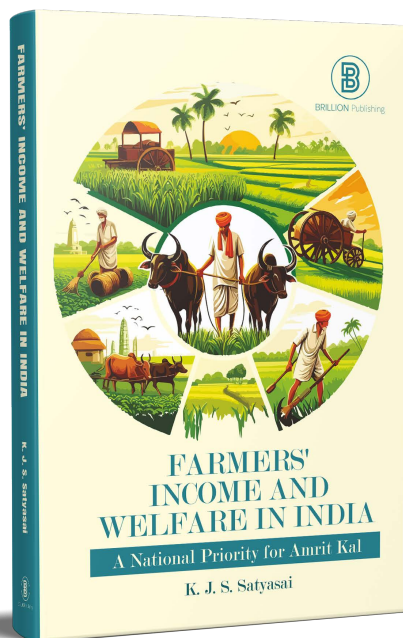




FARMERS' INCOME AND WELFARE IN INDIA

A National Priority for Amrit Kal

Farmers' income has gained national attention since the Prime Minister set the goal of doubling it in 2015. Prior to that, the focus was on food production. Indian agriculture despite its achievements in food security saving the country from severe food shortage and disgrace, remained in news for the distress farmers faced. The sector has presented a case of unhappy farmers running a successful sector. In this context, this book analyses the status, sources, distribution, and determinants of farmers' income, and explores strategies for improvement. It also presents a case for focussing on farmers' welfare, i.e. thinking beyond income during the Azadi ka Amrit Kal. It reviews long-term agricultural trends and provides evidence-based recommendations. The book is a compilation of well researched articles, peer reviewed, on various aspects of farmers' income and welfare.

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