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## INTRODUCTION

AGRICULTURE OCCUPIES A PIVOTAL PLACE IN THE INDIAN ECONOMY. The progress of agriculture depends on nature as well as techniques of production. The reorientation of agricultural techniques in turn depends on research, education, training and extension. The utilisation of these factors will enhance the productivity in agriculture.

To develop Indian agriculture considerable efforts were done during the last three decades. Land reforms, administrative reforms, agricultural research and training, irrigation schemes, cooperative institutions, chemical fertilisers and such other strategies were adopted.

In this dissertation, an effort has been made to evaluate some of the important programmes like Community Development Programme, Intensive Agricultural District Programme and the High Yielding Varieties Programme.

### Organisation

The first chapter is about agricultural extension in which I have considered the concept, origin, aims, philosophy and the role of extension. Then I have considered the definition, objectives and scope of agricultural extension.

The second chapter deals with the historical development of agricultural extension in India. In this chapter a brief survey has been made from the pre-British to post independence period. Various projects and programmes are discussed.

In the third chapter evaluation of major programmes related to the foodgrain production is attempted. The programmes evaluated are : Community Development Programme, Intensive Agricultural District Programme and the High Yielding Varieties Programme.

Finally in Chapter 4, conclusion and recommendations are presented.