

**M.A./M.Sc. Geography-Part-1**  
**Paper-IV-General Geography of India**  
**Topic- India Agriculture- Types of**  
**farming, Cropping pattern**

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## INTRODUCTION TO AGRICULTURE

- India is essentially an agricultural country.
- Two-third of its population is engaged in agricultural activities.
- Agriculture not only includes crop raising but all other allied activities like animal rearing, horticulture etc. which are directly attached to land.

# CHARACTERISTICS OF INDIAN AGRICULTURE

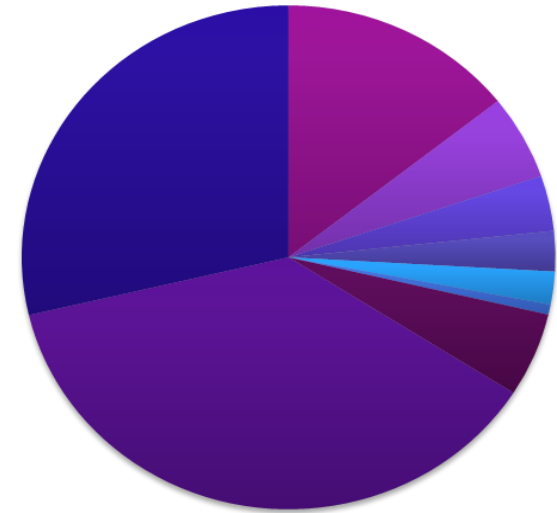
- ❑ Agriculture plays a pivotal role in dominating the economic, social and cultural life of the people.
- ❑ Indian agriculture is a **subsistent type** of agriculture.
- ❑ Indian agriculture is characterized by heavy population pressure.
- ❑ Indian agriculture has the predominance of the cultivation of food grains.



# LAND UTILIZATION IN INDIA

Land resources are used for the following purposes

- ❑ The present pattern of India's land use is the result of a number of factors like climate, topography etc.
- ❑ There has been constant change in the pattern and type of land use with the increasing pressure of population on land.
- ❑ In India land use statistics are available in nine broad categories.



- Forest Area
  - Non Agricultural Use
  - Barren & Uncultivable
  - Cultural Waste
  - Permanent Pasture
  - Miscellaneous Tree Crops
  - Fallow Land
  - Agricultural Land
  - Net Sown Area
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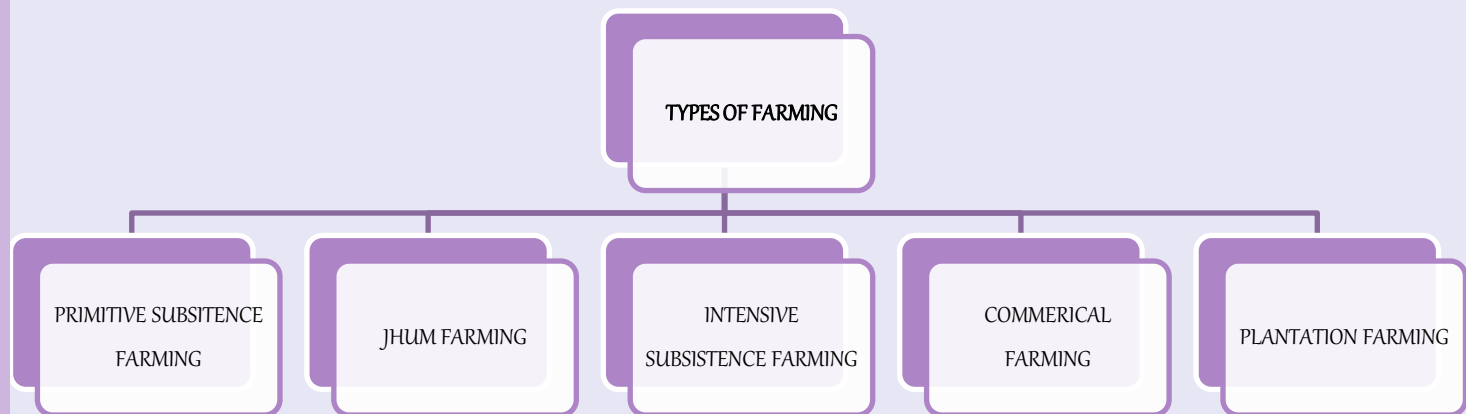
# TYPES OF FARMING

- ❑ Agriculture has been the main occupation of the people in India since ancient times.
- ❑ Due to the vast size of the country and variation in physical and social conditions, large number of crops are grown and different farming practices are in vogue.





## TYPES OF FARMING (CONTINUED)





# CROPPING PATTERN

- ❑ Agriculture, in India, is influenced by the physical diversities and plurality of agriculture in India.
  
- ❑ India has three cropping seasons :-
  - A) Rabi
  - B) Kharif
  - C) Zaid



# RECAPITULATION

- ❑ India is an agriculturally important country.
- ❑ The present pattern of India's land use is the result of a number of factors like topography, climate etc.
- ❑ Of the total geographical areas 3.28 million sq.km of the country, the land use statistics are available for 92.97 % of the total area.
- ❑ Indian agriculture is a subsistent type of agriculture.
- ❑ Farming varies from subsistence to commercial type.
- ❑ We have studied physical diversities and plurality of cultures in India.
- ❑ India has three cropping seasons – *Rabi, Kharif and Zaid.*

