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STATUS OF ORGANIC FARMING: A REVIEW

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Agriculture, with its allied sectors, is the largest source of livelihoods in India. In India mostly the agriculture depends upon the organic inputs. In the ancient time, agriculture was practiced without the use of artificial chemicals. Till World War II agriculture in the world was organic thereafter flow of chemicals in the agriculture was increased in the form of fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides etc. Due to increased yield it becomes most popular without knowing its drawbacks and so that it was harmful to the environment. From twentieth century organic farming is came to know in society, also organic food is beneficial to human health and the practice of organic farming keeps the environment clean.

Organic farming isn't just about food. Organic is vision or working and living its harmony with nature. The result of organic farming is healthy soil, which grows healthy plants which makes for healthy peoples. Organic farmer's helps to create a better future for people, animals and environment. 70% of its rural households still depend primarily or agriculture for their livelihood, with 82% of farmers being small and marginal. During 1980 a movement called biological agriculture began under the wardship of Hans Peter Rusch and Hans Mullar in Switzerland (Le Guillou and Scharpe, 2001). This movement led foundation to the organic farming in the world.

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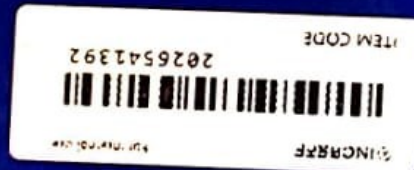
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