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## A review on conservation agriculture: Management and versatile practices in plains of India

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### Abstract

Conventional-till (CT) farming is known to be naturally rash, economically and impractical wrt to soil health in long run, and prompts corruption of soil and environment in Indo-Gangetic Plains (IGP). Conservation Agriculture (CA) approach was introduced to oversee agro-environments for improved and supported efficiency, and increased farmers' profits while keeping up the regular assets. This includes the management of normal assets at the ranch, town, and scene scales to increase cooperative energies between food creation and biological system preservation. CA-based rice-wheat (RW) framework coordinated with mungbean improved the system productivity by ~10%, profitability by 20–30% utilizing 15–30% less water system water, and 20–25% less energy input contrasted with regular RW framework in the IGP. However, the supplanting of rice with maize improved the efficiency by 10–15% and profitability by 40–half utilizing ~70% less water system water. CA layered with subsurface trickle water system (SDI) in CA-based rice/maize frameworks recorded ~5% higher framework usefulness and saved ~50% of water system water contrasted with flood irrigation in CT-based frameworks. CA-based frameworks are discovered more adjusted to extreme climatic conditions and can alleviate the negative effects of climatic stresses like terminal warmth, water pressure and consequently helps in expanding crop yields to the tune of 0.4–0.8 t ha<sup>-1</sup> per season over the customary framework.

**Keywords:** Conservation, climatic stress, environment

### Introduction

To satisfy the worldwide food need, production pertaining to the agriculture part should improve by 70% utilizing scientifically solid, climate cordial, and socially acceptable innovations/rehearses by 2050 (FAO, 2009) <sup>[12]</sup>. Regions with significant degrees of food unavailability due to the corrupted climate and inadequate options for adapting to outrageous climate occasions will face a decrease in efficiency and prompts greater in stability in agricultural networks and production (crop, ranger service, domesticated animals, and fisheries) frameworks. Deepest developed soils of India, the dirt natural carbon (SOC) focus is under 5 g kg<sup>-1</sup> whereas in uncultivated virgin soils it is in the scope of 15–20 gkg<sup>-1</sup> (Bhattacharyya *et al.*, 2000), prompted soil degradation because of extreme soil culturing, consuming of crop residues, and escalated mono-trimming frameworks over the many years. In India, the reaction proportion (kg grain per kg of supplement) in food grain crops in irrigated areas is ceaselessly declining after some time. During the Green Revolution (1970s), the response ratio was ~14 and it came down to ~4 in 2010 (Biswas and Sharma, 2008) <sup>[6]</sup>. To deliver sufficient food for the developing populace, saving soil wellbeing is the first concern of any Govt. arrangements. The end product of soil derivative or rationing processes is the food creation which is administered by the between activities among natural, compound, and physical properties of the dirt. Hence, a reestablished center is needed around asset the board dependent on local pedo-climatic conditions not exclusively to accomplish the full benefit of good hereditary materials yet additionally to over-come the harvest yield boundaries.

Albeit the efficiency of grains, for example, rice, wheat, and maize is expanding over the long haul yet the rate of addition diminished over the long haul (Figure 2). This is fundamentally in light of the fact that the regular asset base has deteriorated after some time after the Green Revolution due to intensive culturing based manipulative cultivating and unscientific the board of assets (water, fertilizer, and pesticides). Rice-wheat (RW) editing framework is the most important cereal based framework for the occupation of millions of individuals of South Asia and it is drilled over 13.5 million ha (Ladha *et al.*, 2003).

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The supportability of the RW creation frameworks has become a significant issue due to groundwater table exhaustion, efficiency stag-country or declining development and lessening economic returns in South Asia (Choudhary *et al.*, 2018a; Gathala *et al.*, 2013; Jat *et al.*, 2019d; Kumar *et al.*, 2018) <sup>[14]</sup>. Promoting horticultural smartest choice administration practices, especially CA-based, improved seeds and balanced treatment, coordinated soil and yield management, just as supporting expanded investment in farming exploration for advancement (R4D) are some of the ways for a reasonable production system (Gathala *et al.*, 2013) <sup>[14]</sup>. CA can catch synergies existing among the exercises for sustainable agriculture and provincial advancement that would contribute generously to accomplish the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) of zero craving and improved environmental asset the board. Supplement change in soils principally relies upon the biological and physicochemical properties of soils and with CA, all these improved significantly, which came about in higher crop efficiency (Choudhary *et al.*, 2018b, 2018c; Jat *et al.*, 2018a, 2019b). This review paper will cover the idea of CA, factors prompting its appropriation, drivers of progress and opportunities, out adaptable CA-based advances in Indo-Gangetic fields of India.

### Concept of Conservation Agriculture

The idea of conservation agriculture is generally new in current development rehearses. It is separated with the traditional agribusiness. It contends that the ordinary agribusiness advances broad soil culturing and consume crop buildup. Uncovered soil is likewise took into consideration weeks or months. Comprehensively, the traditional horticulture is described as serious culturing, straw consuming and outer information sources. Such practices lead to soil debasement through loss of natural matter, soil disintegration and compaction. In Brazil, it was assessed that 1 ton collect of soybean implies debasement of 10 ha. Actually, conservation agriculture is a scope of soil the executives rehearses that limit impacts on synthesis, design and regular biodiversity and diminish disintegration and debasement. Generally, the preservation agribusiness rehearses incorporate

- (I) direct planting/no-culturing, decreased culturing/least culturing,
- (II) surface-fuse of yield buildups, and
- (III) foundation of cover crops in both yearly and enduring crops.

These ideas bound to improve soil wellbeing and don't allude the ranch pay. To incorporate homestead pay and soil wellbeing through preservation horticulture, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), has centered the idea as asset saving horticultural yield creation. According to FAO definition, the protection farming is to

- (i) accomplish worthy benefits,
- (ii) high and maintained creation levels, and
- (iii) ration the climate (FAO, 2009) <sup>[12]</sup>.

It further contends that protection farming depends on improving regular organic cycles above and beneath the dirt surface. These go past zero-culturing and give a reach of innovation and the board alternatives. Protection farming practices are relevant to practically every one of the yields, including oats, agriculture and ranch crops. Notwithstanding, these are more mainstream in maize, soybean, rice and wheat. The preservation horticulture rehearses guarantees enormous

potential for various soils and agro-environmental frameworks.

### Evolution of Conservation Agriculture

During the 1930s for the first time culturing, as a dirt oversee ment idea, was addressed, when the dustbowls devastated wide spaces of the mid-west United States (Derpsch, 1998). The possibility of protection culturing was introduced for disintegration control through reduced tillage and keeping the surface soil covered with crop buildups. In evident sense, just during the 1960s no-until lage was presented in cultivating rehearses in the USA (Derpsch, 2004). In western Indo-Gangetic plains (IGP), during the mid-1990s on-ranch testing of thezerotill drill was begun with the presentation of an inverted T opener on Pantnagar zero-till drill. Numerous asset saving advances (RCTs) like ZT, bed planting, laser evening out, dry cultivating, and so on are being developed and made accessible to the ranchers in Indian IGP. In the first decade of the twenty-first century, numerous CA-based part technologies have been created, tried, and refined to address the issues of asset preservation, soil health, water, work, crop foundation, and so forth in rice and wheat yields of IGP. From the year 2012, CA is increasingly being advanced in the locale as Climate Smart Agriculture Practices (CSAPs) by incorporating it with precise water and supplement the executives (Sidhu *et al.*, 2019) fully intent on expanding strength to climate change and improving the moderation potential of editing systems. The expansion nearby under CA has been especially significant in South America (69.9 M ha) mainly in Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay followed by North America (63.2 M ha) mostly in USA and Canada. In Asia it is around 13.9 M ha (7.7%), correcting to 4.1% of the cropland in the locale. The total cropland region under CA in 2015/16 is about 180 M ha of arable cropland around the world (12.6% of harvest land) in excess of 50 nations. Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, and America cover over 90% of the region under CA (FAO, 2015) <sup>[13]</sup>. CA frameworks are widely versatile in different ecologies (Jat *et al.*, 2014a) <sup>[17]</sup>, in India it is rehearsed in 1.5 M ha region.

### Why adopt conservation agriculture?

The difficulties identified with customary till (CT) agriculture in RW framework are decrease in input factor favorable to productivity, narrowing ranch pay due to higher costs of work and fuel, declining groundwater, and changing environment. These will be further exacerbated by the normal dangers of debasement of natural resources and environmental change effects (Kakraliya *et al.*, 2018). Fundamental elements which lead to the CA adoptions in the IGPs are-

#### (1) Climate change

Climate change has severally affected agriculture and other creation frameworks in the Indian subcontinent through climate fluctuation, temperature alterations, and precipitation designs came about in crop season moving. Such effects at last affect different parts of harvest creation, agrarian eco-framework, supplement cycling, and eventually food security (Sharma *et al.*, 2015) <sup>[25]</sup>. In the fourth evaluation report of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC, 2007), it has extended that proceeded with nursery gas emissions at or above current rates would cause further warming and prompt numerous progressions in the global environment framework during the twenty-first century and warming of about 0.2 °C each decade has been expected. The ascent in temperature

affects the survival and populace elements of nuisances and rushes nutrient mineralization and manure use efficiency. The decline in rice efficiency has additionally anticipated by 0.75 t ha<sup>-1</sup> with a 2 °C ascent in mean air temperature by two yield models (WTGROWS and INFOCROP). In a recreation study, it is accounted for that an increment of 1 °C temperature caused 3–9% decline in grain yield (Zhao *et al.*, 2017) and a 10% expansion in irrigation water interest of rice and wheat (Sivakumar & Stefanski, 2011). CA-based administration frameworks can improve versatility and tackle the destructive effects of climate change through variation strategies (Sharma *et al.*, 2015) <sup>[25]</sup>.

### (2) Natural asset degradation

The escalated culturing based development of RW system in western IGP has arisen the issues of natural asset (water, soil, and biodiversity) degradation. The inordinate siphoning of groundwater for irrigating these yields brought about overexploitation of groundwater by ~50 and 75% in Haryana and Punjab, separately (Humphreys *et al.*, 2010) <sup>[16]</sup>. The groundwater table around here during one decade (1993–2003) has gone somewhere near about 0.50 m yr<sup>-1</sup> due to tedious RW framework Continuous RW cultivation favors the natural matter misfortune, inordinate soil nutrients mining, irregularity of supplements and also affected the variety of flora and fauna in the region which are fundamental for biological system security (Choudhary *et al.*, 2018b).

### (3) Lack of Crop diversification

There are numerous issues related with mono-culture begins from supplement awkwardness to high danger of occurrence of infections and vermin. Hence, enhancing the region from rice to other gainful harvests is required to support soil fruitfulness, crop productivity and rancher's pay (Jat *et al.*, 2018c). Maize can prove choice to rice as it is useful and profitable more than rice and requires 90% less water system water (Choudhary *et al.*, 2018a; Gathala *et al.*, 2013; Jat *et al.*, 2019d; Kumar *et al.*, 2018) <sup>[14]</sup>. Rice being a water exhaustive harvest, needs more siphoning of the new water spring in western IGP has come about in an increment in groundwater saltiness with profundity. A combination of grains and heartbeats in pivot helped in keeping up soil quality and soil microflora, and fauna (Choudhary *et al.*, 2018b, 2018c).

### (4) Biotic and abiotic stress

Green Revolution changed the situation of agriculture in the IGP of India; it improved the productivity of oat crops and yet, biotic stresses like weeds, bugs, nuisances, and infections additionally intensified due to changed trimming frameworks and resource requirements. A weed called *Phalaris* minor in the wheat crop was presented simultaneously and shift in weed flora because of expanded manure portion, irrigation offices, and bantam assortments in rice and wheat crops. With time it's anything but a solid resistance to the usually utilized herbicides and ranchers need to find out new and effective herbicides each 3 years (Sharma *et al.*, 2015) <sup>[25]</sup>.

### (5) Inadequate administration of yield residues

Harvesting of rice and wheat by join collectors is an overall practice in IGP leaving behind large volumes (up to 9 t ha<sup>-1</sup>) of harvest buildups in the fields. In the vast majority of the district, rice buildup consuming followed by furrowing is polished to clear the fields for the opportune planting of wheat. Buildup consuming of crop deposits causes loss of plant supplements (100% of C, 80% of N, 25% of P, half of S,

and 20% of K) and this unfavorably affected soil natural and physicochemical properties. (Dubey *et al.*, 2020) <sup>[10]</sup> Consuming of deposits produces a significant measure of GHGs and vaporizers consisting of carbonaceous matter. For instance, from the burning of yield buildups yearly commitment of 379 Tg of CO<sub>2</sub>, 23 Tg of CO, 0.68 Tg of CH<sub>4</sub>, 0.96 Tg of NO<sub>x</sub>, and 0.10 Tg of SO<sub>2</sub> was assessed (Lohan *et al.*, 2018). The yield deposits can be overseen using Turbo seeder (multi-crop grower) and combine (machine for collecting, sifting, and cleaning in one activity) with spreader in RW framework with CA-based administration rehearses. Harvest buildups are the indirect wellspring of sustainable power and are the primary wellspring of natural matter (as C constitutes about 40% of the all out dry biomass), advances the soil, and gives a good microclimate to the stability of rural biological systems (Jat *et al.*, 2019a; Jat *et al.*, 2020a, 2020b).

### (6) Labor emergencies and energy consumption

In the South Asian IGP, the triple difficulties of deteriorating normal assets, lessening farm profitability, and energy deficits undermine agricultural sustainability. During the critical time of yield favorable to production viz., planting/relocating and harvesting, labour deficiencies have become the key errand before the ranchers of IGP in view of less movement of agricultural workers from the eastern piece of the country. The energy and fuel necessity for ordinary till rice is five occasions over direct-cultivated rice (DSR) and ZT maize (Gathala *et al.*, 2013) <sup>[14]</sup>. In CA frameworks, crop residues (sustainable power source) contributed the maximum (~76%) in complete energy input, anyway fertilizer (43%) application (nonrenewable energy source) in CT-based oat frameworks (Jat *et al.*, 2020a, 2020b). To decrease the drudgery of rice planting, labour shortages, energy utilization and to dispose of the antagonistic effects of puddling on soil structure, a CA-based appropriate strategy for rice cultivating like dry/wet direct-cultivated rice (DSR) is particularly required in the larger region (Kamboj *et al.*, 2012).

### Technologies and strategies based on Conservation Agriculture

At the beginning of the twenty-first century, the problem of food security with extra difficulties of climate change and normal asset debasement has increased and it is further intensified with indiscriminate utilization of assets, a sharp ascent in the expense of favorable to production inputs, the interruption of youth from agriculture and diminishing homestead possessions. Climate change in the dry and semi-dry area of Asia could bring about the expanded interest for irrigation water (10% increment at each 1 °C ascent in temperature), further irritating asset shortage (Sivakumar & Stefanski, 2011). This will likewise expand the cost of water for water system, making little holder agriculture more hazardous endeavor. Considering above mentioned multiple challenges, CA-based agrarian advances for manageable intensification and adaptation to arising climatic changeability while mitigating GHG outflows (Climate Smart Agricultural practices) are the needs in the RW area for R4D. There is a wide scope of CA rehearses that has the potential to improve the versatile limit, GHG emissions reduction, or carbon stockpiling advancement of the supportive of production frameworks (Table 2). Integration as well as layering of CA-based technologies and their association with the ranch resources act as possible methodologies to create a resilient system for accomplishing supportability in cropping systems. The adaptable creative CA-based technologies which

significantly affect asset (crop residue, water, energy, and supplement) preservation in the RW arrangement of IGP as as beneath:-

### (I) Residue management

Rice (Non-basmati) straw has no monetary use in western IGP and remains generally unutilized. It is difficult to start culturing and cultivating tasks in the field having free and unevenly loaded residue after the consolidate gathering of the rice crop and there is additionally restricted time for the planting of the sub-sequent wheat crop, thusly open-field residue burning is a best practice in western IGP (Lohan *et al.*, 2018; Shyamsundar *et al.*, 2019). Of the total crop buildup consuming in India, RW framework contributes 84%, and the leftover 16% is from other types of crop revolutions (Singh and Panigrahy, 2011). In Punjab, 20 million tones (54% of aggregate) of rice and wheat residues are being scorched in-situ yearly, prompting a loss of around 8 million tons of C, and  $1 \times 10^5$  tonnes of N, notwithstanding the deficiency of S (Yadvinder-Singh *et al.*, 2015) [29]. In-situ buildup consuming is also responsible for the obliteration of beneficial microflora of the dirt with significant ramifications for soil wellbeing and nutrient use efficiency (Lohan *et al.*, 2018). Cost-effective and rancher cordial choices for the oversee of harvest deposits offer significant water-conserving effect by decreasing runoff and evaporative losses (Yadvinder-Singh *et al.*, 2010). Likewise, they also brought down the covering temperature in wheat by 1–4°C at the grain filling period. The Phalaris minor population can be diminished by 45–75% when a heap of >6.0tha–1 residue kept up over the dirt surface in the RW arrangement of Indian IGP (Sharma *et al.*, 2015; Sidhu *et al.*, 2007) [25]. The ongoing rendition of the Turbo seeder (Sidhu *et al.*, 2015) has been perceived as one key technological innovation that was created and approved under diverse rancher conditions. Super seeder initiates a new methodology in tackling the deficiencies of direct boring of wheat into substantial rice buildup load as surface mulch in a solitary operational pass (Sidhu *et al.*, 2007, 2015). It likewise works with all around planned planting with higher harvest usefulness (Aryal *et al.*, 2016, 2020).

### (II) Zero-till (ZT) Technology

The cultivating of a yield into unplowed fields is known as no-till (NT), direct cultivating/boring, or conservation culturing (Erenstein *et al.*, 2008). ZT in the cereal cropping arrangement of IGP has been figured out to advance the planting time subsequently expanding the thermal window for wheat and consequently helps in getting away from the terminal warmth stress (Erenstein and Laxmi, 2008). Observations of a drawn out preliminary (7 years) on crop establishment strategies in the rice-wheat framework of eastern IGP showed higher efficiency of RW under the CA-based framework (ZTR-ZTW) with and without residue maintenance over CT frameworks (Jat *et al.*, 2014b). ZT permits prior wheat planting and accommodating in suppressing repulsive weed Phalaris minor by diminishing its population by 68–80% when planted one month early, compared to traditional farmers' practice (Sharma *et al.*, 2015) [25]. In IGP numerous examinations were conducted across the creation frameworks with different ecologies and showed the potential benefits of CA-based practices. Results from a progression of experiments in IGP uncover that CA-based administrations reduce the cost of creation (~30%) and improve crop yield (~15%) and in this way give monetary benefits to ranchers (~25%). Ranchers participatory

preliminaries (no.40) uncovered that in ZT wheat with and without residue maintenance, the complete expense of wheat production was found 23% not exactly that of traditional tillage (CT) framework which credited to a decrease in the cost of culturing and water system water (Aryal *et al.*, 2015b). There are generous proof from ranchers adoption considers that ZT wheat gives saving of at least 10% (around 20–30 mm) water system water over CT practices, while yields are by and large somewhat higher (<5%), resulting in higher net gain and benefit to the farmers.

### (III) Crop rotations

The prior editing design (pre-Green Revolutionera) in the investigation district was significantly different comprising of wheat, rice, feed, cotton, maize, beats, pearl millet, oilseeds, sugarcane, and so on Harvest diversification is the result of activity, response, and interaction among the physical and non-actual environment (Sohal, 2003). Yield diversification in the RW domain is proposed to offers a more extensive decision in the agriculture production framework in a specific region to extend favorable to production-related exercises of different crops and furthermore to reduce the danger. (Dubey *et al.*, 2021) Overall, the consideration of leguminous crops in oat frameworks (RW/MW) contributed an increment of 18% in framework efficiency and 15% in net returns (Choudhary *et al.*, 2018a). Kumar *et al.* (2018) detailed that CA-based rice-wheat-mungbean systems improved framework usefulness by 11%, profit-capacity by 24% with 28% less water system water and 25% less energy input contrasted with customary RW system/ranchers practice (12.3 Mg ha<sup>-1</sup>; 2650 mmha<sup>-1</sup>; INR 85,800 ha<sup>-1</sup>; 79.2 GJ ha<sup>-1</sup>) while reducing the an unnatural weather change potential by 23% (1.5 Mg CO<sub>2</sub> eqyr<sup>-1</sup>). Comparative outcome was likewise detailed by Jat *et al.* (2019d, 2020a, 2020b) with the reconciliation of mungbean into RW/MW system.

### (IV) Laser Land Leveling (LLL)

The lopsided soil surface incredibly affects seed-ling development, crop stand, crop consistency, and yield of crops through imbalanced water accessibility, nutrient water association, and example of salt and soil moisture circulation. Helpless homestead planning and unevenness of the fields lead to loss of a significant (20–25%) measure of water system water during its application at the ranch (Aryal *et al.*, 2015a). This has more so occurred in the rice fields. Effective land levelling saved water system water (20–30%), improve crop establishment, increment cultivable region (by 3–5% approximately), and decreases the ideal opportunity for water system (Jat *et al.*, 2009) [18]. Around a 10–30% increment in crop yield was recorded in the wake of evening out the land through laser land leveller (Aryal *et al.*, 2015a).

### (V) Permanent Bed Planting (PBP)

In western IGP, substitution of conventional rice with less water-cherishing harvests, for example, maize under CA-based management rehearses is needed for the promotion of manageable intensification (Jat *et al.*, 2018c, 2019d). Maize being a water touchy yield, it is grown on lasting beds (PBs). Initially the practice of perpetual raised beds has advanced with water the executives issues, either for giving opportunities to decrease the unfriendly effect of overabundance water on crop creation or to flood crops in semi-arid and bone-dry areas (Bhushan *et al.*, 2008; Connor *et al.*, 2003; Gathala *et al.*, 2011; Govaerts *et al.*, 2005; Sayre & Hobbs, 2004) [15]. The PBs enjoy numerous benefits such as

controlled machine traffic, lower compaction to furrow bottoms, lower cultivating rates contrasted with conventional frameworks, and decreased harvest dwelling (Sayre & Moreno-Ramos, 1997). Lasting bed planting saves irrigation water by over 30% over the flat system (Jat *et al.*, 2015). Framework usefulness, water use efficiency (WUE), and net returns were higher by 28.2–30.7%, 27.8–31.0% and 36.8–40.5% under PBs over traditional culturing (CT) individually, under the maize-wheat-mungbean framework (Jat *et al.*, 2018c).

#### (VI) Micro-water system

Systems Micro-water system is a water system procedure in which narrow tubes supply water system water straightforwardly close to the base of the plant (surface or subsurface) through emitters (dribble water system) or showering water indifferent bearings through water jets (sprinklers) that saves exorbitant sources of info like water and fertilizers. Benefits of miniature water system include:

- (1) decreased cost through reserve funds in water and energy;
- (2) improved fertilizer and water use efficiency;
- (3) limit the weed populace and saltiness issues;
- (4) fertilizer application as fertigation and so forth By dribble and sprinklers nearly 60% (Sidhu *et al.*, 2019) and 48% irrigation water, separately can be saved over flood puddled transplanted rice. Subsurface trickle water system (SDI) systems feed the plant, not the dirt and apply the water and N straightforwardly to the plant rhizosphere as and when needed to keep up good dampness and nutrient accessibility to trim. CA-based systems layered with SDI recorded 3 and 11% (2 yrs' mean) higher framework usefulness in RW and MW system, respectively contrasted with their particular CT systems (Jat *et al.*, 2018b, 2019d). The SDI in CA-based cereal systems saved the manure N by 20% and improved the fractional factor usefulness of N by 47% compared to CT based framework with flood water system (Jat *et al.*

2019d).

#### (VII) Smart cultivating framework (DSR-direct cultivated rice)

Low compensation and abundant accessibility of water favour puddle relocating, while, high wages and low water accessibility support DSR (Pandey and Velasco, 2005). In Indian IGP, expanding deficiencies of water, energy, and workforce the ranchers to receive CT/ZT-DSR. In IGP, comparative or more significant returns were recorded with DSR with higher profitability and water-saving (~25%) contrasted with relocated rice (Choudhary *et al.*, 2018a; Kamboj *et al.*, 2012; Kumar *et al.*, 2018) and these benefits are more with scented/basmati rice (Jat *et al.*, 2019c). DSR demonstrated to be an economically doable option in contrast to puddled relocated rice (PTR) as it helped in decreases of favorable to production cost by 11–17% with 25–30% less irrigation water at comparative yield levels (Kumar *et al.*, 2018) and saved INR 5000/-on fuel and work (Gathala *et al.*, 2013) <sup>[14]</sup>.

#### (VIII) Site-Specific Nutrient Management (SSNM)

Fertilizer suggestions in IGPs are based on average crop reaction information over enormous geographic regions without considering the innate supplement sup-handling limit of the soil and causes under-fertilization in some place and over-treatment in others (Jat *et al.*, 2016). This likewise prompts low supplement use efficiencies, low profit, and expanded ecological supportive of problems. In cereal frameworks, Leaf shading diagram (LCC), Green Seeker, and Decision Support Tool-Nutrient Expert® (NE) are being utilized for site-specific nutrient management (SSNM). In any case, SSNM is a knowledge-escalated idea that restricts its on-ranch application at a huge scope (Jat *et al.*, 2016). An appreciable measure of N and K manures (to the tune of 30% and half, individually) saved after 4years of constant development by embracing CA-based administration rehearses in the MW framework (Jat *et al.*, 2018a)

**Table 1:** Impact of conservation agriculture on water productivity and yield grain when contrasted with the conventional practices

Technologies	Cropping System	Yield Grain (%)	Water saving (%)
Laser Land Levelling	Rice-Wheat	12-15	15-20
LLL + ZT + Mulch + SSNM + Zero Tillage + Mulch	Rice-Wheat	7-9	17-30
ZT + Mulch	Maize	8.4	72
DSR + Mulch	Rice	5-15	15-30
PBs + Mulch	Maize	28-31	27-31
Legumes inclusion (Mungbean)	Rice-Wheat	10-18	-

Source: Jat *et al.* (2009) <sup>[18]</sup>

#### Conclusion

The CA-based trimming framework and comprehensive system approach not just saves regular assets but also helps in delivering more at low expenses, improves soil wellbeing, advances opportune planting and ensures crop diversification, decreases natural pollution and unfavorable effects of environmental change on cereal systems in IGP. With restricted degree for additional expansion of cultivable region under IGPs, creation gains can be cultivated through CA-based intensification of horticulture by seeking after at least one strategies including (i) expanding yields per hectare; (ii) increasing editing force per unit of land and (iii) changing area use. The RW arrangement of Indian IGP is as yet the foundation of food security and faces serious challenges because of their rising production and natural expenses. Accordingly, to overcome the considerable issues of the RW

framework, CA-based manageable intensification has arisen an excellent choice to support the regular resources and to keep up the creation supportability and farm profitability.

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