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“Family farming at the heart of sustainable food systems”.

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Program synopsis:

India is basically an agrarian society and family farmers contribute 50% of the total agricultural production. However, this identity of India is undergoing a transformation due to massive industrialization. Caught between traditional forms of agricultural practices and the country’s quest for modernization, family farmers of India find themselves in a situation that seems to undermine their immense value to the society.

According to the Government’s figures, 70 Percent of a farmer’s income from farming is less than her/his investment. Small farm sizes, low productivity, less resource efficiency and above all climate change have negatively impacted their lot. Government subsidies for accessing modern farming technologies, financial and legal protection to farmers, and strong support not only from the Government agencies but also from other non-governmental stakeholders are needed for the transformation of family farming in line with India’s question for modernization.

This radio report is about the issues impacting the family farming community in India, the ongoing policy processes, role s of women and youths in the sector, the ongoing partnerships between Government and non-governmental stakeholders and the expected results for family farming development. Representatives of the Government, UN-FAO, farmers’ organizations and civil society sector representatives share their view-points.

Guests in the program:

1. D N Thakur, National Vice-President, Sahakar Bharti
2. Dr A.K.Singh, Deputy Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research
3. Digambar Choudhary, farmer
4. Dr. Namita Singh, PhD, Director, Digital Green
5. Jignaben, Self Employed Women’s Association, SEWA
6. Mohit Dave, International Cooperative Alliance, Asia-Pacific