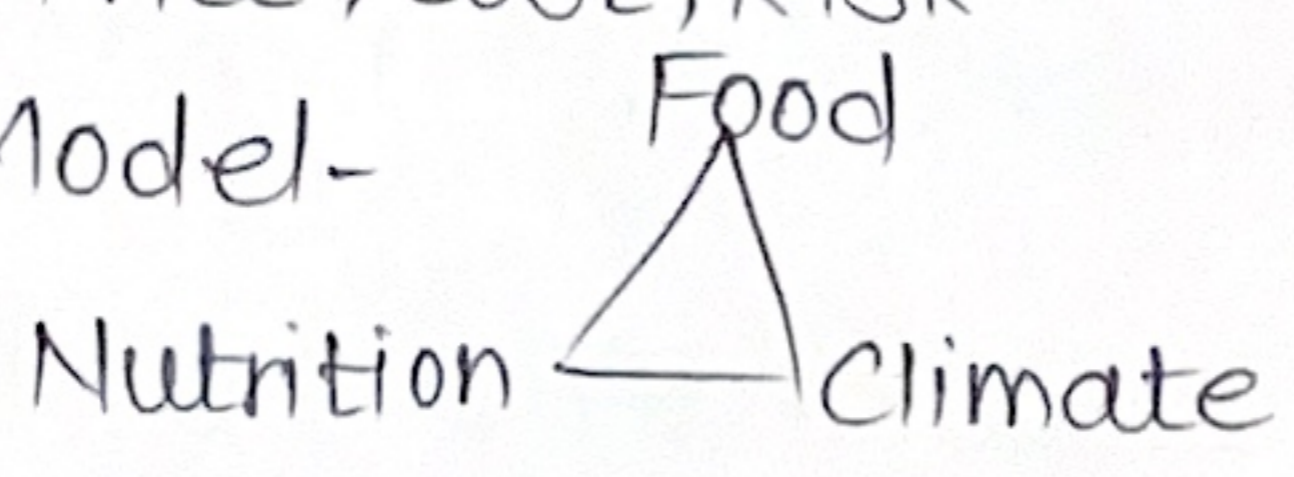
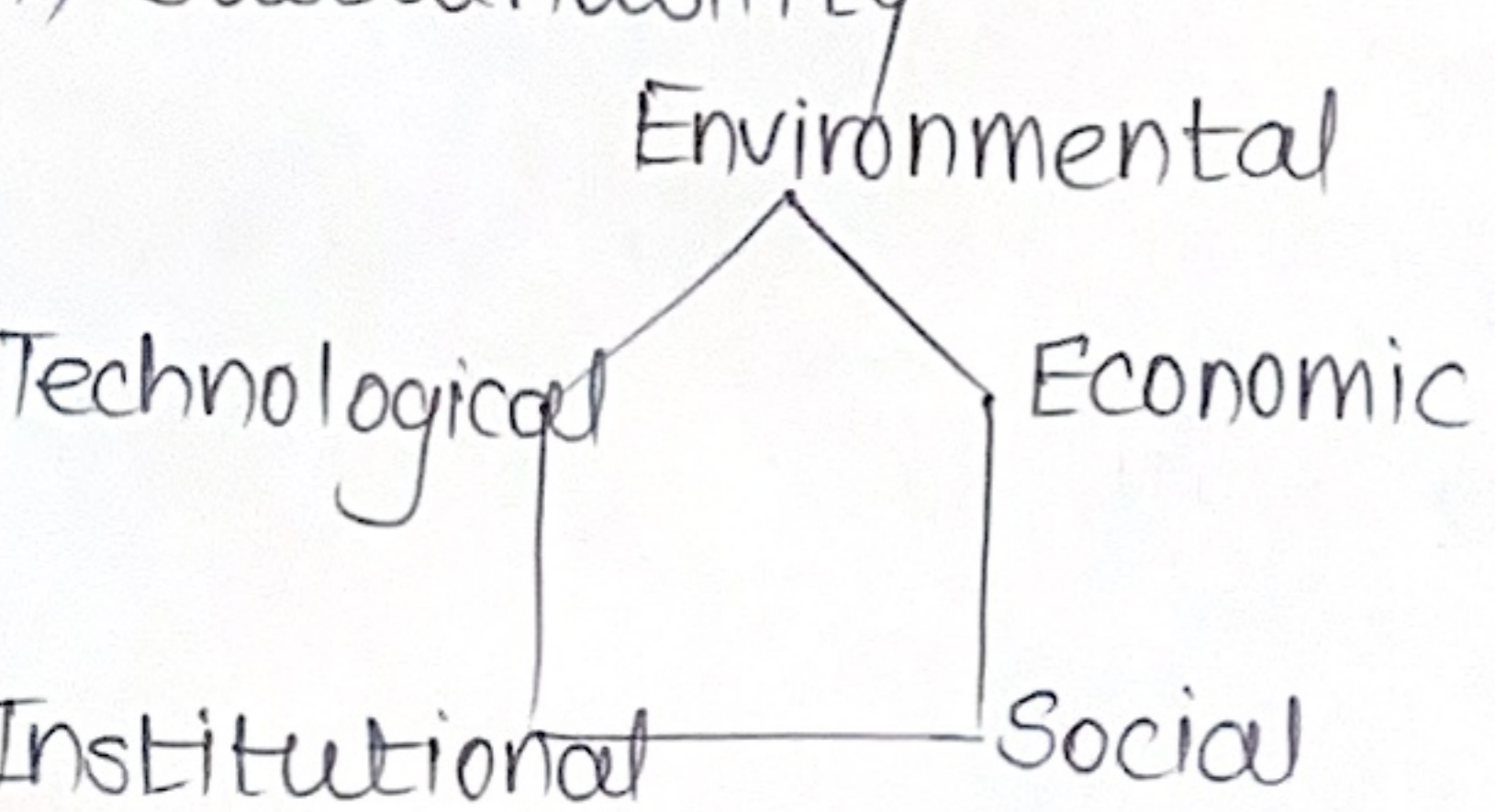
⊖ 8 Major Problems

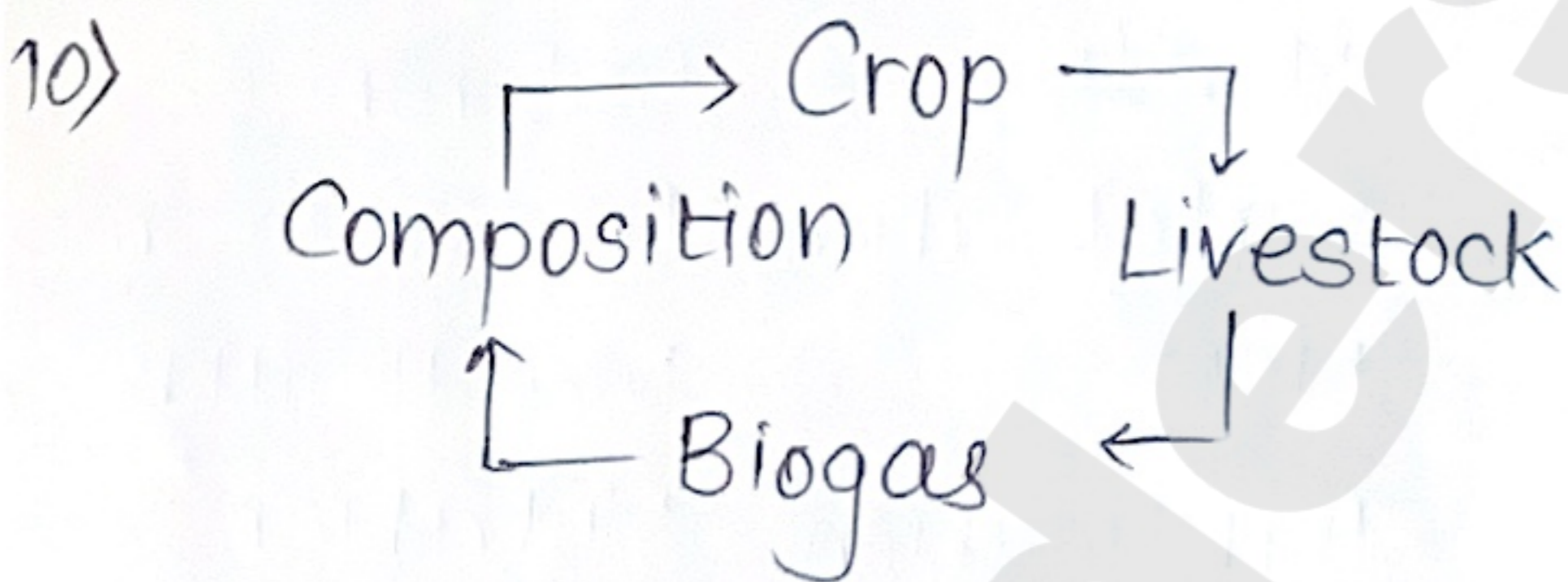
- 1) Land - Small Land Holdings, Land Productivity, Uneven Terrain, Desertification, Leaching, Mechanisation
- 2) Water - Over Exploitation, Rainfed, Ground Water Pollution, Aquifer Lowering, Low Irrigation
- 3) Soil - Nutrient Deficiency, Erosion, Salinization, Monoculture, Excessive Inputs
- 4) Seeds - Terminator Seeds, Replacement Rate, HYVs, Climate Smart Seeds, R & D
- 5) Security - Food, Income, Nutrition, Environment, Energy
- 6) Market - Fragmented, Accessibility, Transport, Cartelization, Logistics, APMCs, Intermediaries, Pvt Sector
- 7) Climate - Extreme Weather Events - Droughts & Floods, Irregular Monsoons, GHGs, Climate Smart Agriculture, Subsistence Agriculture
- 8) Income - Loan Trap, Informal Lending, MSP, Insurance, Density, Subsidies, Disguised Employment, Allied Sectors, Extension Services, Food Processing Industry, Certification, skills - ICT

⊖ Agriculture Value Chain

Input	Production	Post Harvest	Market	Consumer
- Land	- Fertilisers	- Transport	- APMC	- Demand
- Water	- Insecticides	- Logistics	- NAM	- Awareness
- Irrigation	- Pesticides	- Storage	- Mandi	- Preference
- Credit	- Mechanisation	- Labour	- Cartelisation	- Price & Income
- Seed	- Soil	- Processing	- MSP	- Food Health
- Tech	- Millets	- Packaging	- Fortification	- Nutrition Security
- Labour	- Organic	- Segregation	- SPS Measures	- Food Security
- Electricity	- 2BNF/IFS/HVS	- Branding	- Export Readiness	- PDS
		- Supply Chain		- Adulteration
		- Procurement		

🌱 Frameworks

- 1) F2F (Farm to Fork)
Production → Procurement → Storage → Transportation → Processing
→ Marketing → Consumption
- 2) Tech - (F) - Forecasting, (A) - Assessment, (R) - Resource Allocatⁿ, (M) - Monitoring
↳ Data → AI → Decision Making → Automation → Productivity
- 3) Income → Yield & Price, Cost, Risk
- 4) Triple Security Model -

- 5) Water Efficiency
Flood → Canal → Drip → Sprinkler → IoT, Automation
- 6) Crop Diversification
Rice/Wheat → Millets, Pulses, Oil Seeds, Horticulture, Live stocks, Fisheries
- 7) Sustainability

- 8) Capitals → Human, Social, Economic, Natural
- 9) Agri Transition Model
Subsistence → Commercial → Mechanised → Digital → Pre



1. Agriculture

Indian Agri: Features & Current Status

- 1) Subsistence Oriented [50% - NABARD]
- 2) Small & Fragmented Landholdings
Avg size = 1.08 Hectors \Rightarrow 86% Farmers
- 3) Low Productivity (contributes 15% to GDP)
- 4) Labour Intensive (46.1% of Workforce)
 \rightarrow Low Mechanisation
- 5) Traditional Techniques
- 6) Govt Support : 23 crops \rightarrow MSP \leftarrow CACP
- 7) Land Use : 59% Land \rightarrow Agri (MoAFW)
- 8) Record Foodgrain Prodⁿ = 357.73 MMT
- 9) Agri Exports (\$34.5 Bn/FY20 \rightarrow 51.1 Bn/FY25)
- 10) Budget Allocation = ₹ 1.30 Lakh Cr
- 11) Avg Annual Growth = 4.4% at constant price
- 12) Irrigation Status \Rightarrow Largest in World
55% of gross cropped area
- 13) Fertiliser Consumption [150 kg/Hectare]
2nd - Consumer 3rd - Producer
13% States \rightarrow 90% Usage
- 14) Agri Credit - 20 Lakh Cr Target
- 15) Digital Agri - AI, IoT, Drones, eNAM etc

Significance of Agriculture in India

- 1) Contribution to GDP (15%)
- 2) Employment (46.1% of Workforce - PLFS)
- 3) Food Security
- 4) Forex Earnings (\$50 Bn)
- 5) Socio-Cultural & Envtl Sustainability

Key Initiatives

- 1) PM-KISAN (₹ 6000/yr | 11 cr Farmers) \rightarrow 3L.Cr (MoFAW)
- 2) PM-FBY - Largest in the world
- 3) Soil Health Card Scheme (\uparrow AgriTech)
- 4) PM-KSY - Har Khet Ko Pawi
Per Drop More Crop
- 5) eNAM - integrates \sim 1300 APMC Mandis
- 6) National Mission on Sustainable Agri
- 7) PKVY - organic farming - certification
- 8) Digital Agriculture Mission
- 9) Mission for Atmanirbharata in Pulses
- 10) NeGP-A \Rightarrow \uparrow ICT 11) MOVCDNER
"Input Based \rightarrow Tech Based" - says ES
Agri Agri

Key Challenges

- 1) Small Land Holding (Avg = 1.08 Hectares)
'Economy of Agrigation' - NITI Aayog
 \rightarrow FPOs can solve SLH problem without changing ownership)
- 2) Economic Hardships [₹10,218/month - NSO]
50% Agri Household \rightarrow Debt (Monsoons)
- 3) Soil Degradation & Water scarcity
ISRO Desertificatⁿ Atlas \Rightarrow 30% Land-Desert
PB/HR \Rightarrow 85% Blocks overexploited Ground water
- 4) Weak Agricultural Infrastructure
₹90,000 \neq Cr \Rightarrow Post Harvest Losses (ICAR)
- 5) Underinvestment in Research
Only 0.6% of Agri GDP \rightarrow Agri Research (ICAR)
- 6) Outdated Farming Practices
Flood irrigation in 'Sugar Belt' (MH & UP)
- 7) Market Volatility & Price Fluctuations
Late 2025 : Onion prices (MH) \rightarrow ₹ 2/3/kg
Very small portion of SP \rightarrow Farmers (NITI)
- 8) Policy Related Challenges
Policy Paradox - Fertilisers Subsidy (x crops)
Vs
Govt Schemes (y crops)
- 9) Climate Change & Natural Disasters
Unirrigated Region \rightarrow 25% Income Loss
due to climate change (WB)
Rainfed Rice Yield \rightarrow \downarrow 20% by 2050 (NICRA)

Way Forward (Ashok Dalwai Cmt;

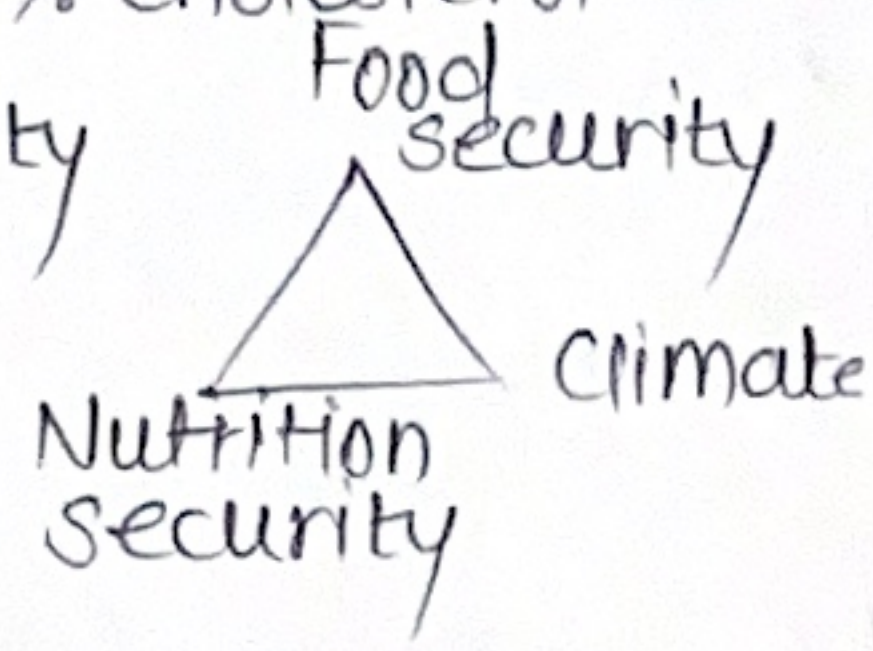
- 1) Blend Trad^l & Modern Tech eg Drones
- 2) Precision & Data Driven Farming
Precision Agri \Rightarrow \downarrow 20-30% Fertilisers & Water usage (FAO)
- 3) Agri R&D & Climate Resilience
eg. ICAR - Sahbhagi Dhan Rice
- 4) Water Efficiency & Micro-Irrigation
Micro-Irrigⁿ \Rightarrow save upto 50% of water
 \uparrow 40% of productivity
- 5) Better Market Access & Infra eg eNAM
- 6) Credit & Co-operatives Support eg KCC
- 7) Startup Growth
- 8) Case Study - Hivare Bazar (MH) - NITI MoRD
 \rightarrow Shri Popatrao Pawar
 \rightarrow Avg income ₹832 \rightarrow ₹30,000/month

① Millets (Shree Anna or Smart Food - ICRISAT)

India - Largest Producer - 38.4% (FAO, 2023)

② Benefits

- 1) Farming & Food Security (Less Water - 75% less than Rice, pest & disease resistance, intercropping)
- 2) Cultural & Poverty Alleviation (Trad^l Food - Ragi Habba - KA), Low i/p cost, Preserves traditional cropping system)
- 3) Nutrition & Health (more cal in Ragi than Rice) Gluten free, Low GI, ↓ 8-10% cholesterol
- 4) Environmental Sustainability
 - ✓ Drought Tolerant
 - ✓ Restores microbes
 - ✓ ↓ Chemical fertilisers



• Odisha Millet Mission - NITI Best Practices

③ Government Initiatives

- 1) International Yr ⇒ 2023 by UNGA India ⇒ 40% of world prodⁿ - Agri Diplomacy
- 2) PM Modi's Campaign - Shree Anna
- 3) Union Budget: HYBD - Centre of Excellence
- 4) CAPF/NDRF Diets: 80% meals - Millets
- 5) Millet Missions - OD, AP, CHH, KA
- 6) Startup & FPO Support
- 7) RAJ Scheme ⇒ 25% Area → Millet cultivatⁿ

④ Achievements

- 1) Steady production growth
- 2) Seed production & distribution

⑤ Challenges

- 1) Skewed Agri-policy (Millet Policy Paradox)
- 2) Changing Dietary Habits 3) Perceptⁿ issue
- 4) Processing & Value Chain Gaps
- 5) Low Yields & Profitability
- 6) Taste Preference Shift 7) High Market Prices
- 8) Limited market presence

⑥ Way Forward

- 1) PDS & MDM 2) MSP 3) Startups 4) R&D
- 5) Awareness 6) Rebranding 7) Subsidies
- 8) ↑ Availability 9) ↑ Exports 10) CSC

• Millets can be the next big brand from India after Yoga - NITI Aayog

• FPO Led Millet Value Chain - NABARD

• Calorie Security → Nutrition Security
Millet can help (RBI)

• Triple Win - Nutri, Agri Sustainability, Climate Resilience

① Organic Farming

India → #1st - No. of organic Farmers (IFOAM) #4th - Certified Organic Area (2022)

→ Scale Certificatⁿ Mismatch

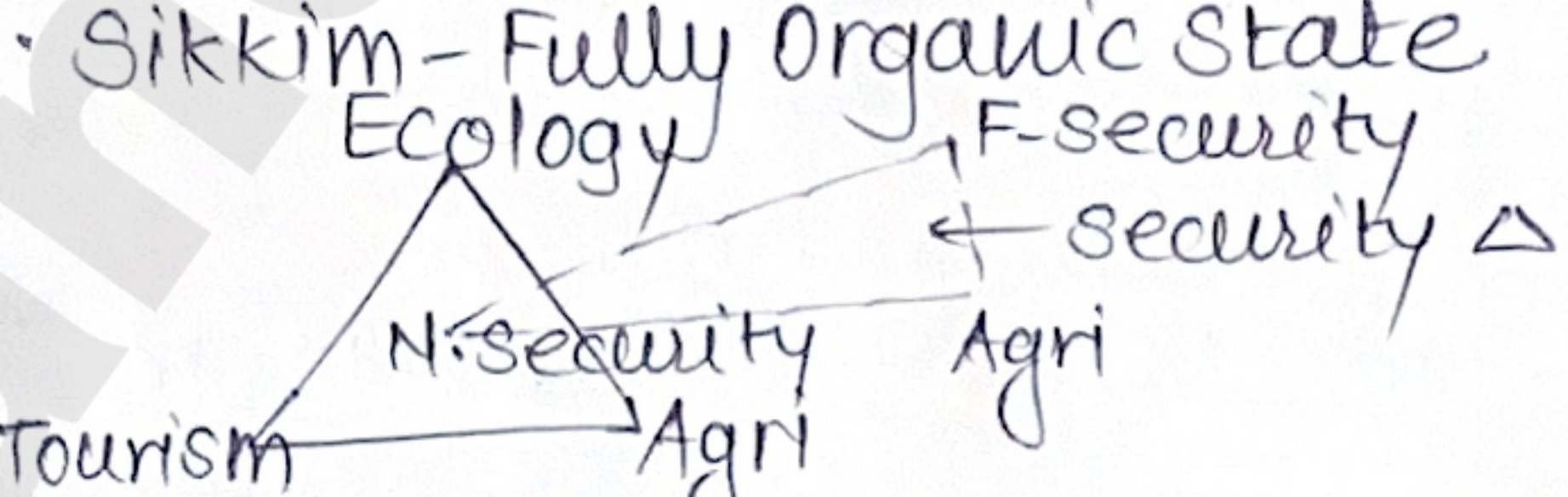
② Benefits -

- 1) Low input cost (14-19% lower prodⁿ cost)
- 2) Soil Health (↑ Soil organic carbon - FAO)
- 3) Water Conservation (↓ Eutrophication) ↑ Moisture Retention
- 4) Healthier Food
- 5) Biodiversity - 80% More species richness Mixed Farming & Agro Forestry - High BD
- 6) Climate Resilience (↓ GHG emission by 20% - FAO)
- 7) ↓ Fossil Fuel Intensive Fertilisers (FAO)
- 8) Compost Cycle

③ Govt Initiatives

- 1) PKVY 2) MOVCANER 3) NPOP
- 4) Soil Health Mngt 5) OFEP Program

• Organic Large Cardamom Prodⁿ - Nagaland (NITI Best Practices)



• Sikkim - Fully Organic State
Sikkim Organic Convergence Model (NITI)

• Role of Tribal Communities - Tradition Tribals Rich States → 3/4 organic prodⁿ area NE - Low Chemical Intensity? NITI Low Fertilisers Damage

④ 2 Different Certification Mechanism

NPOP	PQS-India
1) by APEQA (MOTI)	1) NCONF (M&A & FW)
2) 3rd Party cert ⁿ	2) Peer Review
3) 1 ^o Export Market	3) Domestic/Local Market
4) High Costs	4) Low/Nil
5) Extensive Document ⁿ	5) Simplifies

⑤ Challenges

- 1) Farmers - Certifⁿ, Training, High i/p costs, Seeds
- 2) Infra & Market - cold storage, logistics, lmtd market access, competition, Branding
- 3) Export & Trade - Non tariff barriers - 'stds'
- 4) Ecological & Technical - Lack of R&D, poor access

⑥ Way Forward [Sikkim & Nagaland - POCM]

- 1) Policy & Certⁿ → Blockchain → Digital certifⁿ
- 2) Market Development 3) Consumer Awareness
- 4) Support to Farmers (FPOs) 5) R&D 6) Training centres

Zero Budget Natural Farming (ZBNF)

4 Components -

- 1) Beejamrit
- 2) Jeevamrit
- 3) Acchadana
- 4) Waaphasa

Benefits

- 1) 50-60% Less power & water
- 2) Low input cost
- 3) ↑ Soil organic content (Microbes)
- 4) ↓ CH₄ Emission
↓ Residue Burning
- 5) ↑ Drought Resilience
- 6) ↓ Import Dependence for Fertilisers

Challenges

- 1) Labour Intensive
- 2) Time Consuming
- 3) Yield Variations & Unpredictability
- 4) ↑ Maintenance (cow)
- 5) Lmt'd scientific study
- 6) Hidden Costs
Overestimation - Profits
- 7) Transition phase cost

Govt Steps

- 1) BPKP under PKVY
- 2) Fin. Assistance
- 3) MOVCD-NER
- 4) Subsidies
- 5) ICAR Research
- 6) AP - 80 Lakh Hectares by 2027

States Practicing ZBNF

HP - Prakritik Kheti Khushhal Kisan
KA, KR, MH etc

Way Forward

- 1) R & D
- 2) Training
- 3) ↑ Market Access
- 4) ↑ Cow Breed Conservation Program
- 5) Avoid Forced Adoption
- 6) ↑ Localised experimentation

Empowering Farmers: The Success Story of MAHA FPC

646 FPOs → 1.7 Lakh Farmers

Case Studies: ES (2025-26)

- 1) Innovation in Land & Resource Governance
AP → Digital Land Titling
- 2) Market Reforms & Digital Market Access
MP → Digital MSP Purchases - Souda Patrak
AP → e-Farmarket - Rythu Bharosa Kendras
- 3) Climate Resilient Agri & Water Governance
KR → KERA Project supported by WB
OD → Pani Panchayat
- 4) Tribal Farming & Trad^l Knowledge
JH → Solar Irrigation Co-operatives
↳ Oraon Farmers → Year round cultivation

WRI → AP - Largest Agroecological Transition Experiment
✓ Phased Local Experiments

Israel - FAO

Agri Extension + Tech support

Cereals Based → High Value Base Agri
HVA ⇒ Horticulture + Livestocks + Fisheries
↓ (13% GR) (14% GR)

Nashik Grapes Study

↳ Prodⁿ → Processing → Exports → Eco. Growth
(Value Chain Approach)

2. Major Cropping Patterns.

What is the Cropping Pattern?

The proportion of area under diff. crops at a given point of time in a region (MoA & Fv)

Crops → Food Crops & Cash Crops

Factors affecting cropping pattern -

1) Historical Factors -

Permanent settlement, Ryotwari, Mahalwari
Famines | Land Reforms | Green Revolutⁿ

2) Natural Factors -

- Climate & Temp ⇒ (I) = 15 Agroclimatic
- Regions & 125+ AgroEco. Zones (ICAR)

3) Rainfall Patterns & Monsoon | Topography

4) Economic Factors

Farm Size & Structure | Inputs Access
Investment Capacity | Market Infra
Eco Incentives | Irrigation

5) Govt Policies & Market Factors

- MSP & Procurement
- Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan
↳ Green Manure + SHC based Fertilisers + Mixed Cropping
- Taxation & Infra

6) Socio-cultural Factors (Plate & Farm)

Food Habits | Diet | Religion | Festivals

7) Consumption Pattern

NSS : Consumption Survey
Rising Income ⇒ Cereals Based Consumpⁿ
to Protein + Fruits + Processed Food

8) Marketing Conditions -

APMC Access | Market Integration
Export Demand | Contract Farming
Infrastructure

⊙ Benefits of Crop Diversification

- 1) ↑ Soil Health (Legumes → N-Fixation)
- 2) Curbing Disease Outbreak
- 3) Blocking Pests & Bugs
- 4) Taming Weeds
- 5) Better Use of Farm Resources
- 6) ↓ Total Crop Wipeout
- 7) ↑ Food supply & wallet security

• Floriculture → sunrise sector
↳ 100% export promotion | ✓ small lands } ES
↳ Income/Hectare > other crops

⊙ Challenges Associated With Current Cropping Pattern-

- 1) Overdependence on Rice & Wheat
MoSPI: ↓ Area under coarse cereals
28.48% (1970-71) → 11.7% (2020-21)
• Green Revolution → Ensured food security but (ES)
increased regional concentration & GW stress
- 2) Soil Degradation & Monoculture
NPK (PB) ⇒ 29.8 : 6.5 : 1 (ICAR)
ISRO Desertification Atlas → 30% Land
- 3) Water Security & GW Depletion
PB/HR → 85% Blocks - overexploited GW
WB → (I) Largest GW Exploiter
Nearly 90% Fresh Water → Agri (says WB)
Nearly 55% cultivable area → ✓ Irrigatⁿ
- 4) Climate Vulnerability - Erratic Monsoon
1°C ↑ Temp ⇒ 5 Mn Tonne Wheat prodⁿ ↓ (WB)
- 5) Agro-climate misalignment
- 6) Inadequate Market & Storage Infra
- 7) Price Volatility & Debt stress (50% farmer)
✓ Cobweb Phenomenon

⊙ Changing Cropping Pattern in India

Wheat/Rice → Millets, Pulses, Oilseeds
Coarse cereals → Fruits & Vegetables
Sugarcane → Oilseeds & cotton
Rainfed cereals → Commercial Crops

⊙ Impacts of Changing Cropping Pattern

+ve Impacts

- 1) ↑ Farm income & Eco. sustainability
 - 2) Better water mngt & sustainability
 - 3) ↑ Food & Nutritional security
 - 4) ↑ Soil Health & Biodiversity
- Crop Diversification = virtual water conservatⁿ
↳ F-security → N-security → ↓ Hidden Hunger - NITI

-ve Impacts -

- 1) Market Volatility & Fluctuations
 - 2) ↓ Food grain self-sufficiency
 - 3) Loss of trad^l & Indigenous crops (NE-I)
 - 4) Lack of Extension support & Knowledge
- Ashok Dalwai Cmt → Tech adoption depends more on extension services than tech availability itself.

⊙ Need of the Hour

- 1) ↑ Crop Diversificatⁿ & support system
- 2) ↑ Infra & Post-Harvest Systems
Post Harvest Losses ⇒ 40% Fruits & vegetables
- 3) ↑ Water-Efficient & microirrigation
- 4) ↑ Market Access & Institution Building
- 5) Broaden Risk Mitigation & Insurance
Income Risk ← Productⁿ Challenges? (ES)
& Price Volatility
- 6) ↑ Knowledge, Extension, Tech Adoption
Agri 4.0 (FAO) | Annadata → Agripreneurs
- 7) Agroforestry & Natural Farming

⊙ Some Success Stories -

- 1) Dharwad-Haveri (KA) → Millet Magic Project
CROPS4HD
↳ i/p intensive → Climate smart farming
- 2) Enabawi Village (TS) → 1st Organic Village
↳ Ecology + Livelihood + Health ← FAO
- 3) Barahnaja System (UK) - Trad^l Multi-crop-piling

⊙ Integrated Farming System

(Whole farm management approach)
Prodⁿ Maximizⁿ → System Optimizⁿ (ICAR)
Waste of one → i/p of another (ICAR)

⊙ Benefits

- 1) ↑ Farm Income
- 2) ↑ Livelihood Security
- 3) ↑ Recycling
- 4) ↑ Soil Health
- 5) Environmental Protection

⊙ Challenges

- 1) Knowledge & Technical Skills gap
- 2) High initial investment & credit constraints
- 3) Small & Fragmented Landholdings
- 4) Lack of infra
- 5) Cultural Resistance & social constraints
- 6) Risk & longer transitⁿ

⊙ Way Forward (Swaminathan Commission)

- 1) FPOs
- 2) Single window credit
- 3) Micro Processing Units

① Crop Diversification (Portfolio Strategy)

CD → Virtual Water Conservatⁿ (NITI)
Produce More → Produce Smart (NITI)
eg. - Alappuzha (KR) = Pokkalia + Prawns
Rice Farming
Barahaja (UK) → Multicropping

② Benefits -

- 1) ↓ Risk
- 2) ↑ Climate Resilience
- 3) ↑ Income
- 4) ↑ Employment
- 5) ↑ Soil Fertility
- 6) ↓ Input Cost
- 7) Food & Nutritional Security

③ Challenges

- 1) Policy Bias towards Monoculture
- 2) Lack of market access & infra
- 3) Water scarcity & climate eg. Marathwada
- 4) Limited awareness & extension services
- 5) Cultural & Traditional Preferences

④ Emerging Technologies → ↑ 20% crop intensity (ICAR)

- 1) Precision Agri & Remote Sensing
- crop suitability mapping (ISRO)
(Intuition → Data Based Agriculture)
- 2) AI & Mobile Based Advisory Platforms
Apps - Kisan Suvidha, AgNext, CropIn
John Deere's See & Spray
- 3) Biotechnology & Improved Varieties
✓ 2nd cropping window
✓ Nutrients Mining
- 4) Hydroponics, Vertical Farming & Protected Cultivation
- 5) E-Marketplace & Supply Chain Tech
eg. DeHaat's ⇒ UP

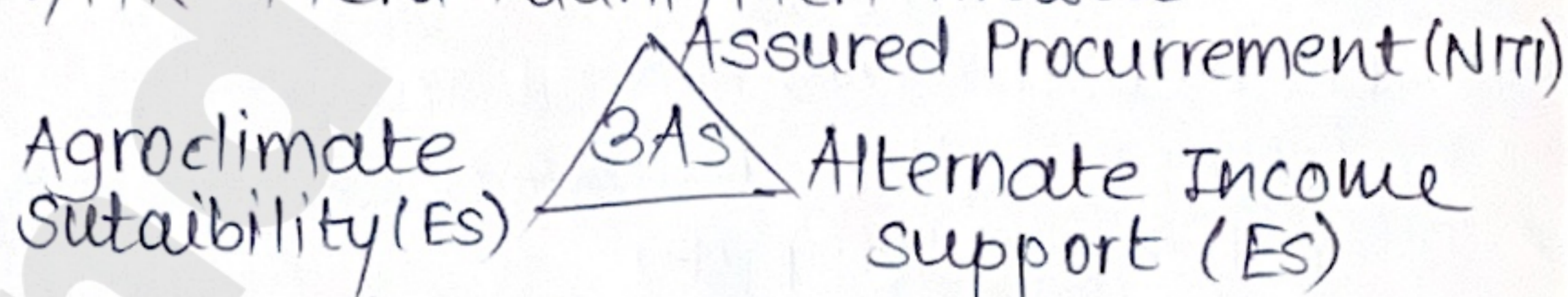
② Wheat-Rice Dilemma in India

① Concerns -

- 1) Crop Residue Burning: Air pollutⁿ - Delhi
- 2) Soil Health ↓: Ludhiana (N) decreased by 22%
- 3) Groundwater Depletion
PB & HR → 85% Blocks overexploited GW
Exporting Rice → Exporting GW (NITI)
- 4) WTO Disputes
- 5) Genetic Diversification, Skewed MSP, Methane Emission, Fossil Fuel Based Fertilisers etc.

② Way Forward

- 1) ↑ Crop Diversification
- 2) Water use Efficiency
- 3) Soil & Nutrient Mngt
- 4) AI & IoT
- 5) In-situ crop residue mngt (Happy Seeder)
- 6) Integrated policy
- 7) Procurement Based Risk Reductⁿ (NITI)
- 8) HR - Mera Paani, Meri Virasat



③ Determinants of High Value CD.

- 1) Eco. incentives & price signals
- 2) Agro-climatic suitability
- 3) Market Access & Infrastructure
- 4) Risk perceptⁿ & Risk Mitigatⁿ capacity
- 5) Access - Credit, Tech, Extension
- 6) Govt policy & institutional support
- 7) Landholding structure & tenure security

3. Irrigation & Irrigation System

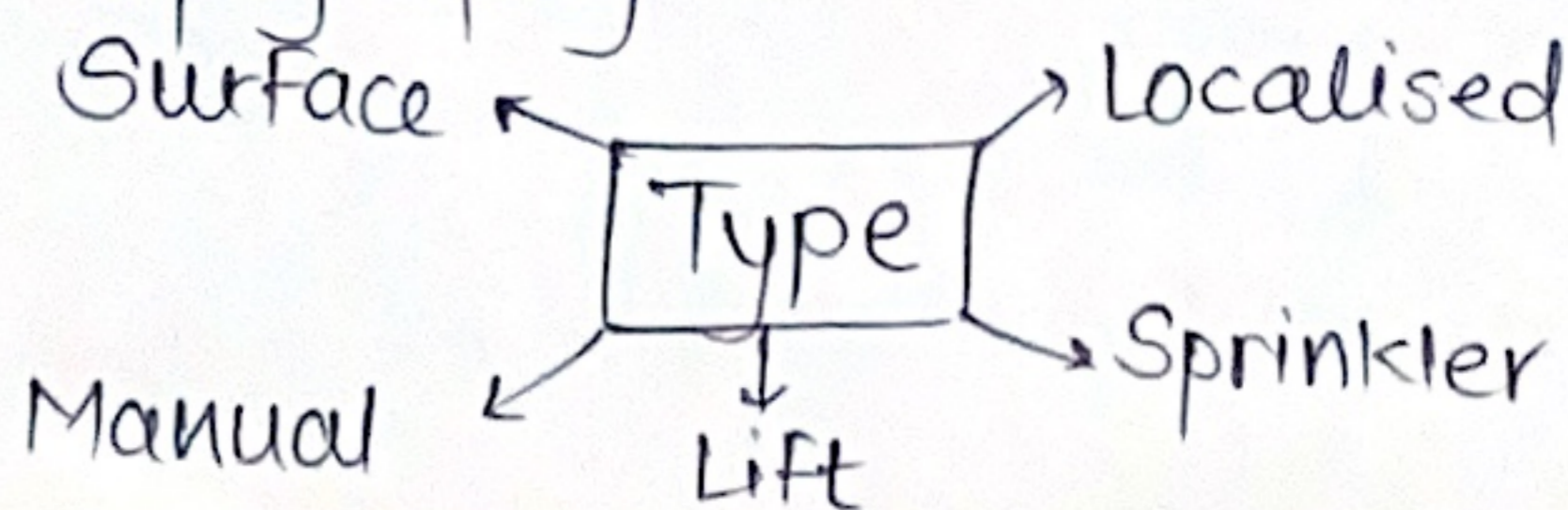
① Irrigation - Artificial supply of water
A tool to improve soil health & productⁿ mngt.

② Data -

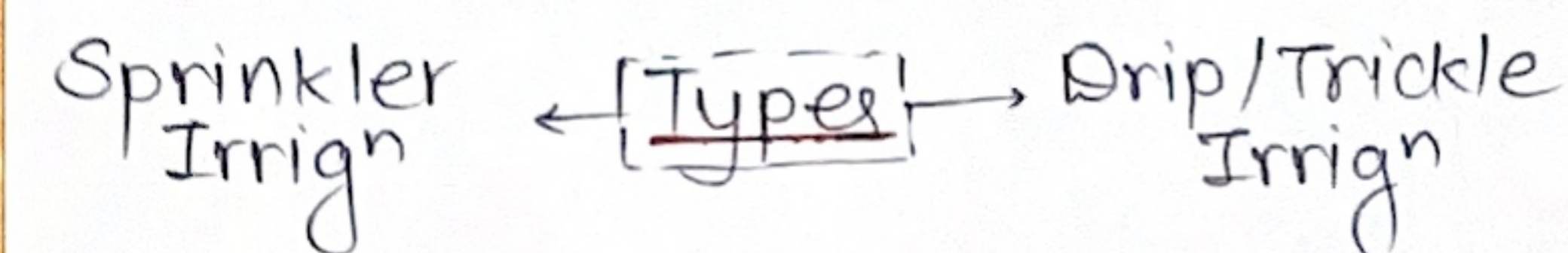
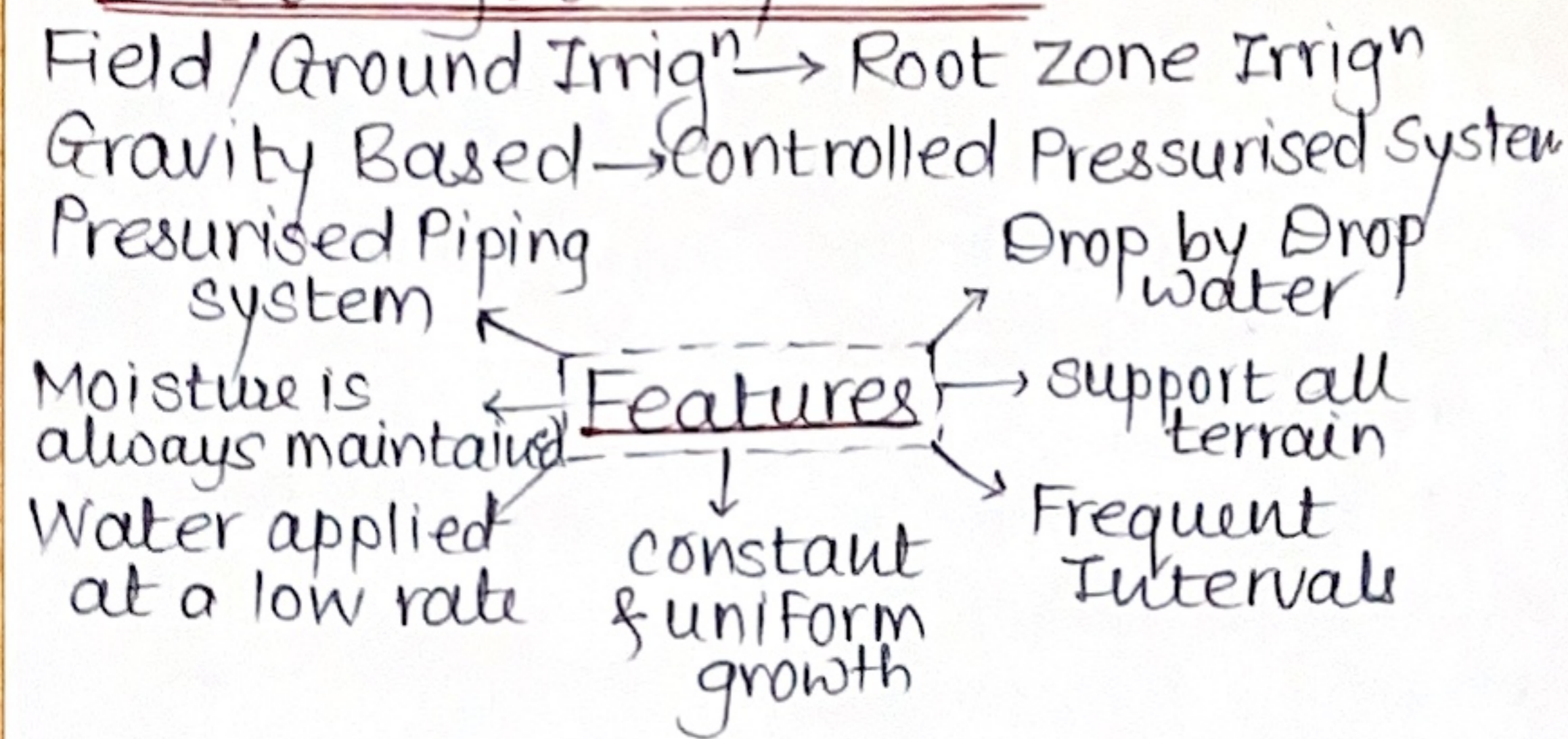
- 1) Irrigatⁿ cover ⇒ 55% Gross Cropped Area
- 2) Irrigatⁿ Intensity ⇒ 155% (over irrigatⁿ)
- 3) PB & HR ⇒ 98% & 94% GW Extraction
- 4) Micro-irrigatⁿ ⇒ India: 8% | USA - 68%
- 5) Total Irrigated Area = 68 Mn Hectares
- 6) Share of Irrigated Area = 48% net sown area
- 7) Groundwater ⇒ Nearly 68% of irrigatⁿ
- 8) Canal Irrigatⁿ ⇒ 24% of irrigatⁿ
- 9) Crop-wise ⇒ 90% → wheat & rice
- 10) Tube Wells ⇒ 50 Lakh
- 11) Tank Irrigatⁿ ⇒ Peninsular States

③ Necessity of Irrigation

- 1) Uncertainty of Monsoonal Rainfall (Flood)
- 2) Highly seasonal rainfall
Drought ↓ GW
- 3) Winter Rainfall (North India) ↓ GW
South West Monsoon (South India)
- 4) Cultivation of High Yielding Crops
1 kg Rice ⇒ 1500 - 2000 Ltrs of water
- 5) Difference in water holding capacity
- 6) (I) → Land of Rabi Crops
- 7) Topography



⊙ Microirrigation Systems



⊙ Advantages of Micro-irrigation

- 1) Saves water (45-60%)
Micro-irrigⁿ can save upto 50% of water & ↑ 40% productivity
- 2) Uniform water application → moisture is maintained
- 3) Saves electricity
- 4) Better Chemical Application
- 5) Reduces weeds & diseases
- 6) Tolerates soil salinity
- 7) Suited to varied topography & soil
- 8) Allows automation (IoT / Moisture Activⁿ)
- 9) ↓ Labour cost
- 10) ↑ Crop quality & yield ^{11) Fertigation}

⊙ Challenges

- 1) High Initial cost
- 2) Emitter clogging
- 3) Low Technical know-how
- 4) Power supply issue
- 5) Poor maintainance
- 6) Animal damage risk
- 7) Unsuitable for tall crops

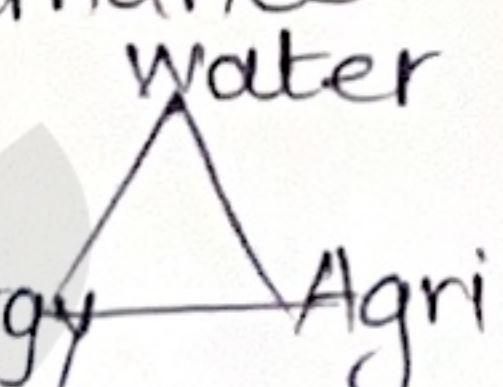
⊙ Govt Steps-

- 1) CSS → Per Drop More Crop
- 2) Micro Irrigⁿ Fund - NABARD - ₹5000 cr
- 3) Sahi Fasal Campaign
- 4) State Govt Subsidies

⊙ Problems : Irrigation

- 1) Waterlogging & Salinity
- 2) Difficulty in infra creation
- 3) Sustainability & falling yields (HR-GR)
- 4) Conflict over water eg. Cauvery
- 5) Neglect envtl flows eg. Yamuna
- 6) Siltation - eg Bhakra & Hirakund reservoirs
- 7) Health Impacts

⊙ Major schemes : Irrigⁿ Sector

- 1) PM-KSY → Har Khet Ko Pani
→ Per drop more crops
Irrigⁿ Expansion → Irrigⁿ Efficiency
 - 2) Atal Bhujal Yojana → 8000 Gram Panchayats
↳ community led GW governance
 - 3) PM-KUSUM → Solar pumps & grid connected RE. 
 - 4) Polavaram Irrigⁿ Project, Sharyu National Project etc
- Water availability → Water mngt problem (NITI)
Irrigⁿ → Agri : single to multi season

⊙ Measures to improve water storage & Irrigation System

- 1) ↑ Micro-irrigation
- 2) Modernise canals & watercourses
- 3) Water Harvesting
- 4) ↑ conjunctive use of surface & groundwater
- 5) ↑ Rainwater Harvesting in fields
- 6) Use Treated wastewater
Waste Water Reuse = New Water Source (WB)
- 7) Crop diversification
- 8) ↑ on-farm water management
- 9) Maintain minimum ecological flows
- 10) Precision Irrigation
- 11) IoT & AI → Fixed Scheduling

⊙ Some Innovative Solutions

- 1) Smart IoT & AI Irrigatⁿ systems
- 2) Floating solar power pumps
- 3) Modern Subsurface storage (Tanka 2.0)
- 4) Digital Water Credits & Trading
- 5) Rooftop & Road Runoff Harvesting
- 6) Biochar & Hydrogel Soil Amendments
- 7) Automated Canal Gates & smart Distributaries.

⊙ Jal Shakti Abhiyan

- 1) Water Conservation & rainwater Harvesting
- 2) Renovation of trad^l & other water bodies
- 3) Reuse & Recharge of Borewells
- 4) Watershed Development
- 5) Intensive Afforestation

4. Storage, Transport & Marketing of Agricultural Produce

⊙ Storage of Agricultural Produce

⊙ Need

- 1) Preventing Post-Harvest Losses
Prodⁿ Deficit → Post Harvest Mngt Deficit
Forced Sale → Timed Market Agri Eco.
74 Mn Tonne Food Loss - ICAR
NABARD ⇒ 4-8% cereals, 5-15% Fruits
- 2) Food Security
- 3) Stabilizing Prices
- 4) Supporting Farmers' Income
- 5) Enabling upstream & downstream SCM
- 6) ↑ Agri Exports
- 7) Complementing govt schemes

(WB): Warehouses → Storage Logistics Ecosystem

⊙ Current Mechanism

- 1) Traditional Methods
- 2) Modern Storage System
©/st. Warehousing Corporation (eNWHR)
Farm Silos | covered storage | cover & plinth

3) Recent Technologies

- AI-Driven Solar Powered Cold Storage
- Smart IoT Based Silos & Cold Chains
- Nano-packaging eg. Dantewada

4) Recent Schemes

- 1) NHB Cold Storage subsidy (35%)
- 2) PM Kisan Sampada Yojana (PM-KSY)
↳ Integrated Cold Chain Scheme
- 3) National Centre for Cold-Chain Develop^t
- 4) Gramin Bhandaran Yojana

• Cold Storage in India

- 8815 units ⇒ 40.21 MnMT | 70% utilizⁿ
- PM-KSY
- ICCVAI Scheme
 - ↳ MIDH
 - ↳ Operation Greens
 - ↳ NHB scheme
 - ↳ AIF
- Pvt Entrepreneurs Gaurantee Scheme

⊙ Issues: Storage System

- 1) Inadequate Storage Infra
FAO → 30-40% food produced is wasted
- 2) Regional Disparity (4 sts ⇒ 50%)
- 3) On Farm Storage Issues
- 4) FCI - Procurement & Storage
Open-ended procurement | X FIFO
x scientific methods

5) Lack of Proactive Liquidatⁿ Policy

- Shanta Kumar Cmt

- 6) Quality Deficity (FAO)
- 7) Land Acquisition

⊙ Way Forward

- 1) Shanta Kumar Cmt
 - FCI → Outsourcing → FIFO Policy
 - Proactive Liquidation
 - Limit on months (3 Months)
 - Mechanisation in all silos
- 2) Safe & Scientific Storage
- 3) Internation Collaboration
eg. Karnal & Japan
- 4) Passive Storage → Active Preservation
- 5) Learn from local innovations eg COOLBOR

- FCI is increasingly transiting from procurement manager to inventory manager
- FCI: Grain Handling Agency
↳ Strategic Food Mngt Agency

⊙ Govt Initiatives

- 1) National Policy on Handling & Storage of Food Grains, 2000
- 2) Gramin Bhandaran Yojana
- 3) Negotiable Warehouse Receipt System
- 4) Decentralised Procurement Scheme
- 5) PEG Scheme
- 6) Eco. Survey → Fiospan mobile storage units
↳ Smart Warehouse Initiative (WFP+IGMRI)
↳ Future agri strength doesn't depend on how much is produced but how efficiently India is preserving, moving & marketing (PMM) food

⊙ Transport of Agricultural Produce

- ① ⇒ 2nd Largest fruits & vegetables production but 40% wastage
↳ Logistic cost - 13 to 14% | Developed - 8-9%

⊙ Importance of Transportation

- 1) ↑ Backward & Forward Linkage (F2F)
- 2) ↑ Agri Exports
↳ ① ⇒ 2.5% of world agri trade with Rank 10
↳ WTO - World Trade Report
↳ Reasons - i) Fragmented Logistics
ii) SPS compliances
iii) Weak Cold Storage Chain

- 3) ↓ Post Harvest Losses
- 4) ↑ Price competitiveness for farmers
- 5) Develop rural economy
- 6) Food Security

NITI ⇒ 'Good On The Move'

↳ 40% post harvest loss of perishable goods

- 7) Acts as a support system for providing inputs

② Current Mechanism for Agri Transports

- 1) Road → 97% perishables
- 2) Rail → Bulk grains (Kisan Rail)
- 3) Air → High Value Perishables (Kisan Udan)
- 4) Water → Bulky Non Perishables
- 5) Cold chain → Reefer Trucks
- 6) Digital Aggregators eg. - Dehaat, Waycool, Ninjacart → Farm to Retail startup

③ Constraints

- 1) Inadequate Infra & Connectivity
 - ↳ Poor rural roads / Poor metalled roads
 - ↳ Weak inter-modal connectivity
- 2) Dominance of Roadways → costly
- 3) Lmt'd Cold Chain & Storage
- 4) High Post Harvest Losses
- 5) Lack of R & D
- 6) Policy & Regulatory Issues
- 7) Poor Traffic Mngt

④ Initiatives Taken

- Kisan Rail
- Krishi Udan
- PM - QSY
- Dedicated Freight Corridors
- Kisan Rath App
- eNAM

⑤ Budget 2025

- ↑ Reefer coaches
- New Rail Lines (Vidarbha & MP)
- Maritime Devt Fund
- Integrated Agri Export Facility
 - ↳ Nhava Sheva
- Dedicated Agri Export → JNPT

⑥ Way Forward

- 1) Road → Rail
- 2) PPP Model
- 3) Ashok Dalwai → ↑ investment on logistics
- 4) Dedicated Corridors
- 5) Road Concretishⁿ
- 6) Easing Interstate Regulatory Provision
- 7) Tech Driven solutⁿ
- 8) Decentralised Model

⑦ Case study - Alibaba's Cainiao

↳ Rural Producers to

- i) Smart supply chain National Markets
- ii) Cold chain Network
- iii) Rural Logistics Network

⑧ Marketing of Agri Produce

① Need

- 1) ↑ Farm Level Income
 - ✓ Market Access → commercialization eg. Sahyadri (MH)
 - ✓ Price Stabilizⁿ ✓ Direct Marketing
- 2) ↓ Post Harvest Losses ← Timely Delivery
- 3) ↑ Agri Exports
- 4) Boosting Rural Economy eg. Araku Coffee (AP), Kandhamal Haldi (OD)
- 5) ↑ Agribusiness and Value Addition
- 6) Food Security

② Current Mechanism

- 1) APMC Mandis
 - ↳ Shanta Kumar Cmt - Excessive Mandi Dependence
- 2) Direct Market Places eg. - Apani Mandi, Rythu Bazar
- 3) FPOs
- 4) Contract Farming
- 5) Digital Marketing (e-NAM, ONDC)
- 6) Pledge Financing (e-NWR)
- 7) Private Mandis & Aggregators (Ninjacart)

③ Challenges -

- 1) Inadequate Infra Amenities / Grading Units / Market Density
- 2) APMC Mandis Issue - Monopolistic Setup Cartelisation; Intermediaries, Licensing
- 3) Deficient Market Linkage & Information
- 4) Constrained value addⁿ & Processing ES ⇒ (₹) processing of Agri ⇒ Only 10% Developed countries ⇒ 60-80% x Modern Facilities / x credit access
- 5) Storage Facilities
- 6) Absence of National Integrated Market

④ Initiatives For Promoting Agri Marketing

- 1) Digital Mandi Expansion & e-NAM
- 2) AIF - Infrastructure
- 3) AAF - Accelerator
- 4) e-govt portal eg. - AGMARKNET
- 5) KCC scheme
- 6) FPOs under One Dist., One Product
- 7) Makhana Board - BR

⑤ Case Study - Shimlipal FPC - OD

FPO registered on eNAM through Udala main Market Yard

① Way Forward

- 1) Harshvardhan Patil Cmt
 - ↳ Put Investment in Marketing
 - ↳ Market Fees \leq 2% value of Produce
- 2) Inter Ministerial Task Force
 - ✓ Direct Marketing ✓ Contract Farming
- 3) Swaminathan Cmt
 - ✓ Allow pvt/co-op^{ve} markets
 - ✓ Farmer Centric
- 4) Ashok Dalwai Cmt
 - ✓ Min 30,000 Farm Produce Markets
- 5) Tech Solutions -
Blockchain & IoT → Traceability & Quality Assurance
- 6) FPO → Collective Marketing
 - Banded Sol's → Must Do Reforms
 - ES ⇒ Agri reforms don't require isolated interventions but requires integration of Marketing, Logistics, Storage, Processing & Digital Access (MLSPD).

② Agricultural Supply Chain Management (Agri-SCM)

① Structure : 5 Stages -

- 1) Production (Fragmented Cultivation)
- 2) Aggregation (Intermediary Dependence)
- 3) Storage (Distress Sale Pressure)
- 4) Transport (Logistics Friction)
- 5) Retail (Low Farmer Share)

② Significance

- 1) Reduces post harvest losses (Protecting Food Wealth)
- 2) Improves Farmer Price Realisation (Breaking Monopsony)
- 3) ↑ Food Security & Nutrition
- 4) ↑ Export Competitiveness
- 5) Stabilises Prices
- 6) Rural Employment
- 7) Financial Inclusion

③ Key Challenges -

- 1) Post Harvest Losses
- 2) Cold Chain Deficit
- 3) Intermediary Exploitation
- 4) Transport & Last-Mile Gaps
- 5) Information Asymmetry (Price Discovery Failure)
- 6) Fragmented Landholding (Aggregation Failure)

④ Solutions

1) Tech-Driven

- Blockchain Traceability
- AI Predictive SCM (Demand Forecasting)
- IoT Cold Chain Monitoring
- Drone Logistics & Monitoring (Last-Mile Efficiency)

2) Market Architecture Innovations

- ONDC
- Dynamic Pricing Algorithm
- Agri-Stack

3) Infrastructure Innovations

- Solar Powered Micro Cold Storage
- Zero Energy Cool Chambers
- Mobile Pre-Cooling Units

4) Financial & Institutional Innovations

- Commodity-Backed Financing
- Smart Contracts
- Agri-Fintech & Embedded Finance

5) Systemic & Governance Innovations

- Commodity Futures & Hedging
- Urban Vertical Farming
- Agri-Logistics Parks

✓ Khet Se Kismat

✓ Beej Se Bazaar Tak Samridhhi

5. E-Technology in Aids of Farmer

ES → Digital infrastructure is very crucial in improving productivity per drop, per crop and per farmer.

☉ Use of Technology In Aid of Farmers

1) Pre-Sowing Phase

- Weather Forecasting : Meghdoot (IMD)
eg. Gramin Krishi Mausam App (IMD)
- Soil Health Assessment : SHC scheme
eg. PB → Kheti Badi App
- Seed Selection : Biotech - GM seeds
- Input Planning : Agrostar, BigHaat
- Satellite Imagery : ISRO's - Bhuvan Portal

2) Sowing Phase

- AI Based Decision - FASAL App
- Remote Sensing & GIS Support - Krish-e
↳ Topographical Analysis, Moisture content
- Digital tools for crop selectⁿ - Kisan Suvidha

3) Crop-Production Phase

- AI - Pest / Disease Mngt → Plantix App
- Drones → Kisan Drone Yojana
- IoT → Irrigatⁿ - TN Precision Farming Project
Calendar → Demand Based Irrigⁿ
- Digital Extension Services - Digital Green
Intuition Based → Data Based
- e-Krishi Samvad & mkisan

4) Post-Harvest (Storage & Processing)

- Warehouse Digitisation (e-NWR)
- IoT → Storage & Cold Storage / Tango
- Tech Integration

5) Marketing & Price Realisation

- Digital Mandis & e-NAM
- FPO - Based Marketing Platform
- Blockchain → Traceability | Agrichain
AgNext
- Direct-to-Consumer Platforms
↳ DeHaat, Ninja Cart, BigHaat

6) Transportation & Logistics

- Digital logistics Matching Platforms
↳ Kisan Rath App (MoAFW)
- AI-Optimised Supply Chain - Ninjacart

7) Digital Export Facilitation

APEEDA's Agri Export Portal

☉ Challenges

- 1) Digital Divide & Connectivity Gaps
- 2) Smartphone Penetration & Usage
- 3) Digital Literacy & Local Language Barriers
47.8 Mn Rural Citizens → PMGDISHA

4) Affordability of Smart Devices & Tech
Avg Land Holding < 2 Hectares (1.08)
Avg Monthly Income = 10,180 ₹

5) Infrastructure & Power Constraints

6) Trust, Data Privacy & Farmer Hesitation

7) Access to High-End Tech

↳ Mostly large Farmers / FPOs

↳ Kisan Drone Yojana → PB/AP max

8) Weak Last-Mile Extension & support

713 KVKs For over 140 Mn Farmers

Only 1 Extension worker per 1000 farmers.

☉ Some Key Initiatives

1) NeGP-A → KCC / KVK / CCS

2) Kisan Sabha App → Logistic Support

3) Seednet

• Pvt -

1) ITCMAARS (ITC) → Phygital Ecosystem

2) Reliance Jio Krishi

3) Fasal - IoT Based Precision Agriculture

☉ Way Forward : Building a Digitally Inclusive Agrarian Economy

1) Rural Digital Development

✓ Smart Village Blueprints

✓ Community Tech Stewardships

↳ Digital Krishi Sakhis

2) Culturally Relevant & Accessible Content

3) Behavioural Change & Digital Literacy

4) Rewiring Agri Markets through ICT

↳ Geo Fenced Mandis ; Farmer IDs

5) Policy, Governance & Institutional Reforms

✓ Farmercentric Data Govce.

✓ Multi-stakeholder Agri-Digital Councils

6) Skilling & Capacity Building

✓ Re-skilling Extension workers

✓ Open Access Research Repositories

• ✓ SDG-2 & SDG-9

• Digital India will bring Digital Empowerment - PM Modi.

6. Issues Related to Farm Subsidies & MSP

⊙ Agricultural Subsidies

⊙ Direct ← Types → Indirect
 PM-KISAN, PAHAL, PM-Surya Ghar etc Fertilisers, Power, MSP etc

⊙ Rational/Need

- 1) Stabilizing the prodⁿ income - PM PRANAM
- 2) Direct Monetary Support - PM KISAN
- 3) ↓ Middle Income Trap
- 4) Eradication of Poverty - MSP, PM-AASHA
- 5) ↑ Tech Promotion - PM KUSUM, Happy Seeder
- 6) Establishing Equity
- 7) Economic Develop^t - eg RoSTEP
- 8) Voice of Global South & Peace Clause
- 9) Achieving Govt Commitments
eg PM Surya Ghar → Just Transitⁿ (NITI)
- 10) Crop Diversification ↳ Insurance

⊙ Issues -

- 1) Fiscal Burden : ₹ 1.71 Trillion → Fertilisers
- 2) Env'tl Degradaⁿ : NPK (421 → 831)
- 3) Distorting Cropping Pattern & Ecological Damage → Monoculture
↓ GW ⇒ PB/HR → 85% Blocks overexploited
- 4) Nutritional Insecurity (36% children-stunt)
- 5) Leakage & Corruption - Middle Men syndrome
Shanta Kumar Cmt → 46.7% Leakage - PDS → JAM Trinity
- 6) Inflationary Tendencies
- 7) Pop Political Populism eg Loan Waiver
- 8) out of 23 crops ⇒ 1/3 procurement - wheat & Rice
Skewed MSP
- 8) Crowding out of public investment → ↓ CapEx
- 9) Discourage Self Reliance

⊙ Upheavels at WTO

- 1) Inconsistent with Art 7.2(b) of AoAgri
↳ Violation of De Minimis Limit = 10%
Brazil, Australia, Guatemala → overshoot FRP
- 2) Breach of SCM Agreement
- 3) Distortions of Market Economy

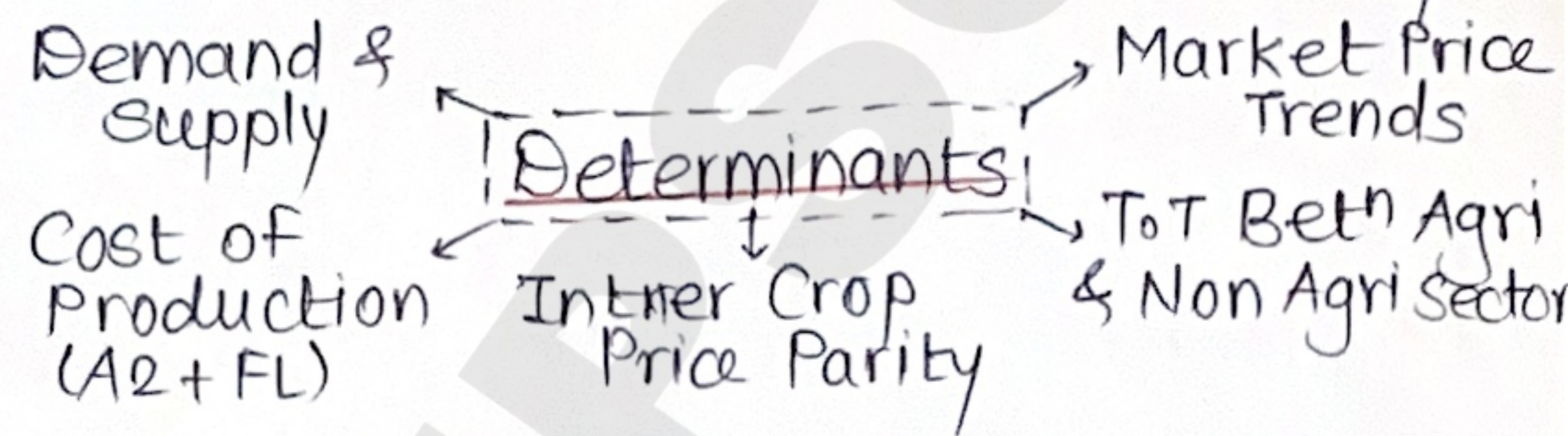


⊙ Measures -

- 1) Kelkar Cmt → Rationalisⁿ
- 2) Shanta Kumar
↳ Bal. Food & Nutritional security
- 3) B. Swaminathan → Transparency in DBT
- 4) Contract Farming
- 5) Co-operative Farming

⊙ MSP

- ↳ Protection of Farmer's produce & national food security in India
- CACP Recommends → 22 Crops + 1 sugarcane (MSP) (FRP)
- CCEA → Final Decision | FCI - Nodal Agency
- FCI - 'MSP is the backbone of PDS, which ensures nationwide food security'



⊙ Benefits

- 1) Income Security for Farmers (46% work force)
- 2) Rural Demand Multiplier / ↑ Farmer Income by 24%
- 2) Reduces Exploitⁿ
- 3) Encourage Agricultural Prodⁿ
- 4) Stabilizes Market Prices - eg NAFED ← PSS
- 5) Boost Rural Economy
- 6) Food Security & Public Distribution
Annual Requirement of Wheat = 20 MnT
Buffer Stock = 45-50 MnT
- 7) Crop Planning & Investment
- 8) Inflation Mngt → OMSS

⊙ Challenges

- 1) Distortions in Cropping Pattern
- 2) Arbitray fixatⁿ of cane price
- 3) ↓ Agri Ecosystem
- 4) MSP Pay^t Bottleneck
- 5) Hurdles @ Procurement - APMC Issues
↳ Regional Disparity ⇒ 4 sts → 85% wheat procurement (PRs)
- 6) Challenges @ Implementatⁿ
Shanta Kumar Cmt → Only 6% farmers
- 7) Env't Damage
- 8) Against Free Market
- 9) Harms Local Crops
- 10) Virtual Water Export

⊙ Demand For Legalisation ⇒ 6 → 20% Farmers

- Issues - 1) ↑ Fiscal Burden → 17 @ Lakh Cr
- 2) MSP Access Disparity
- 3) Intermediaries
- 4) Farmers may focus on MSP backed crops
- Middle Path - 1) Min Auction Rate
- 2) Legally obligate pvt parties
- 3) Direct Compensation
- 4) Consensus Building
- 5) ₹ 5 L Cr Fund → MSP @ Swaminathan

⊙ Required Reforms

- 1) NITI → Improved & Transparent Mechanism
→ Better Infra → Effective implementⁿ
→ Price Deficiency Pay^t → Bhavantar
→ Discourage Cartelisaⁿ → Bhugtan (MP)
→ Bharpayi (HR)
- 2) PM-AASHA; PSS; PDS

7. Public Distribution System (PDS)

"Famines do not occur in functioning democracies with a free press & active PDS. The system is crucial in preventing large scale hunger" - Amartya Sen

Entitlement Theory \Rightarrow PDS \rightarrow \uparrow Accessibility to Food

PDS \rightarrow MoCAF & PD / Fair Price Shops

TPDS \rightarrow 35 kg food grains \rightarrow BPL & AAY

- Dual Pricing Structure \rightarrow Central Issue Prices
BPL (50%) ; APL (100%)

₹3/2₹/1₹ \Rightarrow Rice / Wheat / Coarse Grain

- Eligibility & Identificatⁿ

Ⓒ govt \rightarrow overall size

Ⓔ govt \rightarrow Identification of Beneficiaries

- Split Governance

Ⓒ Objectives

1) Food Security

NFSA \Rightarrow 67% populⁿ \rightarrow legal entitlement to Food
 \hookrightarrow 80 Cr Beneficiaries

2) Alleviate Poverty and Hunger 75% \rightarrow Rural

3) Stabilize Food Prices 50% \rightarrow Urban populⁿ

4) Maintains Buffer Stock

5) Domestic Procurement

6) Supports Nutritional Needs (Fortified Rice)

7) \downarrow Regional Imbalance

Ⓒ Development & Evolution

1950-60s \rightarrow Import Dependent Phase

1970s \rightarrow Universal PDS

1992 \rightarrow Revamped PDS

1997 \rightarrow Targeted PDS

2000 \rightarrow AAY

2013 \rightarrow NFSA

Ⓒ How Does It Works?

Ⓒ govt \rightarrow FCI \leftrightarrow Supply Food Grains

Ⓔ govt \rightarrow Ration Cards, Beneficiaries, Monitoring, Identificatⁿ, FPS

Distribution - Ration Shops / FPS

\hookrightarrow PDS Supplies \Rightarrow Pulses + Edible + Salt & Oils Spices

\hookrightarrow Wheat / Rice / sugar / kerosene

Ⓒ Govt Schemes & Programmes

1) NFSA, 2013 \Rightarrow Subsidized Food Grains \Rightarrow 75% Rural + 50% Urban

2) \downarrow Leakages

\uparrow Performance

✓ 5 kg / person / month @ ₹ 3/2/1 (R/W/C&)

✓ AAY: 35 kg / month ✓ ₹ 6000 maternity benefit

✓ Free Meals for Children (0-14 yrs)

2) PM - GKAY - Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana

3) PM - POSHAN Scheme

4) AAY - Antyodaya Anna Yojana

5) ONORC - 1 Nation 1 Ration Card

6) Social Audits

• Anna Chakra - designed by World Food Program
 \hookrightarrow smart algorithm to find the best transport routes

• SCAN System \rightarrow Helps state claim food subsidies easily under NFSA, 2013

Ⓒ +ve Results of PDS

1) Food Security

2) Support the Vulnerables

3) Stabilizes Food Prices

4) Encourages Domestic Procurement

5) Supports Nutritional Needs

6) \downarrow Regional Imbalances

7) Tech Reforms \rightarrow Digitisation

99.8% Ration Cards | 98.7% Individuals

8) ONORC

Ⓒ Challenges

1) Leakages & Diversion of food grains

HCES \Rightarrow 28% allocated \rightarrow diverted

2) Ghost Beneficiaries & Identity Fraud - 40 L

3) Storage Losses & Quality Degradation

74 Mnt of food | 22% Foodgrain o/p

4) Inclusion Error - PM-GKAY \rightarrow 57% populⁿ

5) Fiscal Burden & Budgetary Constraints

6) Nutritional Gaps -

22 Cr Indians - Undernourished (FAO)

80% Adolescents - Hidden Hunger (FAO)

Ⓒ Shanta Kumar Cmt Recommendations

1) Targeted Procurement

2) Decentralised Procurement

3) Pvt Sector Involvement

4) Decentralised Diversified Procurement Basket

5) Digital Mapping of FPS

6) GPS Tracking

Ⓒ Recent Reforms

1) Digitalizⁿ & Real Time Monitoring

eg. CHH - Annasathi

\hookrightarrow 50% \rightarrow 10% Leakage after reforms

2) Portable Benefits for Migrants

3) Modern Storage Infra

4) ONORC

Way Forward: Shanta Kumar Cmt Wadhwa Cmt

- 1) Smart FPS eg-TN-Biometric System
- 2) Capacity Building of FPS Dealers
- 3) Community Participation & social audit
- 4) Green & Sustainable FPS - RJ - Solar FPS

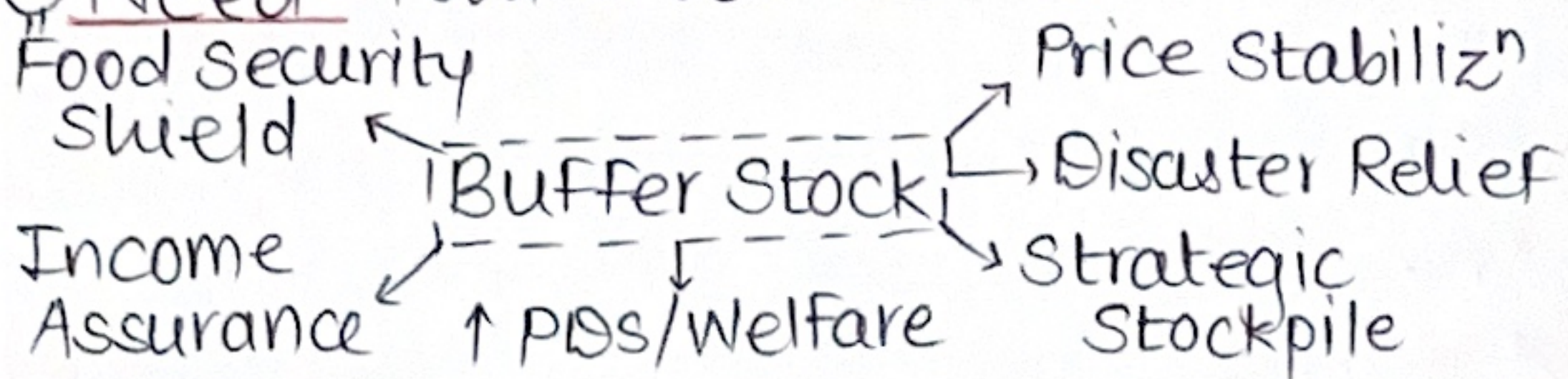
- 5) Grievance Redressal & Transparency eg. JH - Mera Ration App
- 6) Nutrition Focussed PDS
- 7) Improved Crisis Response
- 8) Collaborative Federalism

Case Study - CHH - Doorstep Delivery, Aadhar-based ePos, Decentralised Procurement.

8. Issues of Buffer Stock & Food Security

Buffer Stock

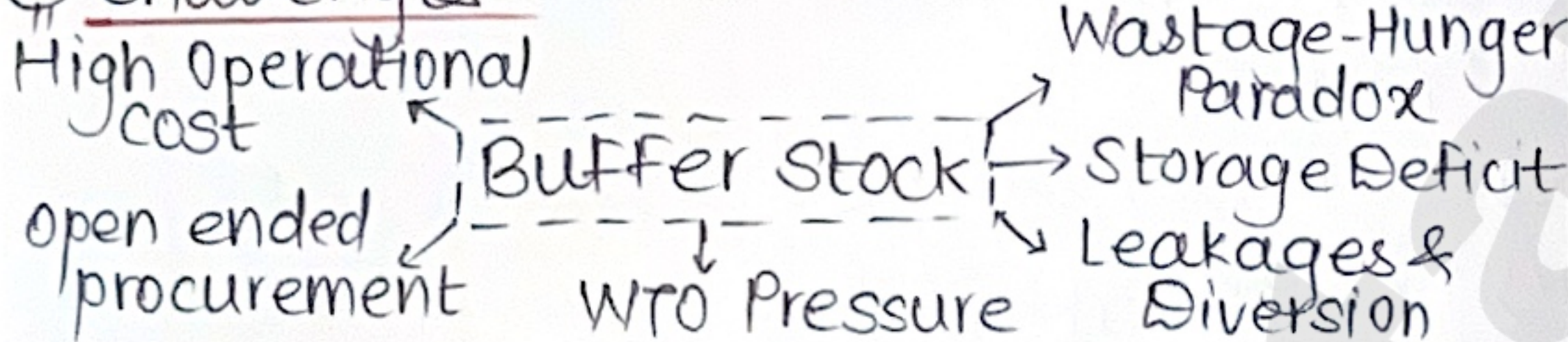
Need - Food Shock Absorber



Importance



Challenges



Government Steps & Buffer Norms

- 1) Buffer Norms (by GoI)
 - Operational Stock - TPDS/OWS
 - Food Security Reserve
- 2) OMSS → E-auction to Flour millers
 - ↳ Bharat Atta & Bharat Dal
- 3) Storage Infrastructure Mission

Shanta Kumar Cmt → Shift in Food

- Procurement by FCI
- 1) Decentralized Procurement
 - 2) Revisiting MSP Incentives
 - 3) Trade-MSP Alignment
 - 4) ↑ Pvt Sector
 - 5) Direct Cash Transfer

Way Forward -

- 1) Ashok Dalwai Cmt
 - ✓ Integrated Agri-Logistics
 - ✓ WSRA compliant godowns
 - ✓ ↑ e-NWR Platforms
- 2) Policy & Tech
 - ✓ Dynamic Buffer Norms
 - ✓ Tech Integrat^n
 - ✓ Cost mngt
 - ✓ Expand Commodities eg- TOP / SMP

Food Security

Food & Nutritional Security - Current Status

- 1) Global Hunger States | GHI = $102/123 = \frac{25.8}{\text{serious}}$
- 2) Burden of Undernourishment
 - ↳ 22 Cr - undernourished people
 - ↳ 25% - World's undernourished popul^n (UN (2024))
- 3) Child Malnutrition
 - NFHS-5 ⇒ 35.5% Children ≤ 5yr → Stunted
 - 19.3% → Wasted 32.1% → Underweight
- 4) Nutritional Deficiencies:
 - 20% gap → Quality Protein Intake
- 5) HR Perspective: HR Measurement Initiative
 - Only - 56.8% of eco. capacity → Food security

Need

- 1) Large Burden of Hunger & Malnutrition
 - NFHS-5 ⇒ Triple Burden
- 2) Eco. vulnerabilities & Poverty
 - NFHS-5 ⇒ 14.96% popul^n → Multidimensionally poor
- 3) Nutritional Security for National Growth
- 4) ↓ Agri Dependence & Rural Livelihoods
- 5) Strategic Importance & National Stability
- 6) Constitutional & Global Commitments [21], [SDG-2], UDHR, ICESCR
- 7) Climate Change & Resource Constraints

Food Surplus & Hunger Paradox

4 Key Aspects of Food Security & Government initiatives ⇒ AAAQ

Availability

- ↳ NFSA, 2013
- ↳ PM-KSY

Accessibility

- ↳ LTPDS, PMGSY
- ↳ ONORC

Affordability

- ↳ PM-KISAN, FPOs

Quality

- ↳ Fortificat^n
- ↳ Nutrition
- ↳ ICSS / MMS
- ↳ Poshan Abhiyan

Way Forward

- 1) ↑ Agri Resilience
- 2) Fortified Food
- 3) ↑ Efficiency-PDS
- 4) AI, Blockchain, Remote Sensing
- 5) Urban Agri
- 6) Zero Hunger Program
- 7) Dietary Diversity
- 8) Food waste Reduct^n
- 9) Best Practices
 - ↳ Nutri Garden - OD

9. Technology Mission & Various Agriculture Revolutions

Some Technology Missions

- 1) TMOPM - Oilseeds, Pulses, Maize
 - ✓ Cluster Demonstrations & Minikit Distribution
 - ✓ Oilseed Hub Model → Decentralised Procurement
 - ✓ Integrated Pest Management
 - ✓ Case Study - NMEO-OP → TS → 3x oil palm cultivⁿ
- 2) NMSA - Sustainable Agriculture
 - ✓ Micro Irrigⁿ - RAD → Dryland zone
 - ✓ Agroforestry ✓ Climate Smart Villages
- 3) NMAET - Agri Extension & Technology
 - ✓ Modern Farm Tech ✓ Training Support
 - Case study: Bharat - VISTAAR - multilingual AI
- 4) TMC - Cotton
 - ✓ HDPS - High Density Planting System
 - ✓ BT-COTTON ✓ Mechanised Harvesting
 - CS → HDPS success in Nagpur (MH)
 - ↳ CICR → 40% yield increase
- 5) HMNEH - Horticulture Mission for North Eastern & Himalayan States
 - ✓ Cold Chain Infra ✓ Protected Cultivatⁿ
 - ✓ Tissue Culture ✓ Polyhouses/Nethouse
 - ✓ Case Study - Kiwi Export Chain - AR
- 6) MIDH -
 - ✓ ↑ Prodⁿ & Quality ✓ cold storage, supply chain
 - ✓ Case Study - Jalgaon Banana Cluster

Updates - ES

- 1) DAM - Digital Agriculture Mission - DPI
- 2) SMAM - Sub-Mission on Agri Mechanisation
- 3) National Mission on HY Seeds
- 4) SMAE - Sub-Mission on Agri Extension
- 5) NMEO-OS & NMEO-OP

Green Revolution

HYV Seeds | Irrigation | Credit Access
Mechanisⁿ | Chemical Fertilisers & Pesticides

+ve Impacts

- 1) Food Grains Prodⁿ
72 MT → 357.7 MT
- 2) X Famines
- 3) ↑ Rural Income
- 4) ↑ Agro-Industrial Growth
- 5) Scientific Agri
- 6) ↑ Agri o/p
- 7) ↑ Irrigⁿ & Mechanisatⁿ

-ve Consequences

- 1) Eco. Inequality
- 2) Social Exclusion
- 3) Institutional failure
- 4) Regional Disparities
- 5) Land Use Disparities
- 6) Rice Wheat Monoculture
- 7) Env't Degradation
- 8) ↓ Ground Water
- 9) stubble Burning

Green Revolution 2.0 (Evergreen Revolⁿ)

Need -

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1) Climate Volatility | 5) Nutritional & ecological concerns |
| 2) Environmental Unsustainability | 6) Crop Diversification |
| 3) Low Productivity | 7) Post Harvest Mngt |
| 4) Market & Price Instability | 8) Tech Integration |

Key Aspects

- 1) Climate Resilience → CR Dhan 804
- 2) Nutritional Security → Madhuprabha (Wheat)
- 3) Precision Farming → Namu Drone Didi
- 4) Diversification → Mera Pani Meri Virasat
- 5) Integrated → Rice-fish-Poultry Farming (IFS) Model
- 6) Eco-Friendly i/ps → BPKP
- 7) Eastern India Focus → BGREI

Way Forward

- 1) Adopt One Health & Climate-Smart Practices
- 2) R & D
- 3) Educate & Empower Farmers
- 4) ↑ Co-operatives & Supply chains
- 5) Data-Driven Governance

Various Revolutions -

- 1) Golden → Horticulture, Honey, Fruits
'Sweet Revolution' | MIDH & NBHM
- 2) Blue → Fisheries & Aquaculture | Rank 2
PMMSY (20K Cr) & FIDF
- 3) Pink → Meat, Poultry & Prawns
AHIDF | NLM - National Livestock Mission
- 4) Silver → Eggs & Poultry | Rank 3
NLM | PVCF - Poultry VCF
- 5) Grey → Fertilisers & Wool
PM-PRANAM, Nano-Urea/DAP, SHC
- 6) Yellow → Oilseeds → NMEO-OP & NMEO-OS
(I) → Largest Edible Oil Importer (60%)
→ Largest Edible Oil Consumer
- 7) Round → Potato: TOP to TOTAL
PM-FME (Micro Food Processing Enterprises)
- 8) Red → Meat & Tomato → Op Greens
↳ Specialised Export Clusters under APEDA

① Jute - The Golden Fibre

- ✓ 15 Tonne CO₂ Sequestration/Hectare
- ↳ Mandatory Usage via JPM Act, 1987
 - 90% - Food Grains 20% - Sugar
- 2) MSP & JCI Procurement : 4 Mn Farmers
- 3) Jute - ICARE Program

• Challenges - Synthetic Fibre | Labour Intensive | Outdated Tech | Bangladesh Climate Change eg - Cyclon → 25% Harm Limited Usage

② Grey Revolution → Fertilisers

Ship to Mouth Surplus | NPK → 4:2:1

③ Present Steps

- ↳ Boosting Domestic Production
 - ✓ Record Prodⁿ → 525 Lakh Tonnes (2025)
 - ✓ Urea Self Sufficiency
 - ✓ Strategic Diversification - 5yr LTA
- 2) Efficiency through Nano-Fertilizers
 - Nano Urea | Nano Urea + INANO-DAP
 - Urea Gold - Sulphar Coating
- 3) Sustainability & Policy (PM-PRANAM)
 - ✓ Financial Incentives
 - ✓ NBS - Nutrition Based Subsidy

PB → 8:3:1
→ 23:6:1

③ White Revolution 2.0 (2024) by MoCo-opⁿ

- ✓ 1007 Lakh kg/day milk procurement (2028-29)
- ✓ Cover undersewed states

India - Rank 1 ⇒ Global Milk Prodⁿ (25%)
↳ Dairy - Largest Agri Product

↳ 5% to National Economy | 8 Cr Farmers
↳ Net Exporter ↳ 250 MT/day



④ Challenges

- ↳ Milk GR 6.47% → 3.78%
- 2) Poor Animal Productivity
- 3) Low Credit
- 4) Diseases
- 5) Feed & Fodder Deficiency

⑤ Way Forward

- ↳ ↑ Organised Milk Procurement
- 2) Breed Dev^t & AI Coverage
- 3) Feed Security
- 4) Value Addⁿ & Branding
- 5) Policy & Fiscal Support

10. Economics of Animal Rearing

① Current Status of Livestock Sector

Livestock Demographics -
Bovine : 304 Mn | Goat : 149 Mn
Sheep : 75 Mn | Pigs - 9.06 Mn | Poultry - 851

• Livestock Sector Growth (Es)
CAGR : 12.99% @ constant Prices
Share in Agri GVA - 30.23%

Livestocks - Rural Moveable Assets
- Shock Absorber for Rural Income

② Significance of Animal Husbandry

- ↳ Income Security : Living Bank for farmers
77% Rural Households - (NSSO, 77th Round)
- 2) Employment : Highest women & Labour Intensive ⇒ Feminisation
- 3) Nutritional Support ⇒ ↓ Hidden Hunger
- 4) Drought : Power & Transport
- 5) Waste Utilisation & Energy Production
- 6) Socio-cultural Functions -
Symbolic role in religious functions

③ Key Challenges

- ↳ Persistently low Milk Yield (Nearly 50%)
- 2) Credit Bottlenecks & Fin. Disincentives
Only 3.5% total agri credit
- 3) Lack of Organised Market Access
- 4) Fodder Shortage
- 5) Disease Surveillance Gaps & Veterinary Shortfall
↳ 1:6000 livestock against 1:1000 (FAO)
- 6) Poor Quality Testing & Inadequate Processing Infra
- 7) AMR → Impact on Milk

④ Key Govt Initiatives

- ↳ NADCP - National Animal Disease Control Program - xFMD & Brucellosis by 2030
- 2) NLM - National Livestock Mission
- 3) RGM - Rashtriya Gokul Mission
- 4) NAIP - National Artificial Insemination Program (20k Bovines/dist)
- 5) AHIDF - Infra Development Fund

Way Forward

- 1) Breed Conservation + ↑ Productivity
AI (Artificial Insemination) + IVF
- 2) ↑ Veterinary Infra & Disease Surveillance
- 3) ↑ Agri-Markets via Digital Platforms
eg. - FPOs, eNAM integratⁿ, ONDC

Fisheries Sector: Sunrise Sector

Economic Value

- Contributes 1.09% to India's Total GVA & 0.7% to Agri GVA

Significance & Strategic Importance

- 1) Food Security
- 2) Nutritional Security → Animal Proteins & micronutrients, Omega 3
- 3) Livelihood generation → 30 Mn People
- 4) Blue Economy, Mariculture, seaweed farming, eco-tourism
- 5) (I) → World's Top shrimp exporter
Seafood exports > ₹60,000 Cr
- 6) PM-MSY → +55 Lakhs by 2025

Challenges

- 1) Marine Capture Fisheries - Overexploitⁿ
↳ Outdated fishing practices
- 2) Inland → Seasonal, degraded natural stock, tenure insecurity, outdated tech
- 3) Aquaculture → Credit Barriers
Only 4.76 Lakh KCC, Inadequate Infra
X Trained workers/Extension workers
- 4) Cross Sectoral: IUU Fishing → 16-35%
- 5) Cold Storage & Logistic Gaps

Govt Schemes & Interventions

- 1) PM-MSY → 220 Lakh MT by 2025
- 2) Blue Revolution - Neel Kranti
- 3) Aquaculture Infrastructure Devt Fund
- 4) National Marine Fisheries Policy (2017)
- 5) KCC for Fishers

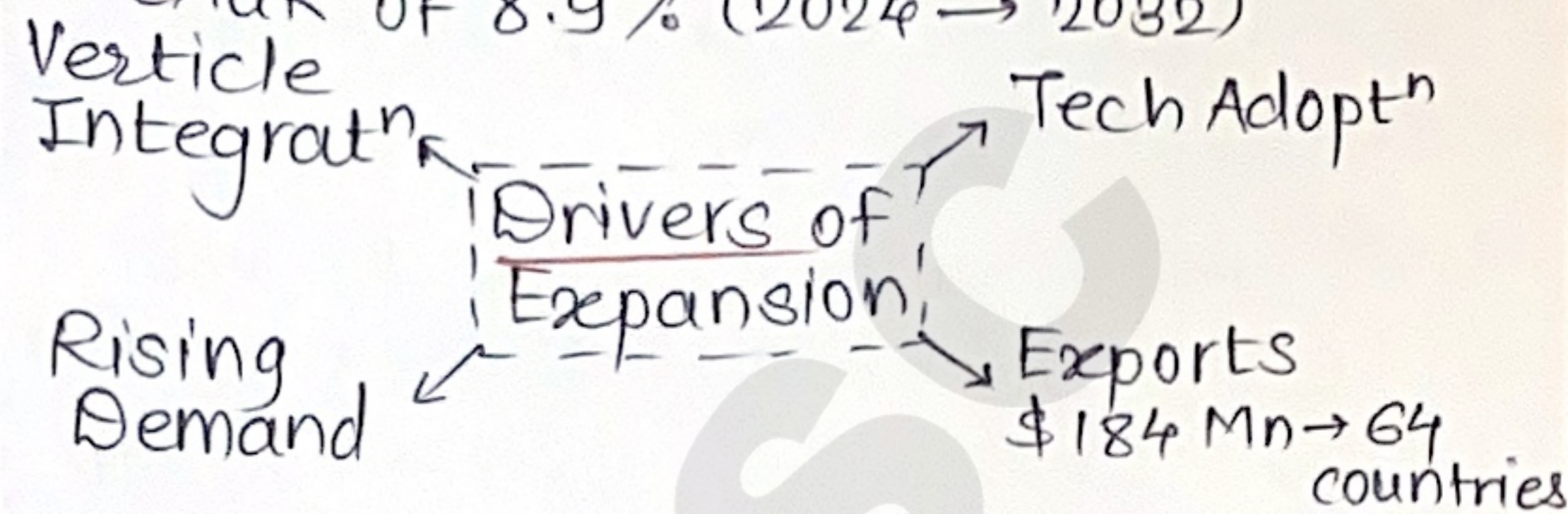
Way Forward

- 1) Legal/Inst. reforms
- 2) Species-specific fishing vehicles
- 3) R&D, Disease Resistance Breeds
- 4) Cold-chains, processing hubs, Traceability
- 5) ↑ International competitiveness
- 6) Meena Kumari Committee
- Climate Resilient Rice - Fish Farming in Assam (NITI Best Practices)

Poultry Industry in India

Industry Scale & Significance

- ✓ Global Positioning → #3 - Eggs; #5 - Chicken
- ✓ Market Size: ₹2100 Bn in 2023
CAGR of 8.9% (2024 → 2032)



Challenges

- 1) Fluctuations in Feed Cost
- 2) Animal Welfare
- 3) Waste & Biosecurity Issue
- 4) Disease Threats - avian influenza

Govt Schemes

- 1) Mega Food Parks & Cold Chain Scheme
- 2) 100% FDI & Tax Breaks - 100% - 5 yrs
- 3) Biosecurity & Export Support
WOAH notifications, AI Surveillance, AI-Free compartments

Way Forward

- 1) EoDB
- 2) Envtl & Welfare Compliance - Orage norms
- 3) Food Security → Legalised GM Feed imports
- 4) Consumer Awareness - One Health Messaging

Impact of Climate Change on Livestock

- 1) Heat Stress → ↓ Feed intake, ↓ Milk Yield
↓ Fertility (may 0%)
- 2) Pasture Availability
10-40% decline by 2050 (ICAR)
- 3) Disease Patterns → 52-84% variations in FMD (ICAR)
- 4) Aquaculture Impact

Impact of Livestock on Climate (GHGs)

- Livestock → CH₄ | Waste & Feed → N₂O
- Meat Prodⁿ → 18-25% global GHG (UNEP)

Best Practices & Innovations

- 1) Climate Resilient Shelters
- 2) Precision Livestock Farming
- 3) Genetic Selection
- 4) Manure Bioreactors
- 5) Drought Adapted Fodder Crops
↳ Stylosanthes, Napier Hybrid

⊙ Opportunities in Food Processing Sector

- 1) Integrated Cold Chain → Ice-Block Cool^y
- 2) Quick-Commerce Logistics → Dark Stores
- 3) Digital Traceability → Farm to Fork
- 4) Plug & Play Clusters
- 5) Supply Chain - RTC pre cut veggies

⊙ Challenges -

A) Upstream -

- 1) Fragmented Land Holdings
- 2) Inadequate Cold Chain Infra
- 3) Poor Primary Processing Facilities
- 4) Insufficient Aggregation Mechanisms
- 5) Post Harvest losses
- 6) Other Agri-Issues. eg-Irrigation etc

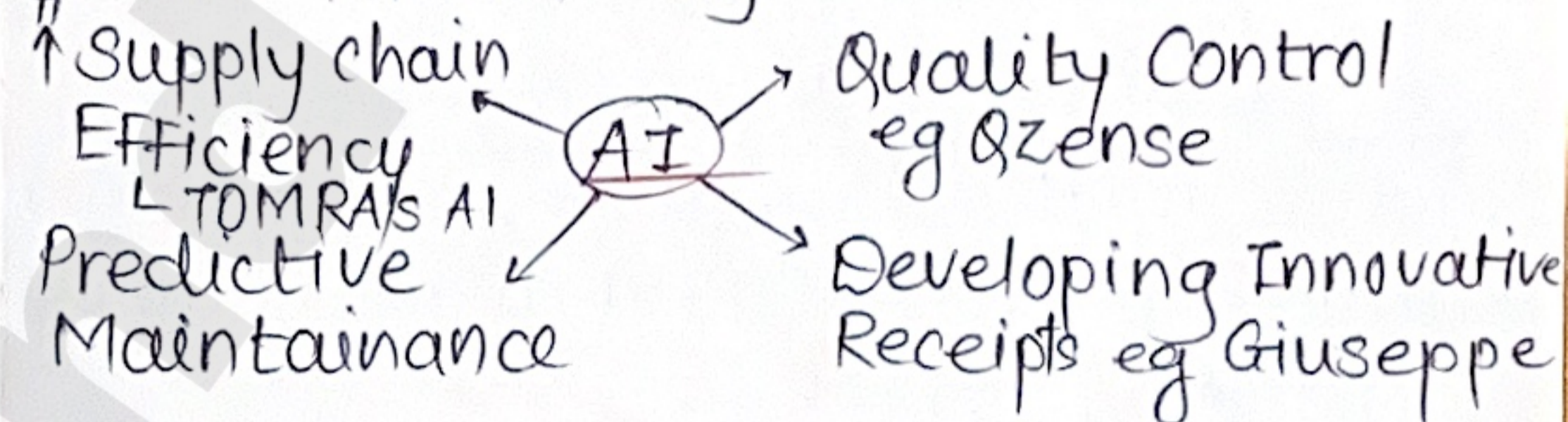
B) Downstream

- 1) Weak Market Linkage
- 2) Limited Access to Modern Retail & Export Markets
- 3) Complex Regulatory Environment
- 4) Low Access to Finance
- 5) Technology Gaps : R&D (0.64% of GDP)
- 6) Unorganised Sector Dominance - Nearly 60%
- 7) Changing Consumer Preferences
- 8) Thin Margins & Price Sensitivity
- 9) Food Safety & Quality Issues
- 10) Waste Management Issues.

⊙ Way Forward

- 1) Augment Infra (F2F) ⇒ AIF
- 2) Formalisation & Promotion of Micro Enterprises ⇒ PM-FME
- 3) Skilling & Capacity Building
eg. NIFTEM & IIFPT
- 4) ↑ Research & Innovation Ecosystem
eg. GoodDot & Blue Tribe Foods
- 5) ↑ Export Competitiveness
eg. Nashik Grape Clusters
- 6) Digitalizatⁿ of Supply chains
eg. eNAM
- 7) EoDB & Regulatory Simplification
eg. FSSAI's Eat Right India
- 8) ↑ Agro Processing Clusters & Decentralised Models eg. CHH

⊙ Role AI Can Play



⊙ Case Study - AMUL - Model of Inclusive Food Processing.

12. Land Reforms

⊙ Objectives -

- 1) Enhance Agri-Productivity
 - ✓ Tenants Lacked Ownership x
 - ✓ ↓ Insecurity & High Rent
 - ✓ Replace Archaic Structures
 - ✓ Gunnar Myrdal & K. Raj
 - ↳ Insti. Reforms are more crucial
- 2) Social Justice
 - ✓ Zamindari Abolition ✓ ceiling on Land
 - ✓ Tenancy Reforms ✓ Protect Land Rights
- 3) Catalyst for Economic Development
 - ✓ Removal of Intermediaries
 - ✓ Integrated Development ← FRP
- 4) Improve Rural Living standards
 - ✓ Redistribute income & land resources
 - ✓ Integrated rural upliftment

⊙ Post Independence Steps Towards Land Reform

- A. For Refugee Farmers
 - ✓ Resettled & PB on vacated lands
 - ✓ Initial Land Allotment (4 Hectares)
 - ✓ Support through credit
- B. Congress's Eco. Program Committee (1947)
 - ✓ Eliminate Intermediaries
 - ✓ Impose Land ceilings
 - ✓ Pilot co-operative farming models
 - ✓ Consolidate fragmented land holding

Zamindari Abolition

Salient Features of Abolition Acts

- 1) Ownership Transfer
- 2) Common Resources
- 3) Direct Taxation
- 4) Self-Cultivation Clause
- 5) Tenant Rights

Achievements

- 1) 1.7 Cr Hectars → 2 Cr tenants
- 2) ↓ Begari & Bonded Labour
- 3) Modernisation
- 4) ✓ DPSPs - Art 38, 39, 48
- 5) PC → 20 Mn Tenants → Direct relations with govt

Shortcomings

- 1) Poor Documentatation
- 2) Delayed Implementation
- 3) 'Personal Cultivation' Loophole
- 4) Neo-Zamindari
- 5) No-Benefits to Ryotwari Areas
- 6) Benami Transfers

Ceiling on Land Holdings - Max Limit

- 1) Obj → Identify & redistribute 'Surplus Land'
- 2) Surplus Lands
 - ↳ Landless, marginal farmers & tenants
 - ↳ Village Panchayat or co-op. farming groups
 - ↳ Equitable Access

Justification

- ✓ Prevent Monopolisatⁿ
- ✓ Empower Tenant
- ✓ Protect Small Cultivators
- ✓ Prevent - Neo-Zamindars

Equity



Constitutional Reinforcement

(34th Amendment, 1974)

↳ Ninth Schedule via Art 31-B

Challenges

- 1) Implementation Gaps
- 2) UP Case (fertile lands retained by elite)
- 3) Limited Redistribution
- 4) Administrative Apathy
- 5) Lack of political will

Long Term Impacts -

- 1) Rural Land Market Stagnation
- 2) Land Fragmentation
- 3) Low Productivity
- 4) Unfinished Transition

Tenancy Reforms in India

Major Elements -

- 1) Right to Lease
- 2) Right to Resume Cultivation
- 3) Protection from Eviction
- 4) Rent Regulation
- 5) Right to Voluntary Surrender
- 6) Right to Ownership

Challenges & Limitations

- 1) Delayed Legislation
- 2) Oral Tenancies
- 3) Elite Capture
- 4) Bureaucratic Apathy
- 5) Judicial Delays
- 6) Political Apathy

Socio-Political Impacts

- 1) Rise of New Rural Politics
- 2) Social Justice Gains
- 3) Economic Transformation

Consolidation of Land Holdings

Need

- 1) Dispersed Ownership
 - ↳ small & scattered land holdings
 - Avg ⇒ 2.28 (Ha) (1970-71) → 1.08 (Ha) (2021-22)

- 2) Operational Difficulties
- 3) Barrier to Mechanisation
- 4) Emerging Sectors

Advantages

- 1) Sci. & modern farming methods eg. -sprinkle
- 2) ↓ Operational inefficiencies & transportⁿ costs
- 3) ↓ Boundry Land Wastage & Disputes
- 4) Surplus Land → Rural infra
- 5) ↑ Long-term Land Improvements

Challenges -

- 1) Cultural Attachments
- 2) Elite Resistance
- 3) Informality
- 4) Quality Variation
- 5) Administrative Bottlenecks
- 6) Misuse of Real Estate Gains

① Contract Farming & Land Leasing

① Advantages -

- 1) Assured procurement
- 2) ↓ Credit Market failure
- 3) Tech Transfer
- 4) Integrates Farmers into global value chain through quality standardisation & traceability

① Advantages & Concerns -

- 1) Monopsony like conditions
- 2) Hold-up risks - Rejection Episodes
- 3) ↑ crop shift toward water intensive cash crops
- 4) Weak legal safeguards & dispute-resolution

① Land Leasing

• Advantages -

- 1) ↑ Economies of Scale
- 2) ↓ Land Market failure
- 3) Supports reverse tenancy
- 4) Enables FPO-led Collective Cultivation
- 5) Legal Recognition & institutional credit access to tenant farmers

• Concerns

- 1) Adverse possessions → tenant insecurity
- 2) Consolidated mechanised farms
↳ Agricultural labour displacement
↳ ↑ Disguised unemployment
- 3) Speculative corporate control & diversion of farmland towards non-agri purposes

① Bhoodan Movement

(Voluntary Land Donation)

1951 - @ Pochampalli, AP → Zamindars gifted land to Vinobha Bhave

✓ Gandhian ethics of trusteeship

① Mechanism

- 1) Organisation Hierarchy - Sarvodaya Samaj
- 2) Padayatra
- 3) Land Titling
- 4) Beneficiary Selection
- 5) No Cost to Beneficiaries

① Gramdan: Collectivised Rural Living

Gandhi → Communal Cultivation & Egalitarian Rural Society

① Structure

- ✓ Land ownership → Gram Sabha
- ✓ Committee Decisions

① Success & Challenges

- 1) Thrived in tribal & egalitarian villages
- 2) Less effective in socially stratified or commercially-oriented rural settings

① Regional Variations in Success & Failure of Land Reforms in India

① Successful Stories -

- 1) Kerala - Near total abolition of landlordism
- 2) WB → Operation Barga

① Mixed Success

- 1) PB/HR - Large landowners → Benami
- 2) Western UP - Middle Peasantry but landless remained landless

① Failure -

- 1) BR → Land Wars
- 2) MP → High instances of Benami Transfers

① Land Reforms 2.0

Physical Redistribution → 21st century digital empowerment & legal certainty

① Need

- 1) ↑ Landlessness & Inequality
Top 10% own over 50% agri land
Bottom 50% own less than 5%
- Indian Land & Development Conf. (2023)
- 2) Poor Land Records & Titling Issues
DILRMP ⇒ only 66% land records → updated & digital
- 3) Fragmentation of Land Holding (1.08 Ha)
- 4) Low productivity & Land Use Efficiency
25 Mn Cultivable land → fallow (MoAFW)
- 5) Women's Land Rights ⇒ < 13% land holdings

① Key Components

- 1) ULPIN (Bhu-Aadhar)
- 2) SVAMITVA Scheme (Use of Drones)
- 3) NLRMP → DILRMP (sector)
- 4) NGRS → National Generic Documentⁿ System → 1 Nation 1 Registⁿ software
- 5) Conclusive Titling
- 6) Revenue Court Management (RCMs)

⊙ Targets -

- 1) Digitalisation & Conclusive Titling
- 2) Liberalising Tenancy laws
- 3) Land Ceiling Review & Redistribution
- 4) Land Consolidation & Pooling
- 5) Gender-Sensitive Land Ownership
eg. - OD - Patta in her name policy

⊙ Computerisation of Land Records

• Need -

- 1) Equity in Land Reforms
- 2) Reduced Legal Conflicts
- 3) Boost to Investment
- 4) Transparency & Accountability
- 5) Administrative Efficiency

• Challenges -

- 1) Linguistic diversity limits rural usability
- 2) Low digital literacy & awareness
eg. NASSCOM: Indian digital literacy rate = 37%
- 3) Outdated Cadastral records
- 4) Fragmented governance
- 5) Weak digital infra

• Some States Successes

- 1) KA - Bhoomi 2.0 & Parihara
- 2) MH - Mahabhulekh & E-Chavadi
- 3) TS - Dharani Portal
- 4) UP - UP Bhulekh & Varashat
- 5) TN - Land Stack Pilot (2026)
- 6) MP - MP Bhulekh

• Way Forward -

- 1) Integrated Digital Platforms
- 2) Community Participation
- 3) Regular updates & tech use
- 4) Dispute Resolutⁿ Portals
- 5) Strengthen Legal Backing
- 6) Support for Customary Rights

⊙ Land Pooling

⊙ Core Feature - Ownership remains with titleholders

⊙ Delhi: A Model in Land Pooling

↳ Delhi Development Act, 1957

✓ Participants → A share of serviced developed land

⊙ Key Advantages

- 1) Owners receive a share of developed land
↳ ↑ Asset value & utility
- 2) Bypass acquisition process
- 3) Unlocks larger, contiguous tracts
- 4) ↑ PPP
- 5) ↑ Planned Urbanisation

⊙ Challenges -

- 1) Owner Resistance
- 2) Implementation Lag → Unplanned Growth
- 3) Urban Constraints
- 4) Time Lag Returns
- 5) Co-ordination Issues

⊙ Conclusion & Policy Outlook

- 1) A forward looking alternative
- 2) A Win-win solution
- 3) Centre, under the concurrent list powers (Entry 42), should encourage progressive phase out of traditional acquisition.

⊙ Tech & Land Reforms 2.0

1) Blockchain

- ✓ Immutable Title History
- ✓ Prevention of Benami Transactions

2) AI

- ✓ Automated Boundary Detection
↳ High Resolution Drone Imagery (SVAMITVA scheme)
- ✓ Dispute Analysis eg - Bharat Vistar

3) Drones

- ✓ Cadastral Maps & Land Surveys.