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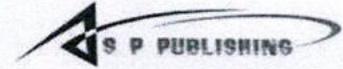
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**An Overview on Environmental Impact on Agriculture with Reference to India**

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**ABSTRACT**

Agriculture is a critical sector that provides food security, livelihoods, and contributes to economic development. This literature review aims to provide an overview of recent research and developments in the field of agriculture, highlighting key trends and future directions. The paper covers agriculture, including sustainable farming practices, precision agriculture, digital technologies, climate change adaptation, and agricultural policy. By synthesizing relevant literature, this review offers valuable insights into the current state of agriculture and identifies potential areas for further research and innovation.

**Keywords:** Sustainability, Environmental impact, Climate change

**Introduction**

Agriculture is the primary source of food production, providing the majority of the world's food supply. It encompasses crop cultivation, livestock rearing, aquaculture, and fishing, which collectively contribute to meeting global food demand. With the world's population projected to reach 9.7 billion by 2050, agriculture must produce more food to meet the increasing demand. Sustainable and efficient agricultural practices are essential to ensure an adequate food supply for a growing population.

Agriculture is critical for achieving food security, which means ensuring that all individuals have access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food. By increasing agricultural productivity and reducing food scarcity, agriculture helps mitigate hunger and malnutrition on a global scale. Agriculture is a significant contributor to economic development, especially in rural areas. It provides employment opportunities, generates income for farmers and rural communities, and contributes to national economies through exports and trade. Agricultural development can stimulate economic growth and poverty reduction.

Agriculture supports the livelihoods of millions of people worldwide, particularly in developing countries. Smallholder farmers, farm laborers, and rural communities depend on agriculture for their income, food security, and overall well-being. Enhancing agricultural productivity and supporting rural development can improve livelihoods and reduce rural poverty. Sustainable agricultural practices are crucial for environmental conservation and mitigating climate change. Agriculture affects ecosystems, biodiversity, water resources, and soil health. By adopting sustainable farming methods, such as organic farming, agroforestry, and conservation agriculture, agriculture can minimize its environmental impact and promote ecosystem resilience.

Agriculture faces numerous challenges, including climate change, water scarcity, pests, and diseases. By investing in research and development, technological innovation, and resilient farming practices, agriculture can adapt to changing conditions, enhance crop resilience, and ensure stable food production in the face of environmental uncertainties. Agriculture contributes to food sovereignty, which emphasizes the rights of individuals and communities to determine their food production and consumption systems. Local and regional agricultural production reduces dependence on imported food and enhances self-