

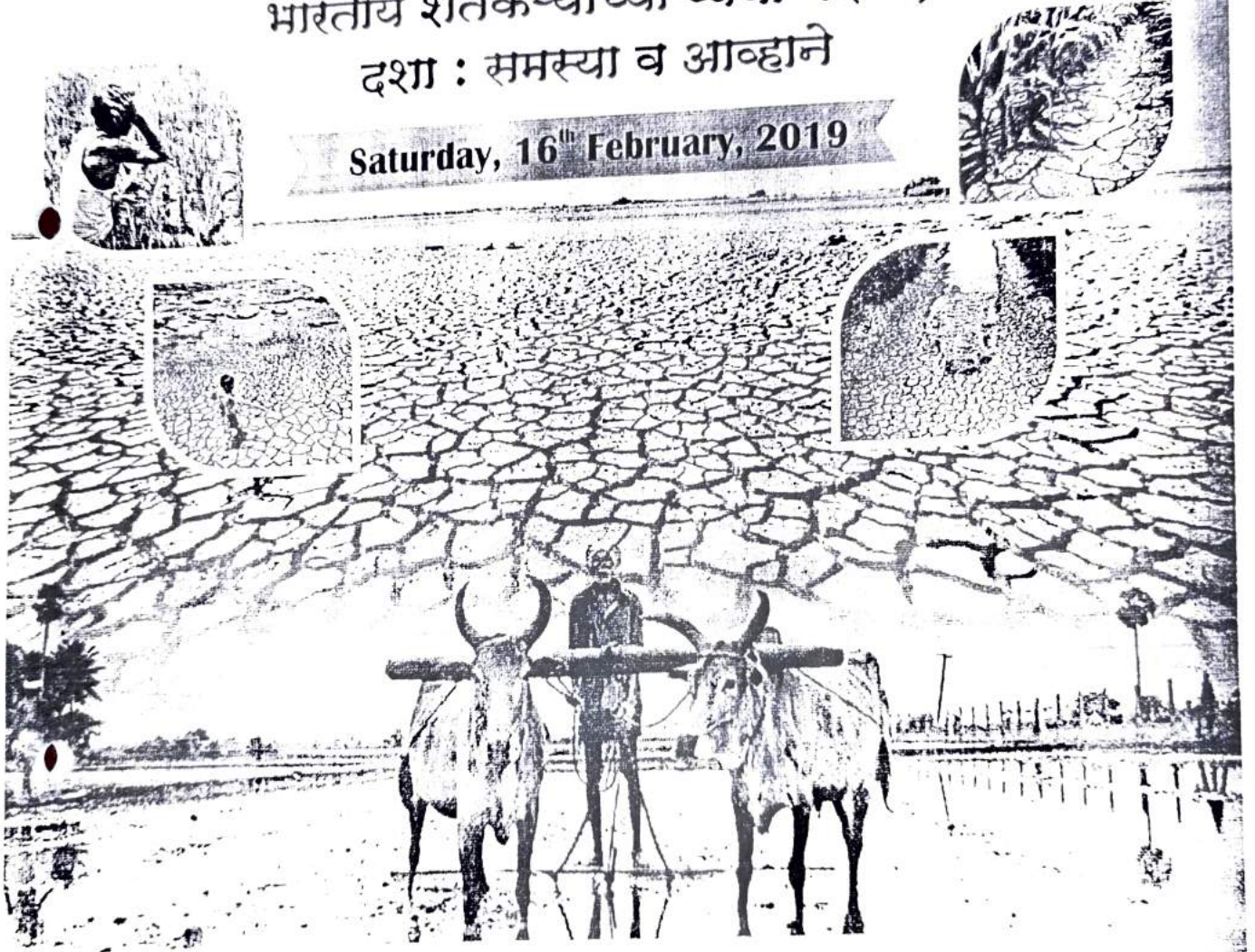
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# FARMERS SUICIDES IN INDIA WITH REFERENCE TO KARNATAKA: CAUSES AND REMEDIES

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## Abstract

### "Indian Agriculture is Gambling with Monsoon"

India is a country gifted with huge potential land where millions of people engaged themselves in farming activities for their livelihood. Now a days, Indian agriculture is feeding more than 121 crore population and millions of domestics animals. As per the population census 2011, agriculture supports 13.74 million workers among which 2.61 percent cultivators and 25.67 percent agricultural workers. Majority of these farmers are unhappy due to crop failure, low prices to crop etc. As per National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) from 2000 to 2014 there were 30,604 incidents of suicides belonging to agriculture in Karnataka. April 2013 to Nov 2017 there were 3,515 farmers committed suicide out of which 2,525 were found due to droughts and farm failures. April 2017 to Nov 2017 reported cases were 624 out of this 416 cases were accepted. Top list of suicides by type of growers were sugarcane followed by cotton, paddy among others. K-KISAN, Bhoomi, Savayava Krishi Yojana and other schemes were started by government to prevent farmers suicide.

**Keywords:** Farmers Suicide, Farmers Welfare, Government Schemes

## Introduction

India is a country gifted with huge potential land where millions of people engaged themselves in farming activities for their livelihood. Now a days, Indian agriculture is feeding more than 121 crore population and millions of domestics animals. Agriculture sector is vital for the food & nutritional security of the nation. It is contributing directly and indirectly to the development of country. After the liberalisation and globalisation, cheap imports of agriculture items badly hit the marketing of agriculture produce one side and Indian farmers actively working as became the backbone to the same. But grave situation compel famers to commit suicide. As per the population census 2011, agriculture supports 13.74 million workers among which 2.61 percent cultivators and 25.67 percent agricultural workers. Majority of these farmers are unhappy due to crop failure, low prices to crop etc. Therefore state and central government announced flagship programmes to tackle the problems and boost their income in order to uplift their living standards. The schemes included PMKSY, PKVY, PMFBY, PMJDY, NCU, e-NAM, MIF, RADP etc.

## Review of Literature

**Deshpande, R (2002)** observed that mental set up of victims which depends on factors namely Events, Stressors, Actores and Triggers.

**Gupta, D (2005)** aptly observed that Indian agriculture has always lurched from crisis to crisis. The artisanal nature of agriculture has always kept farmers tenterhooks, not knowing quite how to manage their economy, except to play it by ear thus shedding a light on the plight of the Indian farmer.

**Anneshi and Gowda (2015)** have analysed the both small and large farmers borrowed non-institutional sources compared to institutional sources and accessibility to institutional borrowing was relatively more for large farmers. Similarly, both small and large farmers owed