

Status of Women in the Agrarian Sector

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Abstract: *The present review article is aimed at studying the various trends and patterns that are emerging from the Indian agriculture sector due to the changing role of women in Indian agriculture system. Globally we find nearly half of the agricultural workforce is that of women in spite of that they have to face discrimination at both societal levels and within their own households, which has profound effects on their Right to Food. The purpose therefore is to study the involvement and contribution of women in the agrarian sector. The focus of the paper is on the issues such as importance of women in the agriculture system, ostracism of rural women workers, increasing importance of organic farming involving women activities and finally the organic farming as sustainable approach to strengthen the rural economy. The study suggests that there is a need for government support and agricultural research program to overcome the existing gaps and to face the emerging issues, challenges for sustainable development and livelihood of poor smallholders, especially women farmers.*

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