

## BOOK REVIEW

### “Dynamics of Agricultural Development in Post Green Revolution Period”

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Dr. Ugra Mohan Jha, Emeritus Professor of Economics, has been a successful guide to nearly 50 Ph.D. aspirants and is the architect of nearly a dozen major research projects, funded by UGC, ICSSR and the Planning Commission. He is also the author of a dozen research projects funded by the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, a producer of some 30 research papers on various aspects of rural economy and for ten years professor and head of the Department of Rural Economics & Co-operation, T.M. Bhagalpur University and Director, Agro-Economic Research Centre for Bihar & Jharkhand.

Dr. Naresh Jha was a popular teacher for some ten years and is at present Director of the Jan Shikshan Sansthan, Gaya, Bihar. He has successfully acted as a surveyor, investigator, team leader and evaluator of projects.

This outstanding book is comprehensive and deals exhaustively with the problems and prospects of Bihar's agricultural development. It is a timely publication extremely useful for policy makers, farmers and traders.

Bihar is a state in the Indian Union. It is the biggest state in terms of density of rural population which is nearly 3 times the density of the total population of rural India. It accounts for 8.07% of India's

population but has only 2.9% of its total area. The density of population in Bihar is 800 persons per sq. km., the highest in India.

The book represents a fruitful fusion of Dr Ugra Mohan Jha's analytical incisiveness and synthetical proficiency with Dr Naresh Jha's wide-ranging and impressive observational capacity. The authors have dealt with the problems in the light of commitments made by India with WTO and with an eye to MNCs. Facts, materials and policy prescriptions are up-to-date and revealing.

However, the title of the book seems to be misleading. It indicates that the main theme is the dynamics of agricultural development but the matter dealt with is limited to the state of Bihar and hence a proper title would have been “The Dynamics of Bihar's Agricultural Development”. There are also printing errors in some important places which must be removed in the next edition because they tarnish the book's image.