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The Green Revolution turned India from a country plagued with chronic food shortages into a food grain self-sufficient nation within the decade of 1968–1978. By contrast, the decade of 1995–2005 witnessed a spate of suicides among farmers in many parts of the country. These tragic incidents were symptomatic of the severe stress and strain that the agriculture sector had meanwhile accumulated. The book recounts how the high achievements of the Green Revolution had overgrown to a state of ‘agrarian crisis’. In the process, the book also brings to fore the underlying resilience and innovativeness in the sector which enabled it not just to survive through the crisis but to evolve and revive out of it. The need of the hour is to create an environment that will enable the agricultural sector to acquire the robustness to contend with the challenges of lifting levels of farm income and with climate change. To this end, a multi-pronged intervention strategy has been suggested. Reviving public investment in irrigation, tuning agrarian institutions to the changed context, strengthening market institutions for better farm-to-market linkage and financial access of farmers, and preparing the ground for ushering in technological innovations should form the major components of this policy paradigm.

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