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#### PREFACE

This book covers all the important aspects of ICAR Institutes and Current updates, General Agriculture, Agronomy, Soil Science & Biochemistry, Microbiology, Plant Pathology, Horticulture, Genetics & Plant Breeding, Seed Sciences & Technology, Plant Physiology, Agricultural Entomology, Agricultural Economics, Extension Education, Animal Husbandry & Dairy Science and Agricultural Engineering containing descriptive & one word type of questions.

Competitive examinations in the field of agriculture have become routine in nature for recruitment or admission in Union Public Service Commission, State Public Service Commission(s), ICAR, Banking services and State Agricultural University(s). One has to go through a number of text books and other related books to get prepared for those examinations. After wide discussion made with the students as per their desire, the book "Eagle Vision Agriculture" was planned and brought out.

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#### **GENERAL AGRICULTURE**

Agriculture is the 'latin' word "ager" meaning 'Soil' and "cultura" meaning 'Cultivation', so cultivation of soil is called agriculture. Agriculture, since its invention and inception has been the prime and foremost activity of every culture and civilization throughout the history of mankind.

The first man was *Homo erectus* evolved on the earth around 1.5 million years ago and after 5 lakh years he spreads throughout the old world [First in tropical region and then in temperate region]. The evolution of modern man was as follows:

Monkey (>1.5 million year ago) 

Dava man/Homo erectus (15 lakh years ago)

Cro-Magnon 
Modern man/Homo sapiens sapiens (250 thousand years ago). 
Homo' meaning 'continuous', 'erectus' meaning 'erect' and 'sapiens' meaning 'learning habit'. The ancestor of modern man, Homo sapiens first time appeared in Africa around 35 thousand years ago. The Homo sapiens different from fellow animals due to presence of large brain, small teeth and chin, intelligence and skill in making and use of tools. The genus Homo gets knowledge of fire control around 500 thousand years ago. The living development of Homo sapiens is as follows:

Intelligence/brain development → Making tools [First tools was boulders (rock/stone) and spears of wood tipped with blades of flint] → Hunting of animals Cooked meat on fire → Started domestication of dog → Dog helped in hunting → Started gathering seeds, leaves and fruits from jungle.

#### CHRONOLOGY OF MODERN AGRICULTURE

Year	Events	
1871	Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce (DRAC)	
1874	Severe famine in Bihar	
1875	Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) at Pune (Maharashtra)	
1876	Famine in Madras and Bombay presidencies	
1877	Famine in Punjab, Central province (10 lakh died)	
1878	Higher education in agriculture at Coimbatore.	
1880	Famine commission appointed.	

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1881	Government of India started Department of Revenue and Agriculture			
	in provinces			
1882	Veterinary college established at Lahore (now in Pakistan)			
1890	Higher Education in agriculture at Pune			
1891	Dr. J. A. Volcker's report on improvement of Indian Agriculture			
1892	Agriculture chemist and an assistant chemist were appointed to look			
	after research and teaching.			
1899-1900	Famine (Chhapaniyakal)			
1900	Forest Research Institute			
1901-1905	Agricultural colleges were established at Pune, Kanpur, Sabour, Nagpur,			
	Lyallapur and Coimbtore			
1901	First Irrigation Commission			
1903	An Entomologists were appointed			
1905	Established the Imperial (now known as Indian) Agricultural Research			
	Institute at Pusa, (Bihar) shifted to New Delhi in 1936			
1906	Started Agriculture Journal India			
1921	Indian central cotton committee.			
1926	Appointment of Royal Commission on Agriculture headed by Lord			
	Linlithgow			
1928	Royal Commission on Agriculture submitted its report			
16 July 1929	Establishment of Imperial (now Indian) Council of Agricultural Research			
	(ICAR), New Delhi			
1931	Indian Central Lac Committee			
1st April 1935	Establishment of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) with RBI act 1934			
1936	Indian Central Jute Committee			
1940	Monthly Journal (Popular) Indian Farming started by Imperial (Indian)			
	Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi			
1942	Department of Food Created			
1943	Great Bengal Famine (Caused by Helminthosporium oryzae)			
1944	Indian Central Sugarcane Committee.			

1944	Dr W. Burns report on Technological Possibilities of Agricultural		
400000000000000000000000000000000000000	Development in India		
1945	Sir, Pheroze Kharegat's memorandum on the development of Agriculture		
	and Animal Husbandry in India		
1945	Indian Central Coconut Committee		
1945	Indian Central Tobacco Committee.		
1946	Directorate of Plant Protection & Quarantine.		
1946	Central Rice Research Institute (CRRI)		
11 Dec 1946	UNICEF, Headquarter at New York (International organisations)		
1947	Food policy committee		
1947	Indian Central Oilseeds Committee.		
1947	Fertilizers & Chemicals Travancore		
1948	FAO (Food & Agriculture Organization), Rome (Italy)		
Jan 1948	GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade), now replaced by WTO.		
1 Jan 1949	Nationalization of RBI		
1949	Arecnut Committee		
1955	UNESCO		
1956	Project for intensification of regional research on cotton, oilseeds,		
	millets (PIRRCOM)		
1957	All India Coordinated maize improvement Project.		
1958	Status of Deemed University accorded to IARI under UGC Act,1956.		
1958	Spices and Cashewnut Committee		
1958	Nalagarh Committee report (or Agricultural Administrative Committee		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct 1958	NAFED (National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation)		
1960	First agricultural University in India. G.B. Pant University of Agriculture		
	& Technology at Pantnagar, on the pattern of Land-Grant system of USA		
1963	National Seed Corporation		
14 Jan 1965	Food Corporation of India (FCI)		
1965	Became First DG or Vice President of ICAR. Dr. B.P. Pal		
1965 ACRIPs were started on other crops as well as in other areas of			

1966	Placement of different agricultural research institutes under the purview			
	of ICAR			
19 <sup>th</sup> July 1969	Nationalization of 14 major commercial banks			
1969	Second Irrigation commission			
1970	National commission on agriculture.			
1971	All India coordinated project for dry land agriculture			
1972	ICRISAT; International Crop Research Institute for Semi-Arid Tropics,			
	Hyderabad			
1973	Creation of Department of Agricultural Research and Education			
	(DARE) in the Ministry of Agriculture			
1973	Started Agricultural Research Services (ARS) by Dr. M.S. Swaminathan.			
1974	Operational Research Project			
1975	Establishment of Regional Rural Bank (RRB), RRB act 1976			
1975	Establishment of Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board (ASRB)			
	based on recommendation of G. Gadkar Committee			
1976	National Academy of Agricultural Research and Management			
	(NAARM); Hyderabad			
1986	Technology Mission on Oilseeds (TMO)			
1986	National Watershed Development Programme for Rainfed Areas			
1986	National agricultural research project (Phase-II)			
1988	Special Food Production Programme (SFPP)			
1 Jan 1995	WTO- World Trade Organization, Geneva (Switzerland)			
1996	Establishment of National Gene Bank at New Delhi			
1 <sup>st</sup> April 2004	The four erstwhile schemes of OPP, OPDP, NPDP and AMDP have been			
	merged into one Centrally Sponsored Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds,			
	Pulses, Oil palm and Maize (ISOPOM) being implemented			
	from 1.4. 2004.			
2004	Inauguration of National Agricultural Science Complex (NASC)			
an makeuring YOU'SY	at New Delhi			
2004	Marine Fishing Policy			

2004 National Commission on Farmers (Chairman Dr. M.S. Swaminathan	
July 2006 National Agricultural Innovation Project (NAIP) through World Bank	
May 2005 National Horticulture Mission (NHM)	
2006-07 National Bamboo Mission	
2006 National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA) on 3.11.2006	

#### ABOUT AN INDIAN AGRICULTURE

- 1. Geographical area of India is: 328.74 mha
- 2. Total reporting area of India is: 306 mha
- 3. Gross sown area of India is: 192.20 mha
- 4. Net sown area of India is: 140.02 mha
- 5. Cropping intensity of India is: 137.26 %
- 6. Gross irrigated area of India is: 86.42 mha
- 7. Net irrigated area of India is: 63.26 mha
- 8. Total degraded land of India is: 120.40 mha (36.6 % TGA)
- 9. Annual world precipitation is: 1000 mm
- 10. Average annual rainfall of India: 1194 mm
- 11. Generated rainfall volume of India: 400 mha-m
- 12. The generated runoff volume: 185 mha-m
- 13. Forest area of India is: 70 mha (21.2 % TGA)
- 14. Optimum forest area required: 33% of Geographical area
- 15. Per capita availability of agricultural use land is: 0.30 ha
- 16. Area under cultivable wasteland is: 14.63 mha (5%)
- 17. State having highest geographical area in India: Rajasthan
- 18. The State which is second in geographical area: MP
- 19. Highest forest area in the state: MP
- 20. The state which is first in pulse production: MP
- 21. The state which is 1<sup>st</sup> in food grain production: UP
- 22. The state which is 1<sup>st</sup> in total coarse cereal production: **Rajasthan**
- 23. The state which is 2<sup>nd</sup> in food production: Panjab
- 24. The state which is first in wheat production: U.P.
- 25. The state which is 2<sup>nd</sup> in wheat production: **Punjab**.
- 26. Maximum area under irrigation is in: Ganga basin
- 27. Maximum area under drip irrigation is in: Maharashtra
- 28. Maximum area under sprinkler is in: Haryana

- 29. Highest fertilizer consumption rate (Includes States and Union Territories): Pundicherry (1091.0 kg/ha)
- 30. Highest fertilizer consumption rate (Among state): Punjab (212 kg/ha)
- 31. Total fertilizer consumption is maximum in: U.P.
- 32. Maximum area under irrigation is in: Panjab (92.7% of cultivated area)
- 33. Number of agro climatic zones in India (Planning commission): 15
- 34. Number of agro ecological regions (NBSS & LUP): 21 (now 20)

#### INDIAN COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH (ICAR)

- 1926: Established Royal Commission on Agriculture, headed by Lord Linlithgow recommended setting up Imperial Council of Agricultural Research to promote, guide and coordinate agricultural research throughout the India.
- 1928:Royal Commission on Agriculture submitted its report
- 16<sup>th</sup> July, 1929:ICAR was set up on 16 July 1929 as registered society under the Societies Registration Act 1860 on the recommendation of Royal Commission of Agriculture.
- March, 1946:Under the president ship of Jogendra Singh it was decided to change the name 'Imperial' into "Indian" and now it is called Indian Council of Agricultural Research.
- 1947: ICAR named as Indian Council of Agricultural Research
- 1963: The Agricultural Review Team headed by Dr. Marion W. Parker of USDA was appointed
- 1965: A policy was made to appoint an Agricultural scientist as the chief executive of ICAR with the designation of Director General: Dr. B.P. Pal became the first DG of ICAR in 1965.
- 1966: ICAR was made a fully autonomous organization on the recommendation of Agricultural Review Team
- June, 1972: Gajendra Gadkar Committee was established to review the recruitment and personal policies of ICAR and its Institutes, which submitted its report in 1973.
- 1973: Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) was created in Ministry of food and Agriculture
- 1973: Establishment of Agriculture Research Service (ARS)
- 1 Nov., 1975: The Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board (ASRB) was established as an independent recruitment agency in pursuance of the recommendations of the Gajendra Gadkar Committee.
- President of ICAR: Union Minister of Agriculture
- DG of ICAR also Secretary of DARE: (Department of Agriculture Research and Education) established in 1973.
- First President of ICAR: Khan Bhadur Sir Mohammad Habibullah.

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#### **NEWATICAR:**

- Present Director General of ICAR and Secretary, DARE, Ministry of Agriculture: Dr. T. Mahapatra
- 2. Present President of ICAR and Union Minister of Agriculture: Mr. Radha Mohan Singh
- 3. Present Chairman of Agriculture Scientist Recruitment Board (ASRB), New Delhi: **Dr. Gurubachan Singh**

#### INDIAN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE (IARI)

- 1905: Agricultural Research Institute was established at Pusa, Bihar under the viceroyalty
  of Lord Curzon. Earlier it was in West Bengal. Help of sum of rupees 9 lakh was donated
  by an American Philip of USA
- 1911: Renamed as Imperial Agricultural Research Institute
- 1923: Institute started offering Diploma of Associate ship.
- 1934: Major Earth quake damaged the building at Pusa, Bihar.
- 1936: IARI was shifted to Pusa road, New Delhi
- 1936: B.Vishwanath became first Indian Director of Institute
- 1946: The Diploma of Associate ship was recognized equivalent to M.Sc.
- 1947: Name has been changed from Imperial Agricultural Research Institute to Indian Agricultural Research Institute.
- 1958: Recognized as "Deemed University" under UGC Act 1956. PG school was established.

#### ICAR INSTITUTES

#### Deemed Universities - 4

- 1. IARI: Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi
- 2. NDRI: National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal, Haryana
- 3. IVRI: Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar, UP
- 4. CIFE: Central Institute on Fisheries Education, Mumbai, MH

#### Institutions - 63

- 1. CIARI: Central Island Agricultural Research Institute, Port Blair
- 2. CAZRI: Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- 3. CARI: Central Avian Research Institute, Izatnagar, UP
- 4. CIFRI: Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute, Barrackpore, WB
- 5. CIBA: Central Institute of Brackish water Aquaculture, Chennai, TN
- 6. CIRB: Central Institute for Research on Buffaloes, Hissar, Haryana
- 7. CIRG: Central Institute for Research on Goats, Makhdoom, Mathura, UP
- 8. CIAE: Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering, Bhopal, MP
- 9. CIAH: Central Institute for Arid Horticulture, Bikaner, Rajasthan
- 10. CICR: Central Institute of Cotton Research, Nagpur, MH
- 11. CIFT: Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, Cochin, Kerala
- 12. CIFA: Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture, Bhubneshwar, Odisha
- 13. CIRCT: Central Institute of Research on Cotton Technology, Mumbai, MH
- 14. CISTH: Central Institute of Sub Tropical Horticulture, Lucknow, UP
- 15. CITH: Central Institute of Temperate Horticulture, Srinagar, J&K
- CIPHET: Central Institute on Post-harvest Engineering and Technology, Ludhiana, Panjab
- 17. CMFRI: Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Kochi, Kerala
- 18. CPCRI: Central Plantation Crops Research Institute, Kasargod, Kerala
- 19. CPRI: Central Potato Research Institute, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh
- 20. CRIJAF: Central Research Institute for Jute and Allied Fibres, Barrackpore, WB
- 21. CRIDA: Central Research Institute of Dry land Agriculture, Hyderabad
- 22. NRRI: National Rice Research Institute, Cuttack, Odisha
- 23. CSWRI: Central Sheep and Wool Research Institute, Avikanagar, Rajasthan
- 24. IISWC: Indian Institute of Soil and Water Conservation, Dehradun, Uttrakhand
- 25. CSSRI: Central Soil Salinity Research Institute, Karnal, Haryana
- 26. CTRI: Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry, Telangana

- 27. CTCRI: Central Tuber Crops Research Institute, Trivandrum, Kerala
- 28. ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna, Bihar
- 29. ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Barapani, Meghalaya
- 30. CCARI: Central Coastal Agricultural Research Institute, Ela, Old Goa, Goa
- 31. IASRI: Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute, New Delhi
- 32. IGFRI: Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute, Jhansi, UP
- 33. IIAB: Indian Institute of Agricultural Biotechnology, Ranchi, Jharkhand
- 34. IIHR: Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 35. IINRG: Indian Institute of Natural Resins and Gums, Ranchi, Jharkhand
- 36. IIPR: Indian Institute of Pulses Research, Kanpur, UP
- 37. IISS: Indian Institute of Soil Sciences, Bhopal, MP
- 38. IISR: Indian Institute of Spices Research, Calicut, Kerala
- 39. IISR: Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research, Lucknow, UP
- 40. IIVR: Indian Institute of Vegetable Research, Varanasi, UP
- 41. NAARM: National Academy of Agricultural Research & Management, Hyderabad
- 42. NIBSM: National Institute of Biotic Stresses Management, Raipur, Chhattisgarh
- 43. NIASM: National Institute of Abiotic Stress Management, Malegaon, Maharashtra
- 44. NIANP: National Institute of Animal Nutrition and Physiology, Bengaluru, KN.
- NIRJAFT: National Institute of Research on Jute & Allied Fibre Technology, Kolkata, WB
- **46. NIVEDI**: National Institute of Veterinary Epidemiology and Disease Informatics, Hebbal, Bengaluru
- 47. SBI: Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore, TN
- 48. VPKAS: Vivekananda Parvatiya Krishi Anusandhan Sansthan, Almora, Uttrakhand
- 49. CIRC: Central Institute for Research on Cattle, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh
- 50. NIHSAD: National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases, Bhopal, MP
- 51. IIMR: Indian Institute of Maize Research, New Delhi
- 52. CARI: Central Agroforestry Research Institute, Jhansi, UP
- NIAEPR: National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research, New Delhi
- 54. IIWBR: Indian Institute of Wheat and Barley Research, Karnal, Haryana
- 55. IIFSR: Indian Institute of Farming Systems Research, Modipuram, UP
- 56. IIMR: Indian Institute of Millets Research, Hyderabad
- 57. IIOR: Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research, Hyderabad
- 58. IIOPR: Indian Institute of Oil Palm Research, Pedavegi, West Godawari
- 59. IIWM: Indian Institute of Water Management, Bhubaneshwar, Odisha

- 60. IIRR: Indian Institute of Rice Research, Hyderabad
- 61. CIWA: Central Institute for Women in Agriculture, Bhubaneshwar, Odisha
- 62. CCRI: Central Citrus Research Institute, Nagpur, MH
- 63. NOFRI: National Organic Farming Research Institute, Ghaziabad (UP)

#### National Research Centres - 14

- 1. NRCB: National Research Centre for Banana, Trichi
- 2. NRCG: National Research Centre for Grapes, Pune
- 3. NRCL: National Research Centre for Litchi, Muzaffarpur
- 4. NRCP: National Research Centre for Pomegranate, Solapur
- 5. NRCC: National Research Centre on Camel, Bikaner
- 6. NRCE: National Research Centre on Equines, Hissar
- 7. NRCM: National Research Centre on Meat, Hyderabad
- 8. NRCM: National Research Centre on Mithun, Medziphema, Nagaland
- 9. NRCO: National Research Centre on Orchids, Pakyong, Sikkim
- 10. NRCP: National Research Centre on Pig, Guwahati
- 11. NRCPB: National Research Centre on Plant Biotechnology, New Delhi
- 12. NRCSS: National Research Centre on Seed Spices, Ajmer
- 13. NRCY: National Research Centre on Yak, West Kemang
- 14. NCIPM: National Centre for Integrated Pest Management, New Delhi

#### National Bureaux - 6

- 1. NBPGR: National Bureau of Plant Genetics Resources, New Delhi
- NBAIM: National Bureau of Agriculturally Important Micro-organisms, Mau, Uttar Pradesh
- 3. NBAIR: National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, Bengaluru, Karnataka
- NBSS & LUP: National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning, Nagpur, MH
- 5. NBAGR: National Bureau of Animal Genetic Resources, Karnal, Haryana
- 6. NBFGR: National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources, Lucknow, UP

#### **Directorates / Project Directorates - 14**

- 1. Directorate of Seed Research, Mau
- 2. Directorate of Groundnut Research, Junagarh
- 3. Directorate of Soybean Research, Indore
- 4. Directorate of Rapeseed & Mustard Research, Bharatpur
- Directorate of Mushroom Research, Solan

- 6. Directorate on Onion and Garlic Research, Pune
- 7. Directorate of Cashew Research, Puttur
- 8. Directorate of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Research, Anand
- 9. Directorate of Floricultural Research, Pune, Maharashtra
- 10. Directorate of Weed Research, Jabalpur
- 11. Project Directorate on Foot & Mouth Disease, Mukteshwar
- 12. Directorate of Poultry Research, Hyderabad
- 13. Directorate of Knowledge Management in Agriculture (DKMA), New Delhi
- 14. Directorate of Cold Water Fisheries Research, Bhimtal, Nainital

#### **International Agencies**

- 1. CIFOR Centre for International Forestry Research, Bogor, Indonesia
- 2. CIAT International Centre for Tropical Agriculture, Cali, Columbia (1967)
- 3. CIP International Centre for Potato, Lima, Peru
- 4. CIMMYT International Centre for the Improvement of Maize and Wheat, Mexico (1966)
- 5. IPGRI International Plant Genetic Resources Institute, Rome, Italy (1974)
- ICARDA International Centre for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas, Aleppo, Syria (1977)
- ICGEB International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, Triesta, Italy & New Delhi, India
- 8. ICRISAT International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics, Patancheru, Hyderabad, India (1972)
- IFPRI International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington, D.C., USA
- 10. IITA International Institute for Tropical Agriculture, Ibadan, Nigeria (1968)
- 11. IWMI- International Water Management Institute, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 12. ILCA International Livestock Centre for Africa, Addis Ababa
- 13. ILRI International Livestock Research Institute, Nairobi, Kenya
- 14. IRRI International Rice Research Institute, Manila, Philippines (1966)
- 15. FAO Food and Agricultural Organisation, Rome, Italy
- 16. WAC World Agro-forestry Centre, Nairobi, Kenya
- 17. IIMI International Irrigation Management Institute, Digana, Sri Lanka
- 18. AVRDC Asian Vegetables Research and Development Centre, Taiwan
- 19. WMO World Meteorological Organization, Geneva, Switzerland

#### Change in the name of ICAR Institutes during 2014-15:

- Central Soil and Water Conservation Research and Training Institute (CSWCRTI),
   Dehradun is now renamed as
  - Indian Institute of Soil and Water Conservation (IISWC)
- 2. Directorate of Wheat Research (DWR), Karnal, Hisar is now renamed as
  - Indian Institute of Wheat and Barley Research (IIWBR)
- 3. Directorate of Maize Research, New Delhi is now renamed as
  - Indian Institute of Maize Research (IIMR)
- 4. Directorate of Water Management, Bhubaneswar, Odisha is now renamed as
  - Indian Institute of Water Management, (IIWM)
- 5. National Research Centre for Agroforestry (NRCAF), Jhansi, UP is now renamed as
  - Central Agroforestry Research Institute (CAFRI)
- 6. Project Directorate for Farming Systems Research (PDFSR), Meeruth UP is renamed as
  - Indian Institute of Farming Systems Research (IIFSR)
- 7. Central Agricultural Research Institute (CARI), Andman and Nikobar is renamed as
  - Central Island Agricultural Research Institute (CIARI)
- 8. ICAR Research Complex for Goa, North Goa, Goa is renamed as
  - Central Coastal Agricultural Research Institute (CCARI)
- 9. Directorate of Oil Palm Research (DOPR), West Godavari district, AP is renamed as
  - Indian Institute of Oil Palm Research (IIOPR)
- 10. National Research Centre for Citrus (NRCC), Nagpur, MH is renamed as
  - Central Citrus Research Institute (CCRI)

#### **New ICAR Institutes:**

- 1. National Institute of Biotic Stresses Management (NIBSM) Raipur, Chhattisgarh
- 2. National Institute of Abiotic Stress Management (NIASM) -Malegaon, MH
- 3. Indian Institute of Agricultural Biotechnology (IIAB) Ranchi, Jharkhand
- 4. Indian Institute of Natural Resins and Gums (IINRG) Ranchi, Jharkhand
- 5. Directorate of Knowledge Management in Agriculture, New Delhi

#### **New Agriculture Facts**

- 2014 is observed as International year of Family farming
- 2015 is observed as International year of -Soil & Light
- 2016 is observed as International year of Pulses
- World Water Day 22 March
- World Soil Day -5 December
- GST stands for Good and Service Tax
- Good and Service Tax (GST) is Indirect tax

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- NITI Aayog stands for National Institution for Transforming India
- NITI Aayog was set up on 1 Jan, 2015
- Planning commission was replaced by NITI Aayog
- Chairperson of the NITI Aayog-Prime Minister of India
- Concept of total revolution belongs to -Jay Prakash Narayan
- System of Rice Intensification (SRI) is developed by a -Jesuit priest (Henri de Lacelanie)
- System of Rice Intensification (SRI) is introduced first time in India at Tamil Nadu (2000)
- Presently, System of Rice Intensification (SRI) is adopted by more than 50 countries
- "More for less" slogan of System of Rice Intensification (SRI) belongs to the state Tripura.
- Who received Krishi Karmath award for SRI-T. Amalarani (a woman, Vasudevanallur, TN)
- "Green Gross Root Revolution" is related with System of Rice Intensification (SRI)
- A major constraint in adaption of System of Rice Intensification is -Its labor intensive.
- In SRI higher yield can be 15.20 tonnes per ha
- In SRI, water saving can be -30%
- The number of regulated markets in India till 31 March 2014 is -7114

#### **AGRICULTURAL UPDATES: 2015-16**

#### Important Agriculture Updates:

- Presently number of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) by Dec. 2015 is -645 KVKs
- Total storage capacity of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and state agencies is 74.35
   MT.
- Average all India use of NPK (2015) is 8.2:3.2:1
- Presently, Irrigated area (2015) is -63 million ha.
- Production of food grains during 2013-14 is estimated as -264.4 MT
- Acreage/area under food grains during 2013-14 has estimated by -126.2 million ha
- Acreage under oilseeds during 2013-14 has estimated by -28.2 million ha
- Area under pulse production during 2013-14 is -25.4 million ha
- Area under course cereal production during 2013-14 is -25.5 million ha
- Horticulture production during 2012-13 is estimated up to -265 million tonnes
- By 2016-17, New targets of food grains production under the National Food Security Mission (NFSM has been set to) – 25 million tonnes.
- In 2013-14, higher production is achieved mainly due to Expanding acreage.
- As per census 2011, the absolute number of cultivators is 118.7 million
- Share of agriculture and allied sector in total employment (census 2011) is -54.6 per cent
- Which year is considered as the base year for calculating GDP for 2015-16 budget 2011-12
- Share of agriculture and allied sectors in total Gross Domestic Product (GDP) during 2013-14 (at constant price of 2011-12) is approx. – 18 per cent

- Share of agriculture and allied sector in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) during 2013-14 (at current price of 2004) is approx. -13.9 per cent
- Growth in GDP due to agriculture and allied sectors during 2013-14 (at constant price of 2011-12) is approx. 3.7 per cent
- Growth in GDP due to agriculture and allied sectors during 2013-14 (at current price of 2004) is approx. – 1.4 per cent
- Share of agriculture and allied sectors in total GDP during 2013-14 (at constant price of 2011-12) is 7.9 per cent
- The horticulture sector contributed to agril. GDP during 2012-13-30.4 per cent
- The livestock sector contributed to agril. GDP during 2012-13 4.1 per cent
- Who is popular with the name of "Waterman of India" and won the prestigious Stockholm Water Prize 2015 – Rajendra Singh
- India ranks first in productivity of grapes, banana, cassava, peas, and papaya.
- 2014 is being observed as -"Year of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)"
- Over the last decade Indian agriculture has become more robust with record production of
   Food grains and oilseeds.
- During 2013-14, impact on agriculture production and price is mainly concern on monsoon which is due to - El Nino looming.
- The share of agriculture and allied sector in gross domestic product (GDP) during Eleventh Five Year Plan was -15.2 per cent
- During 2013-14, which oilseed crops have highest increase in yield Groundnut
- The Technology Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (TMO & OP), introduced during
   Twelfth Plan.
- Domestic demand for edible oilseeds/oil in India is short of -50 per cent.

#### Allied Sectors Production (2013-14):

- ✓ India ranks first in milk production, accounting for 17 per cent of world production
- ✓ During 2013-14, milk production peaked at -137.7 million tonnes
- ✓ The average year-on-year growth rate of milk in India is 4.04 per cent
- ✓ NPBBDM stands for National Programme on Bovine Breeding and Dairy Development
- ✓ During 2013-14, Egg production is estimated 74.75 billion
- ✓ India's rank in world egg production Third
- ✓ During 2013-14, poultry meat production is estimated 2.68 million tonnes
- ✓ Total meat production 8.89 million tonnes
- ✓ Total fish production 9.59 million tonnes
- ✓ India ranks second in world fish production
- ✓ India shares about 5.4 per cent of global fish production
- ✓ Total wool production 47.9 million kg

#### Net availability and per capita availability:

- Net availability of food grains in 2013–229.1 million tonnes.
- Per capita net availability of food grains (2013) 186.4 kg per year
- Net availability of edible oils increased up to -15.8 kg per year
- Per capita availability of milk at -295 g per day is higher
- Per capita availability of eggs is around 55 eggs per year
- Per capita availability of fruits (2011-12) 172 g per day
- Per capita availability of vegetables (2011-12) -350 grams per day

#### Area, Production, Productivity of major cultivated crops in India

(Area: million ha, Production: million tonnes and Productivity/Yield: Kg/ha)

Group/ Commodity	Area Production		Average yield (kg/ha)	Max. productivity	
	2013-14*	2013-14*	2014-15**	2013-14*	2013-14
Food grain	126.0	264.8	251.12	2101	
Rice	43.9	106.5	102.54	2424	Panjab (3952)
Wheat	31.2	95.9	90.78	3075	Panjab (5017)
Jowar	5.8	5.4	4.49	850	Andhra Pradesh (1661)
Maize	9.4	24.4	22.74	2566	Tamil Nadu (5372)
Bajra	7.9	9.2	9.00	1198	
Pulses	25.2	19.3	17.38	764	
Gram	10.2	9.9	7.59	967	Andhra Pradesh (1439)
Tur	3.9	3.3	2.71	848	Bihar (1667)
Oilseeds	28.5	32.9	27.3	1153	
Groundnut	5.5	9.7	6.6	1775	Gujarat (2668)
Rapeseed & Mustard	6.7	8.0	6.7	1188	Gujarat (1723)
Cotton <sup>b</sup>	11.7	36.7	35.3	532	Panjab (750) Maharashtra (358)
Sugarcane	5.0	350.0	356.5	70	West Bengal (114273)

Source: Economic Survey (GOI), 2014-15)

Note: \*Fourth AE.

Includes cereals, coarse cereals, and pulses

<sup>b</sup>Bales of 170 kg

\*\*As per 3<sup>rd</sup> Advance Estimates for 2014-15

#### India's position in world Agriculture

Particular	Position
Total Area	Seventh (2.4 % of world area)
Irrigated Area	First
Total Cereals	Third
Wheat production	Second
Rice production	Second
Coarse grains	Fourth
Total Pulses	First
Oil seeds	Second
Fruits and Vegetables	Second (first - China)
Mango, Cashew & Banana	First
Coconut	First
Implements (Tractor)	Third
Milk production	First
Live Stock	First
Tea, Jute & Allied Fibres	First
Tobacco production	Third
Coffee	Sixth
Silk production	Second

#### World Agricultural Scenario:

- Rice: China > India > Indonesia
- Maize: USA > China > Brazil
- Wheat: China > India > USA
- Groundnut: China > India
- Sugarcane: Brazil > India
- Total Cereals: China>USA>India
- Coarse Cereals: USA > China > Brazil > India
- Total Pulses: India -1<sup>st</sup>
- Mustard & Rapeseed : China > Canada > India
- Fruits & Vegetable : China > India
- Cotton: China > USA > India
- Tobacco: China>Brazil>India

#### Position of Agricultural trades in India:

- a. Agriculture export commodities:
  - Rice > Cashew > Wheat > Tea > Tobacco
- b. Agriculture imports commodities:
  - Vegetable oil > Cashew > Pulses > Fruits

#### Revolutions in Agriculture:

#### **Green Revolution:**

- The term Green Revolution is coined by William S. Gaud in 1968 of USAID; to describe the productivity based improvement in food production particularly in wheat and rice.
- Main components in green revolution are high yielding varieties, use of chemical fertilizers and plant protection chemicals.
- Father of Green Revolution in world: Dr. N.E. Borlaug
- Father of Green Revolution India: Dr. M.S. Swaminathan

#### **Ever Green Revolution:**

 This term coined by Dr. M.S. Swaminathan to denote the green revolution based on sustainable methods of crop intensification and diversification.

#### Vertical Revolution in Agriculture:-

 Maximizing production per unit land area per unit of time using intensive cropping system, high production inputs and improved management practices.

#### Other Revolution in Agriculture :-

Revolution	Related to
Green Revolution	Food grain production
White Revolution	Milk production
Blue Revolution	Fish production
Brown Revolution	Food processing
Grey Revolution	Fertilizer production
Yellow Revolution	Oil seed production (Mustard)
Red Revolution	Tomato/Meat production
Pink Revolution	Prawn/Onion production
Golden Revolution	Fruit production
Round Revolution	Potato production
Silver Revolution	Eggs /poultry production
Black Revolution	Biofuel /Jatropha production
Rainbow Revolution	All sectors of agriculture
Prabhani Revolution	Okra production

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#### Important days in agriculture:

- 11 March Water Resource Day
- 15 March World Consumer Day
- 21 March World Forest Day
- 22- March World Water Day
- 22 April World Earth Day
- 5 June World Environment Day
- 1 July National Agricultural Day
- 11 July World Population Day
- 16 July ICAR Day
- 16 Sept Ozone Day
- 16 Oct World Food Day
- 4 Dec Women in Agriculture Day
- 5 Dec World Soil Day
- 23 Dec National Farmers Day

#### Important years related to agriculture:

- 2004: International Year of Rice
- 2005: International Year of Physics
- 2006: International Year of Desert and Desertification
- 2007: International Year of Water
- 2008: International Year of Potato
- 2009: International Year of Fibre
- 2010: International Year of Bio-diversity
- 2011: International Year of Forest and Chemistry
- 2012: International Year of Co-operative
- 2012: Year of Horticulture
  - (declared by Ministry of Agriculture and food processing, govt. of India)
- 2013: International Year of Water Conservation
- 2014: International Year of Family Farming
- 2015: International Year of Soil
- 2016: International Year of Pulses.

#### First time in agriculture:

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1	Hybrid Pigeon Pea	ICPH-8 (ICRISAT, Hyderabad)
2	Hybrid sunflower	BSH-1 (Pro-Agro)
3	Hybrid cotton	H-4 (G-67 × A.Nectorless) GAU, Surat
4	Semi-dwarf variety of basmati rice	Pusa Basmati-1 (IARI)
5	Aromatic Rice Hybrid	Pusa RH-10 (IARI)
6	Sorghum hybrid	CSH-1 (1964, IARI)
7	Public sector hybrid of forage Sorghum	Pusa Chari Hybrid 106
8	Mango hybrid for commercial cultivation	Mallika (Neelam × Dasheri)
9	Public sector insect resistant multi cut forage	PCH-106
10	Viral disease	Leaf curl of Tobacco
11	Plant Parasitic Nematode	Anguina tritici
12	Plant Parasitic Bacterial Disease	Fire Blight of apple
13	Viroid disease	Potato spindle tuber
14	Sorghum high yielding variety	CSV-1
15	Rice variety introduced in India	TN-1
16	Developed dwarf variety of rice	TN-1
17	Hybrid variety of Rice in India	Jaya
18	Hybrid of Mustard	Pusa jai kisan
19	Hybrid variety of Bajra	HB-1 (1965)
20	Hybrid developed by using local male parent	Hare Chhole no-1
21	Man-made cereal	Triticale
22	Resistant variety of Rice developed for	IR- 20 (TN-1 × TKM- 6)
	yellow stem Borer	*
23	Organophosphate compound	Parathion
24	Napier x Bajra (NB) hybrid	Pusa Giant
25	Hormone	Secretin
26	Maize hybrid	Ganga-101 (1961)
27	High productive early duration hybrid released by DRR (rice)	DRR H- 2
28	Country to develop hybrid rice	China

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29	Hybrid rice released in India	APHR-1 and APHR-2
30	Egyptian variety of cotton	Sujata
31	Super rice variety for saline/alkaline conditions	Lunishree
32	Country to introduce zero tillage	USA
33	Zero tillage were adopted in	Rice and Wheat
34	Sugarcane variety	CO-205
35	Scented basmati rice for normal and sodic soils	Yamini (CSR-30)
36	Interspecific variety of cotton	Varalaxmi
37	Tobacco hybrid	GTH-1
38	Safflower hybrid	DSH-129
39	Crop to have its genome decoded	Rice
40	Single cross maize hybrid	Paras
41	Pathogenic resistant gene	HM-1
42	Systemic fungicide	Carboxin
43	Organic fungicide	Dithiocarbamate
44	Fungicide	Bordeaux mixture (inorganic in nature)
45	Person to record plant diseases	Theophrastus
46	Plant to have its genome decoded	Arabidopsis thaliana
47	Autopolyploid variety released for commercial cultivation in India	Pusa Giant Berseem
48	Organochlorine compound	DDT
49	Carbamate compound	Sevin/ carbaryl
50	Laureate of the "World food prize"	Dr. M.S. Swaminathan
51	Director general of ICAR	Dr. B.P. Pal
52	President of ICAR	Mohammad Habibullah
53	Indian scientist who collected and identified the fungus	K.R. Kirtikar

54	Agricultural University	G.B.Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar (1960)
55	Plant pathologist of India	Dastur Dastur
56	Plant parasitic bacteria was reported by	T.J. Burril
57	Plant parasitic nematode was reported by	Needham
58	Mycoplasma disease reported by	Do et.al. and Ishiit et.al.
59	Virus was first discovered by	Iwanowsky
60	Scientist to study fungi and their species	Micheli
61	Transgenic plant	Tobacco
62	Biotechnological crop introduced in India	Bt. Cotton (2002)
63	Hormone artificially produced by culturing	Insulin
	bacteria	
64	Commercial bio insecticide	Sporeine
65	Maize hybrid developed in India	Ganga- 2
66	'00' or canola type variety of Gobhisarson	PGSH- 51
67	Short duration pigeon pea hybrid	PPH-4
68	Leaf curl resistant cotton hybrid	Fateh LHH-144
69	Sorghum x Sudan grass hybrid	Sudan Chari no-1
70	Fungicide used	Sulphur (powdery mildew of vine)
71	Insecticide used	Paris Green
72	First Bt cotton variety	Bollguard (Cry1 Ac gene used)
73	Fumigant used	Hydrocyanic acid (HCN)
74	First hybrid in India	Pusa Meghdoot (bottle gourd)
75	Commercial fertilizer	SSP
76	First fertilizer used	Calcium Nitrate

#### Father of different disciplines:

SN	Father of	Disciplines
1	Agronomy	Pietro Decrescenzi
2	Agricultural chemistry / Biochemistry	Justus Von Liebig
3	Agroclimatology	Koppen
4	Agrometeorology	D.N. Walia
5	Agrometeorology in India	L.A. Ramdas
6	Antibiotics	Alexander Flemming
7	Biology	Aristotle
8	Biodynamic farming	Rudolf Steiner
9	Botany	Theophrastus
10	Bacteriology	Leuwenhoek
11	Cytology	Robert Hooke
12	Cytoplasmic Inheritance	Carl Correns
13	Cooperative movement in India	F. Nicholson
14	Crop rotation	Norfork
15	DNA-finger printing technique	Alec Jeffrey
16	Economics	Adam smith
17	Modern Economics	Keynes
18	Economic Ecology	Dr. M.S. Swaminathan
19	Ecology	Reiter
20	Extension	Leagnes
21	Extension Education	James staurt
22	Experimental Genetics	Thomas Hunt Morgan
23	Eugenics	Francis Galton
24	Forest pathology	Robert Haring
25	Fermentation	Louis Pasteur
26	Field plot experimentation	Jean Baptiste Boussingault
27	Fruits and vegetables preservation	M. Nicolas Apart
28	Genetics	Gregor Johann Mendel
29	Genetic Engineering	Paul Berg
30	Green Revolution	Dr. N. E. Borlaug
31	Green Revolution in India	Dr. M. S. Swaminathan
32	Golden Revolution in India	Dr. K.L. Chadha
33	Golden Rice	Dr. Ingo Potrykus
34	Hybrid Rice	Yuan Long Ping
35	Hybrid rice in India	E. A. Siddige
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75	Weeds Science	Jethro Tull
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77	Zoology	Aristotle
78	Host plant resistance	R.H. Painter
79	Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) technique	Kary B. Mullis
80	Father of seed technology	Nobbe

#### Famous name of crops:

SN	Famous name	Crops
1	King of cereals	Wheat
2	Queen of cereals	Maize
3	King of coarse cereals	Sorghum
4	King of pulses	Gram
5	Queen of pulses	Pea
6	King of fruits	Mango
7	Queen of fruits	Mangosteen
8	King of temperate fruits	Apple
9	King of spices	Black Pepper
10	Queen of spices	Cardamom
11	King of vegetables	Potato
12	Poor man's meat/ boneless meat	Soybean
13	Wonder crop	Soybean
14	Famine reserves	Millets
15	Camel of crops	Sorghum
16	Queen of oilseeds	Sesame
17	King of oilseeds	Mustard
18	King of fodder crops	Berseem
19	Queen of fodder crops	Lucerne
20	Poor man's fruit	Jackfruit, Ber
21	Vegetable meat	Cowpea
22	Poor man's substitute for ghee	Sesame
23	Poor man's friend	Potato
24	Poor man's food	Pearl millet
25	King of arid and semi-arid fruits	Ber

26	King of weeds	Congress grass (Parthenium
		Hysterophorus)
27	National fruit of India	Mango
28	Glory of East	Chrysanthemum
29	Autumn queen	Chrysanthemum
30	Wonder tree	Neem
31	Queen of night	Cestrum nocturnum
32	Egg plant	Brinjal
33	Bio energy plant	Jatropha
34	King of flowers	Gladiolus
35	Queen of flowers	Rose
36	Brown gold	Dead pupae of silkworm
37	Apple of paradise / Adams fig	Banana
38	Poor man's orange(India) and love of apple	Tomato
	(England)	
39	Drosophila of crop plants	Maize
40	Butter fruit	Avocado
41	Queen of beverage crop	Tea
42	China's miracle fruit	Kiwi fruit
43	Food of god	Cocoa
44	Small holder's irrigated crop	Oil palm
45	Oldest cultivated tropical fruits	Banana
46	Tree of heaven	Coconut
47	King of forest	Teak
48	Flame of forest	Palas
49	Poor man's timber	Bamboo
50	Pungent pepper	Chilli

#### Concepts and related persons:

Concepts	Related Person
Super rice	G.S. Khush
Hybrid rice	Yuan Long Ping
Golden rice	Ingo Potrykus
Super wheat	S. Nagarajan
Crop ideotype	Donald
Cropping system	Dr. S.S. Bains

Functional nutrients	Nicholus, 1963
Essentiality of nutrients	Arnon & Stout, 1939
Nutrient mobility concept	R.H. Bray
Green Revolution	N.E. Borlaug
Green revolution in India	M.S. Swaminathan
White Revolution	Varghese Kurien
Evergreen revolution in India	M.S. Swaminathan
Rainbow Revolution	Nitish Kumar
Golden Revolution	K.L. Chadha
A" value concept	Dean & Fried
Bt. Cotton in India	C.D. Mayee
Green Revolution Term	William Gaudd
Nobilization of sugarcane	T.S. Venkatraman
Hybrid cotton	C.T. Patel
PURA concept	A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
Leaf area index	Watson
Harvesting index	Donald
Photoperiodism	Gardener & Allard
Thermoperiodism	F.W. Went
Vernalization	Lysenko

#### Toxins produced in plants:

Toxic	Plant
Gossypol	Cotton
Neurotoxin	Lathyrus
Erucic acid	Rapeseed and mustard
Goitrogen	Soybean
Saponin and plant estrogens	Alfalfa
Aflatoxin	Groundnut
Coumarin	Sweet Clover
CN glucocides	Sorghum
Steroidal alkaloids	Potato
Alkaloids	Yam
Resins	Mango
Antivitamin E Factor	Field pea
Polyphenolics	Safflower

Tripsin Inhibitor Pigeon pea, French bean & soybean

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#### Crop name & beverage prepared from them

SN	Crop	Product
1	Barley	Whiskey/Beer
2	Sugarcane molasses	Alcohol/Rum
3	Potato	Vodka
4	Grape	Wine/Brandy
5	Apple	Cider
6	Hull less barley	Lugri

#### Global warming:

- Surface of the earth is warmth from sun heats.
- Earth absorbs most of sun energy but reflects back some energy in the form of infrared radiation.
- Greenhouse gases e.g. CO<sub>2</sub>(55%), Methane (25%), CFC (11%) and N<sub>2</sub>O(4%).
- These gases are present in atmosphere; transmit the infrared radiation and reflect back to the earth.
- This reflected energy falls on the earth surface and keeps it warmer.
- This is called global warming or greenhouse effect.

#### Source of greenhouse gases:

- In developed countries: Emission from automobiles & factories contains CFCs.
- In developing countries: Deforestation causes rise in CO<sub>2</sub> level, methane gas from paddy field & livestock and nitrous oxide from N base fertilizer.

#### Effect of global warming on world and agriculture:

- Increases overall temperature on earth e.g. earth's surface temperature has increased 1.4
   F in first century (It has been forecasted that 5 °F will rise in next century).
- Cause changes in climate tremendously.
- Results in melting of ice in polar region.
- Increase sea level resulting in submerging of coastal areas.
- Drought in warmer region

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