

# Krishisaathi - Farming Tips Guide (खेती-बाड़ी के लिए सुझाव)

## Introduction (परिचय)

Welcome to the Krishisaathi Tips Guide! This document provides valuable information to help you improve your crop yield, manage resources effectively, and increase your income. Use these tips along with the features in your Krishisaathi app for the best results. कृषि-सारथी टिप्स गाइड में आपका स्वागत है! यह दस्तावेज़ आपकी फसल की उपज में सुधार, संसाधनों का प्रभावी ढंग से प्रबंधन करने और आपकी आय बढ़ाने में मदद करने के लिए बहुमूल्य जानकारी प्रदान करता है। सर्वोत्तम परिणामों के लिए इन युक्तियों का उपयोग अपने कृषि-सारथी ऐप में दी गई सुविधाओं के साथ करें।

## 1. Soil Management (मिट्टी का प्रबंधन)

- Soil Testing (मिट्टी की जाँच):** Before sowing, always get your soil tested. The Krishisaathi app can help you connect with local testing centers. Knowing your soil's health helps you use the right amount of fertilizer.
- Organic Manure (जैविक खाद):** Use cow dung, compost, and vermicompost to improve soil fertility naturally. This reduces the need for chemical fertilizers.
- Crop Rotation (फसल चक्र):** Do not grow the same crop in the same field year after year. Rotate crops like legumes (dal) with cereals (gehu, chawal) to maintain soil nutrients.

## 2. Water Management (जल प्रबंधन)

- Drip Irrigation (टपक सिंचाई):** For fruits and vegetables, use drip irrigation to save water and provide water directly to the roots.
- Check Weather Forecasts (मौसम का पूर्वानुमान देखें):** Use the weather forecast feature in the Krishisaathi app to plan your irrigation. Avoid watering if rain is expected.
- Rainwater Harvesting (वर्षा जल संचयन):** Create small ponds or tanks to collect rainwater. This water can be used during dry periods.

## 3. Crop Selection & Sowing (फसल का चुनाव और बुवाई)

- Use the AI Advisor (AI सलाहकार का प्रयोग करें):** The AI Advisor in your app gives the best crop recommendations based on your soil, location, and weather. Trust its suggestions.
- Certified Seeds (प्रमाणित बीज):** Always buy high-quality, certified seeds from trusted vendors found on the Krishisaathi Input Access Platform.
- Sowing Time (बुवाई का समय):** Sow your crops at the right time. Sowing too early or too late can reduce the yield.

## 4. Pest & Disease Management (कीट और रोग प्रबंधन)

- Integrated Pest Management (IPM) (एकीकृत कीट प्रबंधन):** Use a mix of methods – natural predators, neem oil, and pheromone traps. Use chemical pesticides only when absolutely necessary.
- Community Forum (सामुदायिक मंच):** If you see a new type of pest or disease, take a photo and share it on the Krishisaathi community forum to get advice from experts and other farmers.
- Clean Fields (खेतों की सफाई):** Keep your fields clean and remove weeds regularly. Weeds compete with your crops for nutrients and water.

## 5. Post-Harvest & Market Linkage (कटाई के बाद और बाजार लिंकेज)

- **Proper Storage (उचित भंडारण):** Store your produce in a cool, dry, and clean place to avoid wastage.
- **Check Mandi Prices (मंडी की कीमतें जांचें):** Before going to the market, check the live mandi prices in your Krishisaathi app to ensure you get a fair price.
- **Connect with Buyers (खरीदारों से जुड़ें):** Use the market linkage feature to connect directly with local cooperatives or buyers, which can offer better prices than middlemen.

**Krishisaathi is always with you. Happy Farming! कृषि-सारथी हमेशा आपके साथ है। खेती में खुशहाली हो!**