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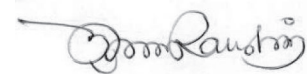
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EDITORIAL

Agriculture is one of the strongholds of the Indian economy, accounting for 15% of the nation's GDP, about 11% of its exports, about half of the population still relies on agriculture as its principal source of income and it is a source of raw material for a large number of industries. As a matter of fact India has become the world's largest producer across a range of commodities due to its favourable agro-climatic conditions and rich natural resource base. Further, accelerating the growth of agriculture production through a series of concerted and committed efforts is therefore necessary not only to achieve an overall GDP target of 8 per cent during the 12th Plan and meet the rising demand for food, but also to increase incomes of those dependent on agriculture to ensure inclusiveness.

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