**GRAD 695 Research Methodology & Writing**

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# **Problem Statement, Requirements, SRS or Literature Survey and Problem Formulation:**

**Literature survey:** the literature survey for the thesis “**greening the fields**” involved an extensive exploration of diverse sources to gather insights into challenges faced by farmers in red, black, and rock soil regions. The focus is on rock soil regions.

**Source selection:**

1. Conferences and journals: extensive research of academic databases, including google Scholar, was done to find relevant articles presented at conferences and published in credible journals. The focus was on accumulating intellectual ideas and advances around sustainable agriculture, particularly in tough situation environments.
2. Surveys and community websites: surveys on agriculture and community websites, such as ACM SIG (association for computing machinery special interest group) that focus on specific areas or topics within the field of computer science and information technology.
3. General newspapers: general newspapers were included in the source selection process to represent the views of the public. This stage aimed to better understand how ordinary people view and discuss the integration of technology, agriculture, and environmental sustainability.

The important papers were assessed based on relevance to the topic that I chose, depth of insights, methodological applicability, and significance of findings. The following papers are the important papers which will be useful for my thesis topic and for better understanding purpose.

1. “**sustainable precision forming in rocky soil regions**”: this paper provides a comprehensive overview of challenges faced by farmers in rock soil regions. It delves into crop growth limitations, economic constraints, and proposes sustainable farming practices.

2. “**the management of water in black soil regions**”: this paper provides information on water logging issues in black soil regions, this paper explores effective water management strategies. It is important lies in addressing a critical challenge and proposing practical solutions to improve crop yield in black soil areas.

3. “**erosion control techniques in red soil regions**”: this paper gives information about investigating soil erosion challenges in red soil regions and erosion control techniques. Its significance lies in offering practical insights for farmers to deal with nutrient deficiencies and erosion problems.

4. “**community-concentric approach to sustain agriculture**”: this paper explores community-led sustainable agriculture strategies worldwide. It seems relevant for the thesis because it provides insight into community cooperation models, which aligns with the community participation in the suggested solutions.

5. “**advanced technologies for crop disease detection**”: this paper focuses on innovations in technology and examines methods for the identification of agricultural diseases.

6. “economic analysis of farming in rocky soil regions”: an economic study of farming activities in rocky soil places, which gives understanding upon farmer's financial constraints and low profit problems.

7. “integrated pest management in black soil”: this paper explains the pest management controls especially designed for the rock soil regions crop growth and disease protection.

8. “soil health monitoring using remote sensing techniques”: this research paper gives an idea about monitoring soil health parameters in challenging situations which will be helpful for precision farming.

9. “enhancing soil structure through cover cropping”: studies the influence of cover cropping on soil structure, offering soil erosion management and soil health in number of agricultural configurations.

10. “smart pest management systems for crop protection”: studies the adoption of smart pest management systems, provides technological solutions to crop protection while reducing the usage of pesticides.

Interview with farmers:

In addition to this, I interviewed some of the farmers in my village which I know them as well, the questions that I asked them were (it is like my primary research)

1. What are the main problems that you faced, especially cultivating in rock soil regions?
2. What about profitability and investment returns in cultivating crops in rock soil regions?
3. What are the most successful and profitable crops in rock soil regions?
4. What is the main water related problem that affects black soil region's cultivation?
5. Share your experience with soil erosion especially in red soil regions?
6. Which soil crops will you get more profits?

**Problem formulation**:

Goal:

This study aims to solve the challenges that farmers experience in rock soil locations, including agricultural growth limitations, more investment with less profit margins, and restricted crop diversity. The objective is to deliver realistic and effective solutions through sustainable precision farming methods, with a focus on increasing crop output and economic success in these tough soil situations.

plan:

* Literature review
* Problem statement
* Objectives
* Soil analysis
* Challenges and solutions
* Technology integration
* Field trails
* Community collaboration
* Data analysis
* Outcomes
* Conclusion and recommendations
* Future research suggestions

importance:

Study is important not just from an academic aspect, but also because of the possible real-world influence on farmers' lives. By addressing problems related to rock soil places the study hopes to enhance agricultural techniques and improve sustainability.

Formal problem formulation:

Considering the complex challenges of agriculture in rock soil areas, the study aims to develop and execute sustainable precision farming approaches. These approaches should not only increase agricultural output but also solve farmers' economic limitations, resulting in a harmonic balance of environmental health and economic success.

theoretical vs practical:

The study quickly combines theoretical research through a literature survey with practical applications. Experimental studies, experimentation in the field, and community participation help to bridge the gap between theoretical concepts and real-world issues for farmers. The theoretical framework informs the practical techniques for sustainable agriculture in rock soil locations.

Complexity:

The complexity of the problem results from the complex nature of the problems came across by farmers in rock soil locations. The research methods, field experiments, and community interaction provide depth to the analysis, required an in-depth understanding and execution of precision agricultural procedures. Convincing evidence must be provided, and the study plan involves methods to handle the complex nature of the topic.

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