

## A REVIEW

# Role of farm women in Indian agriculture

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### SUMMARY

In order to awaken the people, it is the woman who has to be awakened. Once she is on move, the family moves, the village moves, the nation moves Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. India is a developing and predominately agrarian economy. 70 per cent of its population is rural, of those households, 60 per cent engage in agriculture as their main source of income. Agriculture is an engine of growth and poverty reduction in developing countries where it is the main occupation of poor. Many women, in developing countries, are major producers of food. Nearly 63 per cent of all economically active men are engaged in agriculture as compared to 78 per cent of women. It is observed that women play a significant role in agricultural development and allied activities including main crop production, live-stock production, horticulture, post-harvesting operations etc. About 70 per cent of farm work is performed by women. Women farmers do not have equal access to productive resources and this significantly limits their potential in enhancing productivity. The present paper shows that the contribution of women in agriculture is extremely significant. It also throws light on the obstacles faced by them in terms of less access to productive resources which do not recognized her work as active productive member.

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