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PREFACE

Micro irrigation has emerged as a transformative solution for addressing the critical challenges faced by the agricultural sector in Karnataka, particularly the scarcity of water and irregular rainfall. With an ever-growing demand for food production, farmers in the state are increasingly turning to water-efficient irrigation techniques to ensure consistent crop yields and sustainable agricultural practices. Micro Irrigation in Karnataka explores this innovative approach in detail, offering valuable insights into the adoption, challenges, and benefits of systems like drip and sprinkler irrigation.

This book aims to provide a comprehensive resource for farmers, policymakers, researchers, and agricultural professionals interested in understanding how micro irrigation systems can be effectively implemented in diverse agricultural settings. By focusing on the specific conditions of Karnataka—ranging from its arid regions to its fertile lands—this work highlights the positive impact of micro irrigation on water conservation, crop productivity, and the overall economic well-being of the state. Through real-life examples, case studies, and expert contributions, we offer a balanced perspective on the promise of these technologies while addressing the hurdles to their widespread adoption.

Ultimately, this book seeks to empower readers to embrace micro irrigation not only as a means of water conservation but also as a pathway toward a more resilient and prosperous agricultural future for Karnataka.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

| MIS | Micro Irrigation System |
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| NIMS | Non-Micro Irrigation System |
| HYV | High Yield Variety |
| SMAM | Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanisation |
| PMKSY | Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana |
| RIDF | Rural Infrastructure Development Fund |
| SCP | Special Component Plan |
| TSP | Tribal Sub Plan |
| KAMICS | Karnataka Antaraganga Micro Irrigation Corportion Scheme |
| AIBP | Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme |
| NHM | National Horticulture Mission |
| ISOPOM | Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil-Palm and Maie |
| RKVY | Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana |
| NFSM | National Food Security Mission |
| NMSA | National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture |
| NAPCC | National Action Plan on Climate Change |
| GDP | Gross Domestic Product |
| GDDP | Gross District Domestic Product |
| NDDP | Net District Domestic Product |
| HKKP | Har Khet Ko Pani |
| PDMC | Per Drop More Crop |
| SC | Scheduled Caste |
| ST | Scheduled Tribe |
| OBC | Other Backward Caste |
| APL | Above Poverty Line |
| BPL | Below Poverty Line |
| PACS | Primary Agricultural Co-operative Societies |
| NMMI | National Mission on Micro Irrigation |
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Micro Irrigation in Karnataka provides a comprehensive exploration of the growing importance of water-efficient irrigation practices within the agricultural framework of Karnataka. The book delves into the various micro irrigation techniques—primarily drip and sprinkler irrigation—and their relevance to the states distinct agricultural needs. It examines the challenges posed by water scarcity, climatic unpredictability, and the increasing strain on groundwater resources, all of which make efficient water management crucial for sustaining Karnataka's agricultural sector.

The book is structured to cater to a diverse audience, including farmers, government officials, agricultural researchers, and anyone with an interest in sustainable farming practices. It begins by introducing the concept of micro irrigation, followed by an in-depth analysis of the benefits and practical applications of such systems. Detailed case studies and success stories from across Karnataka offer real-world examples of how farmers are reaping the rewards of adopting micro irrigation, from higher crop yields to significant water savings.

Moreover, the book discusses policy initiatives, government schemes, and subsidies that support the adoption of micro irrigation. It concludes with a look at the future of irrigation in Karnataka, considering emerging technologies and their potential to further enhance agricultural efficiency. Through its holistic approach, this book aims to inspire the adoption of micro irrigation as a key tool for fostering sustainable and resilient agriculture in Karnataka.





