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Tamil Nadu, with 3% of the national water and 4% land share, supports 6% of the population. The State Government in an effort to usher in Second Green Revolution to double the food grain production and triple the farmers' income by year 2015-16, has set up an ambitious food grain production programme in the State. During 2011-12, the State has achieved an all time high food grain production of 10.15 million tones. On the AGRISNET platform, a productivity enhancement information management system by name, Farm Crop Management System has been launched for micro level farm planning with server based linkage to farmers through mobile application. To invigorate extension system, GPS, GPRS enabled Tablets and 'Pico' projectors were given to extension staff in eight pilot districts. For providing farmer specific extension, Touch

Screen Kiosks with Crop doctor for six major crops has been established in 40 blocks. An annual farmers' awareness campaign 'Uzhavar Peruvizha' is being organised in all the villages with Agriculture and allied Departments participation. A nationally acclaimed Tamil Nadu Precision Farming Project is being up scaled in Agriculture and Horticulture crops. The State has got the incredible achievement of bringing fifty per cent of its rice cultivation under SRI, besides System of Pulses Intensification, through Whole Village concept to act as model villages. To achieve self reliance in productivity of pulses, transplantation in Redgram cultivation is being promoted. Further to maximize the utilization of available resources by combining all farm enterprises, Integrated Farming Model Villages has been organised @ one village in each block. With the launch of innovative programs, Tamil Nadu has pioneered the knowledge led transformation of its agriculture and marching towards ushering in the Ever Green Revolution in the state.