

Farming in extreme weather

Over 60% South Asians - between 700 and 800 million people - live in villages and largely depend on farming for survival. Being mostly small-scale, low-tech and rain-dependent, farming, on which the majority of South Asians still depend, is severely affected by climate change.



On average, Indian farmers earn around 4 USD daily. Even multigenerational farming is merely subsistence in most places in South Asia.

A delayed onset of monsoon, erratic, untimely and often voluminous bursts of rain compared to a previous steady clip, prolonged and intense heatwaves, depleting groundwater and unexplained crop diseases:

South Asian farmers experience these daily, but are unaware that scientists call these characteristics typical of climate change.

Speaking to farmers in West Bengal, India, we found that they are adjusting by employing innate farming instincts.

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