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# ***Resilient Farm Technologies in Achieving Sustainable Development***

***Performance and Adoption of the System of Rice Intensification (SRI) in Odisha, India***

**Debdutt Behura**

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Dr. Behura has been teaching as an agricultural economist at the Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology since 2010. For over 20 years he has been a collaborator with the Social Sciences Division of the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) and has worked also with other CGIAR centers (ICRISAT, CIP, ICARDA and IFPRI).



Currently he is working on a multi-state research project, 'A Socio-Economic Study on Adoption and Dissemination of SRI in East and Northeast India,' funded by the Tata Trust of India. The Tata Trust initiated studies of the System of Rice Intensification in Odisha, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Assam and Manipur in 2013-14. The work was impeded by droughts in 2015-16, but the climate stress showed SRI crops to be less affected.

The research which Dr. Debdutt will report on evaluates adoption patterns for SRI and relates these, among other things, to soil management, being interested in how tillage practices affect the fertility of both crops and soil. His research interests focusing around sustainability issues include natural resource management through collective action, marketing and value chain development, farm mechanization, gender issues in agriculture, and nutritional security.

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