

## **CUSTOM HIRING CENTRE: AN EMERGING TREND-BENEFITS, CONSTRAINTS AND WAY FORWARD WITH REFERENCE TO NICRA VILLAGE IN WAKHARWAN, DISTRICT PULWAMA**

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### **ABSTRACT**

Agriculture in India is undergoing a constant change from manual power of mechanized power. This welcome change reduces the financial implications involved in the maintenance of animals and wanting labor force directly leading to increase in crop productivity, loss of drudgery and smooth crop related operations that too in a time bound framework. Insufficient farm power and machinery available to small and marginal farmers have been always held main hurdles in the way of agricultural productivity. It is a well established fact that the latest available technologies related to farm machinery can be much beneficial to farmers in the various farm related operations, but ironically being costly such machines generally remain out of reach of farmers. Also, due to a high degree of weather aberrations, the timeliness of agricultural operations have come into sharp focus. Use of high capacity and energy farm implements are more important in changing climate scenario. Thus, to make farm machinery available to the marginal and small farmers, joint ownership of such machinery is the most feasible option. Secondly, promotion of Custom Hiring Centers (CHCs) having a large spread in the area is another option. This paper in a brief manner highlights the emerging trend of Custom Hiring Centre in Kashmir region with its pros and cons and the way forward.

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