

## Indian Agriculture Main Achievement

From "Bagging Bowl Status" To an Era of Self Sufficiency"

#### **Green Revolution**

A Science led Success

**Main Cradles:** 

1. Policy Support

2. Institutions

3. Human Resource

4. Partnership



- · Six fold increase in food grains production (50 mt - 295.67 mt)
- Horticulture production > 320 mt
- Reduction in poverty (From 70% 20%)
- Maintaining Buffer stock > 50 mt
- Milk Production From 20 mt -184 mt
- Fish Production: <1 mt 12.6 mt
- Export > US \$ 40 billion

**Record Production this year:** 

Food grains, Rice, Wheat, Maize, Oilseeds, Cotton

#### Yet we need to move fast

Only 10 years left to achieve SDGs (2030)





















## **Global Food and Nutrition Insecurity**

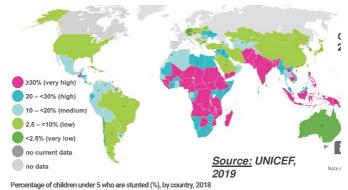
**88%** of countries face serious 2-3 forms of malnutrition

**2 billion** people lack key micronutrients (iron, vit. A)

155 million children stunted

**2 billion** adults overweight or obese

**41 million** children overweight



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Note: Country Data are the most recent available estimate between 2012 and 2018; exceptions where older data (2000–2011) are shown are d with an asterisk (\*) and where only data prior to 2000 are available the dark grey color denoting no recent data is used.

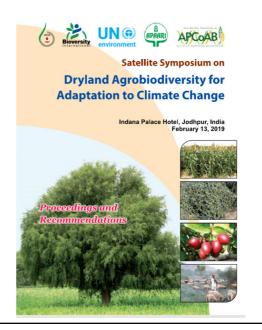
The world is off-track for meeting global nutrition targets

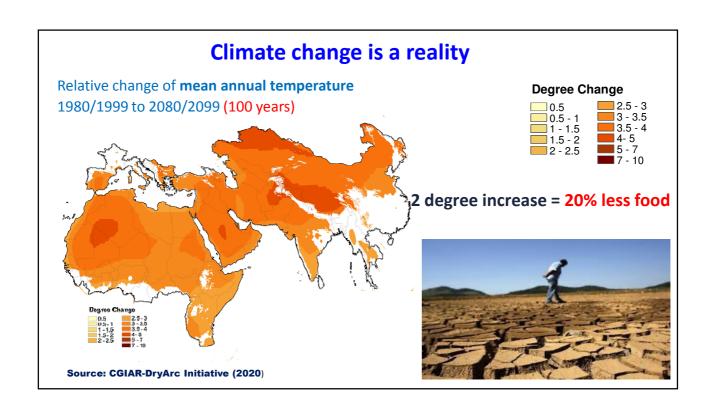
Source: EAT-Lancet Commission Report, 2019

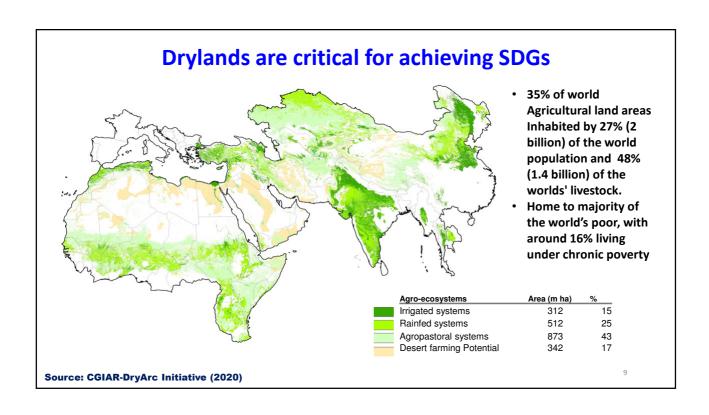
### **Agrobiodiversity for Resilience, Nutrition and Livelihoods**

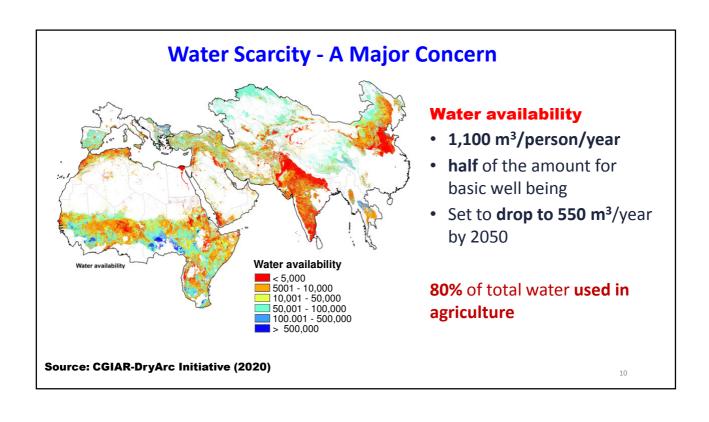
- A Road Map needed for efficient conservation and sustainable use of dryland agrobiodiversity
- Greater emphasis on genetic enhancement – More use of PGR
- Reorienting farming systems around local agrobiodiversity
- Agro-processing, value addition and market linkages
- Incentives for ecosystem services
- Network/consortium of farmers and institutions for on-farm conservation

COVID-19 – Need for dependence on local food systems









## **Emerging Pests and Diseases**





- Desert Locust
- Fall Army Worm
- Wheat Blast
- Many More





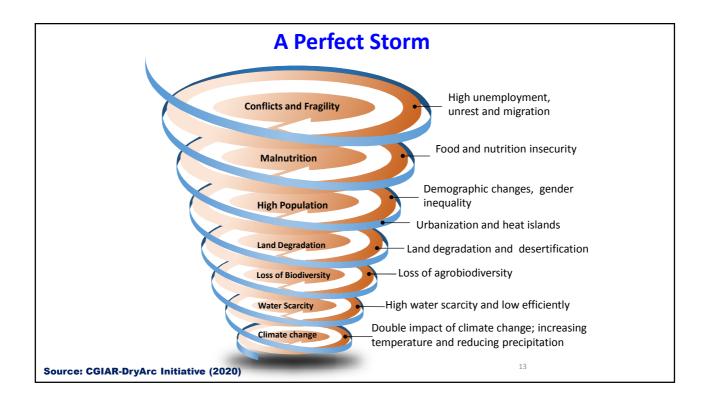
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## **Loss of Agrobiodiversity**

- + 1.5-2.5°C  $\rightarrow$  20-30 % of species at risk of extinction
- + 3.5°C  $\rightarrow$  40-70 % of species at risk of extinction

(IPCC 2007, Synthesis Report)





# Agriculture in Rajasthan The Context

Rajasthan is unique in many ways

Not only for its velour, old culture and traditions but also its rich biodiversity

Largest State of India covering nearly
10.4 % of total geographical area of the country

Nearly 65% of its population (8 crore) is dependent on agriculture

Almost 10 million rural youth (including women)

Agricultural Challenges in Rajasthan

- In Rajasthan, out of 295 blocks, 185 Blocks are in Dark Zone. Even 3 Blocks have no drinking water.
- Water scarcity and inefficient use-Flood irrigation be banned and micro-irrigation be intensified
- Climate Change- Drought and erratic rainfall – monsoon contraction and flash floods
- Lack of value chain for high-value crops
- Feed scarcity and underdeveloped livestock markets
- Ban on Animal Slaughter- Sheep and goat- a major share with high potential
- Enabling policy support for Agriexports?
- Underinvestment in agricultural research-less than 0.2% of GDP; much below most of the states



NABARD,2018



## **High Grazing & Browsing Pressure**

- >5 times in arid region
- >3 times of the normal in semi-arid region







#### **Contributing Towards Indian Agriculture A Few Successes**



- 12% of country livestock, 13% milk, and 33% wool
- Animal Husbandry Sector contributes 8.74% to GSDP
- One of the largest states in India taking part in organic farming, with over 81,000 hectares of registered organic farm area.
- No.1: Bajra, Moth, Mustard, Guar, Coriander, Fenugreek, Heena, Isabgol, Wool,
- No 2: Gram, Cumin, Milk
- No 3. Soybean, Pulses, Oilseeds
- No 4: Garlic

### Pearl millet - lifeline in the arid region

Promising sources i	dentified in Dr	Raj. S. Paroda	Genebank at ICRISAT
Stress/Nutritional traits	Accessions screened	Promising sources identified	A PROPERTY N
Salinity	48	32	
Drought	115	8	
Heat	238	6	197 11 1 2 1 2 2 2 2 2 2
Ergot	2,752	283	
Downy mildew	4,727	65	
Rust	2,229	332	
Smut	1,747	397	
Downy mildew	534	222	
Nutritional traits			
High seed protein content (>15%)	1,735	272	
High seed iron content (>80 ppm)	387	41	
High seed iron and zinc content (>60 ppm)	387	33	
High seed zinc content (>60 ppm)	387	42	Vodey et al. 2010
Yellow endosperm	137	2	Yadav et al., 2018



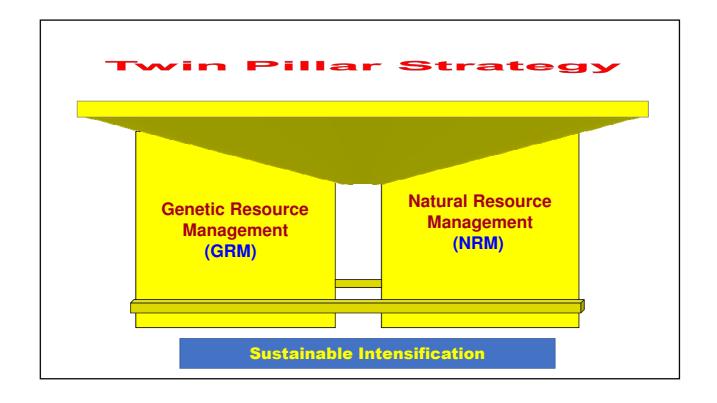




#### What is Needed?

- Increase in Crop Yield and Income
- Improving Soil Health OM & NUE
  - Water Harvesting and Water Use efficiency
    - Farm Mechanization and GAP
- Agricultural Diversification (Horticulture, Dairy, Poultry, Fishery, Agro-forestry etc.)
  - Post-harvest Processing , Value Addition and Marketing





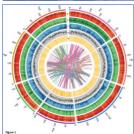
## **Opportunities**

- Unique Agrobiodiversity
- Crops: Bajra, Sarson, Moth, Moong
- · Seed Spices: Jeera, Dhania, Methi, Ajwain
- Fruits: Ber, Aonla, Anar, Ker, Datepalm
- · Medicinal Plants: Isabgol,
- · Grasses: Sewan, Dhaman
- · Trees: Khejri, Rohida, Babool, Neem
- · Cattle: Tharparkar, Rathi, Gir, Kankrej, Nagouri
- Sheep: Magra, Bikaneri, Chokhla
- · Goat: Marwari

#### **Harnessing Bioresources for Higher Productivity**







- Unique (often exclusive) germplasm
- Germplasm highly adapted to climate change
- Useful <u>genetic material</u> with inbuilt tolerance to abiotic stresses – <u>draught</u>, <u>salinity</u>, <u>high</u> <u>temperature etc.</u>
- Excellent genetic resource for isolation of candidate genes Ex. Kharchia wheat for salt tolerance

## **Ex Situ Conservation - NBPGR**

Crop	Indigenous Collections	Exotic Collections	Total Collections
Pearl Millet (Pennisetum glaucum)	8000	830	8830
Barnyard Millet ( <i>Echinocloa</i> esculanta)	1917	08	1625
Finger Millet (Eleusine coracana)	11014	109	11123
Foxtail Millet (Setaria italica)	4498	81	4579
Kodo Millet ( <i>Paspalum</i> scrobiculatum)	2368	01	2369
Sorghum (Sorghum bicolor)	11211	9067	20278
Moth (Vigna aconitifolia)	1459	31	1490
Mung (Vigna radiata)	3347	405	3752
Cluster bean (Cyamopsis tetragonoloba)	3967	31	3998
Sesame (Sesamum indicum)	6921	2411	9332
Rape Seed & Mustard (Brassica sp.)	1895	63	1958
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Courtesy: OP Yadav, CAZRI

## **Collections of Horticultural and Agro-forestry Crops**

Crops	Accessions /varieties
Ber (Ziziphus mauritiana)	318
Pomegranate (Puninca granatum)	357
Aonla (Emblica officinalis)	50
Date palm(Phoenix dactylifera)	61
Citrus spp.	614
Guava ( <i>Psidium guajava</i> )	150
Gonda (Cordia myxa)	85
Bael (Aegle marmelos)	427
Kair (Capparis decidua)	11
Khejri ( <i>Prosopis cineraria</i> )	22
Karonda (Carissa carandas)	29
Fig (Ficus carica)	12
Matira (Citrullus lanatus)	65
Snap melon (Cucumis melo var. Momordica)	65
Kachri (C.melo var. callosus)	68





Major Seed Spices		Minor Seed Spices		
Crop	No. of germplasm	Crop	No. of germplasm	
Cumin	247	Ajwain	100	
Coriander	549	Dill	111	
Fennel	297	Nigella	24	
Fenugreek	733	Celery	36	



Courtesy: Gopal Lal, NRCSS

### Mothbean - a most resilient pulse crop

- · Consistent area around 1.5 m ha
- No better substitute available
- Research for new plant type and high yielding varieties needed
- Must be protected under GI





## **High Value Crops**



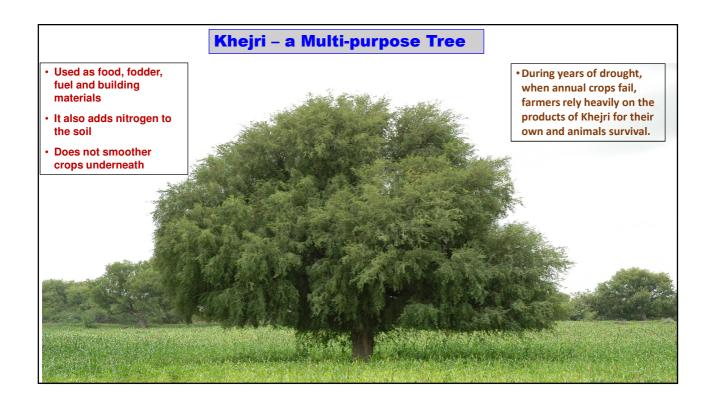
- Methi from Nagaur
- Mirchi (Chilli) from Mathania, Jodhpur
- Henna from Sojat
- Resilience against risks
- Opportunity for income
- Employment for youth trough value addition/processing
- Foreign exchange

## **Unique Grasses of Thar Desert**

-The lifeline for Livestock in Rajasthan

#### **Germplasm Conservation:** Lasiurus sindicus-111 Cenchrus ciliaris-85 Cenchrus setigerus-42 Panicum antidotale-47 Panicum turgidum-02 Cymbopogon sp-24 Clitoria. ternatea -09 Lablab purpureus -02 Indigofera sp-01





## **World's Unique Tree Species**







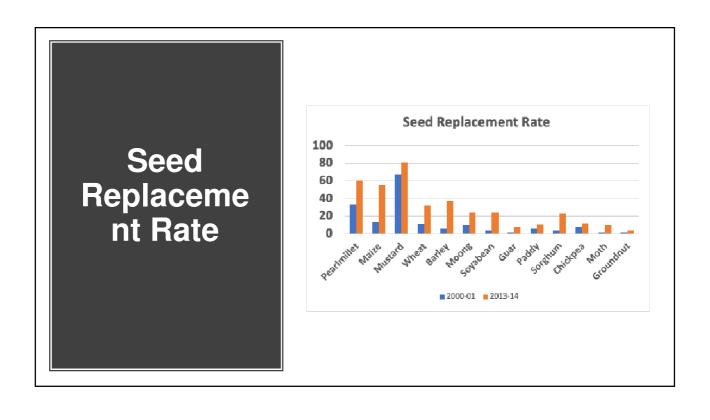


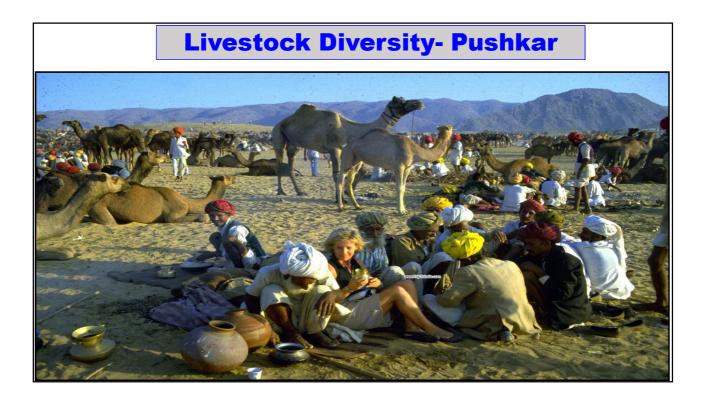
- Nutritious fodder for livestock under multiple stresses
- Very high C-sequestration under limited water availability (high C sequestration potential per unit of water)
- A risk management strategy for the smallholder and resource poor farmers (fixed deposit with more interest than the bank)

More research needed







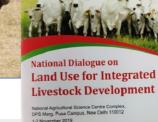


## **Unique Livestocks**









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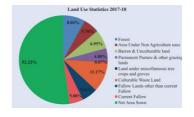
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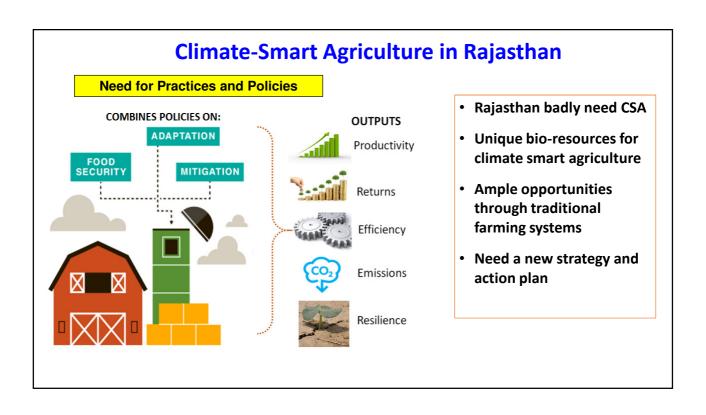


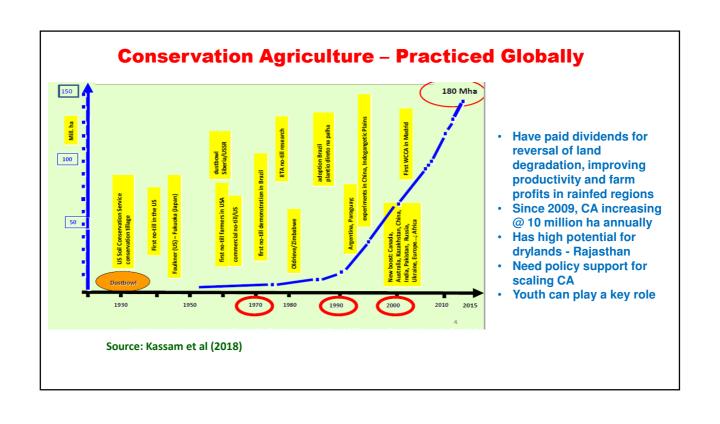
- Most efficient breeds a real lifeline for dryland farmers
- Rich traditional knowledge

## **Towards Good Agronomic Practices (GAP)**

- Scientific land use
- Conservation Agriculture
- Climate smart agriculture
- Integrated Farming Systems Eco-region wise
- Organic farming (nitch areas & crops)
- Microirrigation + Fertigation + Solar energy







# CA in South Asia – Very Slow Adoption (Currently 5.0 mha)

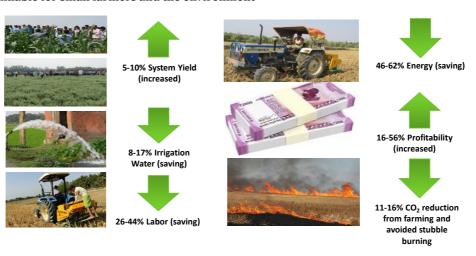
Continent	Cropland under CA (m ha)	Per cent of global CA area
South America	66.4	42.3
North America	54.0	34.4
Australia & NZ	17.9	11.4
Asia	10.3	6.6
Russia & Ukraine	5.2	3.3
Europe	2.0	1.3
Africa	1.2	0.8
Global total	157.0	100

Country	CA area '000ha 2008/09 update	CA area '000 ha 2013 update
China	1,330	6,670
Kazakhstan	1,300	2,000
India	-	1,500
Turkey	-	45
Syria	-	30
Korea, DPR	-	23
Iraq	-	15
Uzbekistan	-	2.45
Azerbaijan	-	1.30
Lebanon	-	1.20
Kyrgyzstan	-	0.70
Total	2,630	10,30

Kassam et al (2015)

## **Conservation Agriculture for Sustainable Intensification**

**Example from irrigated intensive systems in IGP**Sustainable intensification of cropping systems can help reduce costs, increase incomes and make agriculture more sustainable for small farmers and the environment

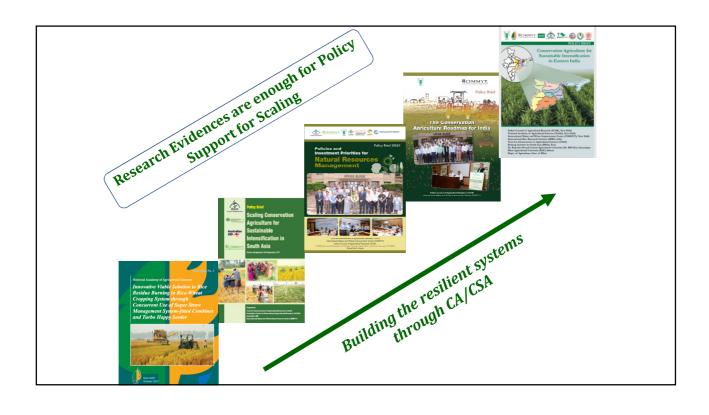


Synthesis from ICAR-CIMMYT research in India

### **CA towards Resilience**

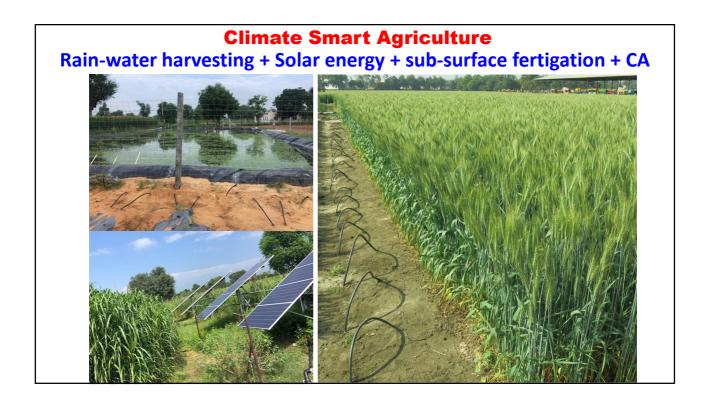


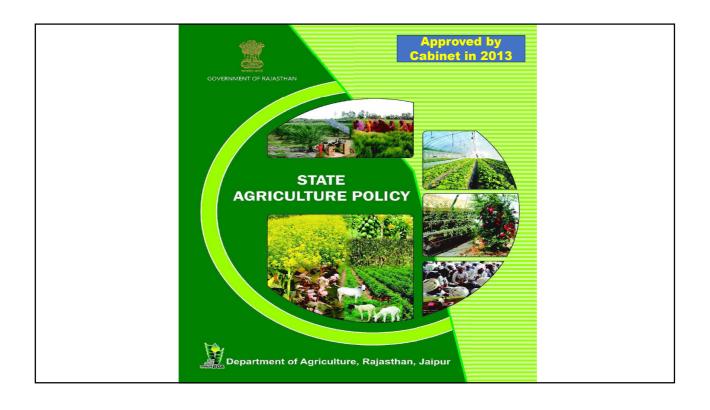
- Drought
- Heat
- Excess soil moisture/water logging
- Nutrient stress
- Salt stress



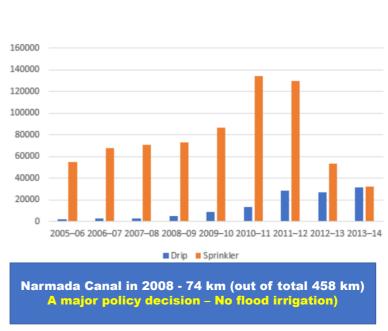








Trends in Micro-Irrigation System in Rajasthan



# Towards Organic Agriculture Rajasthan has ample opportunities

- Globally, OF acreage is 112.2 m ha in 181 countries (IFOAM FiBL Report 2019).
- OF is growing at 12 % annually
- India 3.56 m ha under organic production
- Market size- US\$ 97 billion (2017)
- During 2017-18, India exported 0.46 m t of organic produce worth Rs 3453 crores.
- Madhya Pradesh (36 %) and Maharashtra (23 %) are the leading states
- Rajasthan can do much better



- Niche areas and crops (<u>Low volume high value crops</u>), and the organic farming practices
- RAJASTHAN IS A De-Facto Organic area
- Declaring "Special organic farming zones".
- Incentives to farmers for improving soil, human and environmental health - MSP + 25% premium
- Integrated Organic Farming System (IOFS) Approach
- Engaging youth for entrepreneurship on organic farming (production, processing, value addition, marketing)
- Centres of Excellence (in DAUs) for basic, strategic and applied research



- Global population is expected to be 9 billion by 2050; youth around 20 %
- India has a comparative advantage over other countries with 356 million youth between 10-24 years age group; nearly 200 million living in rural areas
- India's population is expected to remain young longer than that of China and Indonesia
- Average age of the Indian population is 30 years, as against 40 in USA, 46 in Europe and 47 in Japan
- Agriculture is a key sector, sustaining around 55 % of India's population
- Youth and agriculture are the twin pillars for achieving SDGs

Challenges
Before Youth
in Agriculture

- Lack of access to good knowledge resulting in failure of new initiatives - needing institutional back up
- Limited access to land small land holdings
- Lack of financial resources
- Difficulties in linking to markets
- No voice in decision-making
- Poor social image of agriculture and lack of infrastructure facilities in rural areas
- There exists 'aspiration-attainment gap' due to lack of hand holding, mentorship and funding support

# Global/Regional Initiatives





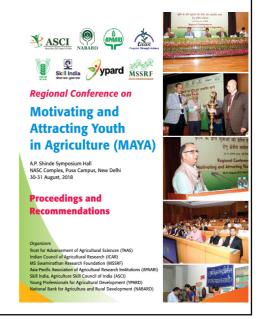
- Challenge to retain youth in agriculture figured prominently in the Global Conference by GFAR in New Delhi -2006.
- An international forum of Young Professionals for Agricultural Development (YPARD) was launched under the umbrella of GFAR at FAO, Rome
- The importance of youth in agriculture was structurally debated during GCARD 1 and 2, organized in 2010 and 2012, respectively
- Regional Workshop on 'Youth and Agriculture: Challenges and Opportunities' organized in Islamabad
   2013

## Motivating & Attracting Youth in Agriculture (MAYA)

## To be Job Creator and not Job Seeker:

- Youth (including women) as extension agents Paid extension
  - Youth as input providers
  - -Youth as Entrepreneurs

Promoting the model of Agri-Clinic in each District (involving KVK, ATMA and Private Sector)



#### **Options Available - A Fifteen Point Agenda**

- 1. Improved seed production Hybrids
- 2. Certified nursery for quality plants
- 3. Knowledge sharing through ICT
- 4. Paid extension services
- 5. Quality input supply
- 6. Farm mechanization Custom Hire Centres (CHCs)
- 7. AGRI-CLINICS
- 8. Post-harvest processing and value addition
- 9. Micro-irrigation
- 10. Contract farming FPOs
- 11. Protected cultivation
- 12. Conservation agriculture
- 13. Accredited Laboratories Soil and water analysis, Organic produce, Seed quality, Biofertilizers, pesticides & Biopesticides
- 14. Inland fishery including spawn production
- 15. Flower production including seed production

#### MAYA - Road Map

- Separate 'Department of Youth in Agriculture'
- Establish a 'National Mission on Youth in Agriculture'
- Encourage youth to set-up agri-service centres
- Encourage youth to get involved in e-NAM, start-up, stand-up and skill development schemes, agri-business enterprises, FPOs etc
- Need for paradigm shift from narrow focus on 'youth as a farmer' to 'youth as a value chain developer' to harness better economic opportunities
- Govt. to provide enabling policy environment for long-term investments, easy and soft credit availability, provision of subsidy to entrepreneurs, easy market linkage, land, water and market law reforms, and tax exemption for rural-based primary value addition by youth
- The private sector to help create an 'Agri-Youth Innovation Corpus Fund' and facilitation for creation of Agri-Clinics under corporate social responsibility (CSR)

## **Opportunities for Youth - Seed Spices Sector- An Example**

- Diversification through seed spices
- **≻Seed production**
- >Organic farming
- >Processing & value addition
- >Export of seed spices



Source: Dr Gopal Lal, NRCSS

#### **Enhancing Income from Goat Milk**

- Goat milk is nutritionally superior to cow milk having 12.6 % total solid, 3.8 % fat, total protein 4.8%, lactose 3.7% and ash 0.8%
- The essential minerals like Ca, K, Fe, Mg, P, and Cu are significantly higher in goat milk
- Average shelf life of goat milk is 5-7 hr, 11-14 hrs and 9-13 hrs during summer, autumn and winter, respectively. Goat milk can be processed into different products like paneer, kulfee, flavoured whey drink etc.







#### Prosopis juliflora based complete feed block/mixture

- To prepare multi block/mixture mixtures, clusterbean meal replaced by P. Juliflora seed meal
- The feed block/nutrient mixture supplementation in the animals increased feed intake, regulated rumination, corrected pica, regularized the breeding cycle and improved fertility
- Supplementation of these feed blocks and nutrient mixture increased daily milk yield (20-25 %) in cattle and buffalo maintained under grazing conditions



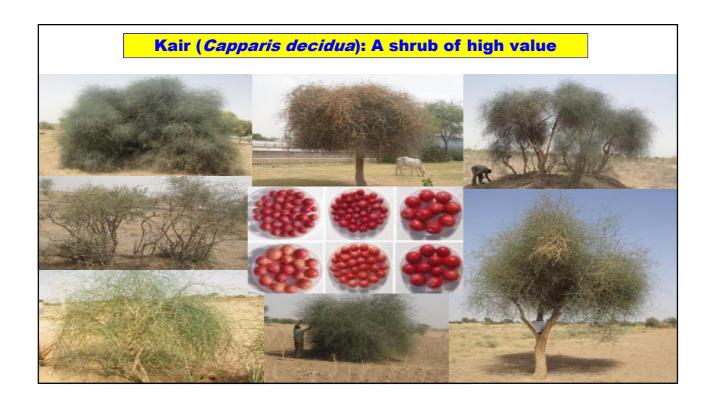


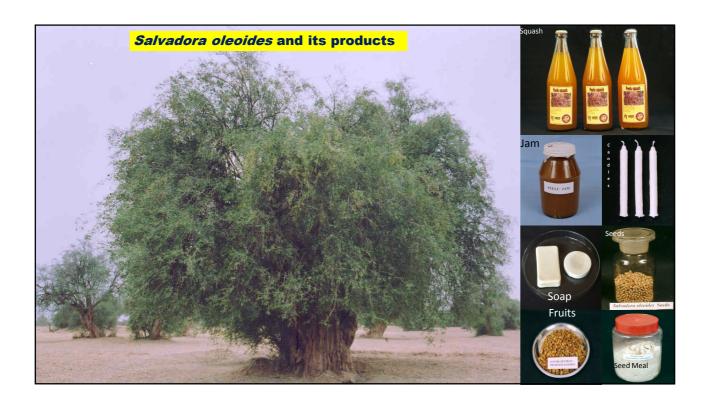














## Rajasthan Institutional Support Available

State Agricultural Universities – 5 + 1 (Veterinary)
ICAR Institutes – CAZRI, CSWRI, NRC on Camel
NIAH, NRC on Mustard, NRC on Seed Spices,
PD on Bajra,

**KVKs - in Each District** 

State Department of Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries

A mechanism for convergence, coordination is must State Council for Agricultural Research, Education and Farmers' Welfare Needed

Specialized crops	Secondary agriculture	Scale appropriate mechanization & Conservation Agriculture for drylands	Agro-biodiversity	Specialized farming systems	Incubation hub for Agriculture Youth
<ul> <li>Bajra</li> <li>Barley</li> <li>Taramira</li> <li>Seed spices</li> <li>Clusterbean</li> <li>Mothbean</li> <li>Mungbean</li> <li>Chikory</li> <li>Grasses</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Peri-urban</li> <li>Mushroom production,</li> <li>Honey</li> <li>Medicinal and herbal</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mechanization hub for Rajasthan</li> <li>Collaboration with PAU, ICAR-CIAE, CIMMYT, Private Manufacturers etc.</li> </ul>	Specialized in situ agro- biodiversity genebanks (conservation, utilization and facilitation)	<ul> <li>Agro-forestry based farming systems</li> <li>Secondary agriculture</li> <li>Protected cultivation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Formal education</li> <li>Informal education</li> <li>Handholding and mentoring of young entrepreneurs</li> </ul>

