

FARMERS IN DISTRESS: ADDRESSING INDIA'S AGRICULTURAL CRISIS

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ABSTRACT

India's agricultural sector faces a devastating crisis as farmers' suicides escalate. This study examines the complex interplay of factors contributing to this phenomenon, including debt, crop failure, climate change, and inadequate government support. Analyzing national data and case studies, we identify key drivers and propose multifaceted solutions to address this pressing issue. This study explores the intersectional factors contributing to farmers' suicides in India, using a mixed-methods approach. Our findings indicate that structural factors (government policies, market fluctuations) and agency-level factors (individual circumstances, social networks) intersect to produce vulnerability. We argue for a nuanced understanding of farmer distress, emphasizing contextualized interventions and policy reforms.

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