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## Evaluation Study on Viable IFS Models in Visakhapatnam District of Andhra Pradesh

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### ABSTRACT

Visakhapatnam district has two distinct geographical sub divisions covering 32 mandals under Plain division and 11 mandals under agency division. The district 4.56 lakh farmers, They are predominantly small, Marginal farmers covering 95% of the total farming community of the district. With limited farm holdings these marginal and small farmers are bund to adopt Integrated Farming Systems approach to get sustained income to support their families. Visakhapatnam dt has 8 different farming situations covering 3 lakh hectares of total area. In the present study it was observed several integrated farming systems adopted by the farmers based on the resources available under different farming situations. Nearly 60 different systems were analysed, Prioritized and ranked based on their B:C ratio under 6 major farming situations. Top 3 farming systems from each of 6 farming situations were prioritized and Picked up and coming to a total 18 farming systems. These farming systems predominantly having major field crops, Vegetable crops, Dairy and Poultry as combination of components. These 18 farming systems were further analyzed and found that 1. Sugarcane +Groundnut+Tomato 2. Paddy +Groundnut falling under Tank fed Red sand soils farming systems model ranks 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively and Tomato+Ridge gourd+Dairy falling under Bore well based Red Sandy loams farming systems model ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> .as per B:C ratio. From the above study, it was observed that Under Rain fed situations more diversified crops are adopted compared to canal fed system. Paddy or Sugarcane based system mostly has includes Dairy as one of the components and which is mostly found profitable and enhances overall profitability of the system. Under Rain fed system due to lack of assured irrigation, the farmers are adopting combination of vegetable crops like leafy vegetables, vegetables which are completed in a short duration. The evolved successful IFS models across the major farming systems are to be preserved to provide sustainable in situ livelihoods to the farming communities spreading in remote corners of the district.

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### Introduction

“Integrated Farming” (IF) is a whole farm management system which aims to bring more sustainability in agriculture. It is a

dynamic approach which can be applied to any farming system around the world. It involves attention to impart continuous improvement in all areas of a farming business through informed management

processes. Integrated Farming combines the best of modern tools and technologies with traditional practices according to a given site and situation.

The International Organization of Biological Control (IOBC) describes Integrated Farming as a farming system where high quality food, feed, fiber and renewable energy are produced by using resources such as soil, water, air and nature as well as regulating factors contribute to the farm sustainably and with as little polluting inputs as possible.

Particular emphasis is placed on a holistic management approach looking at the whole farm as inter linked unit, on the fundamental role and function of agro-ecosystems, on nutrient cycles which are balanced and adapted to the demand of the crops, health and welfare of all livestock on the farm. Preserving and enhancing soil fertility, maintaining and improving a diverse environment and the adherence to ethical and social criteria are indispensable basic elements. Crop protection takes into account all biological, technical and chemical methods, which then are balanced carefully and with the objective to protect the environment, to maintain profitability of the business and fulfil social requirements.

In recent years, food security, livelihood security, water security as well as natural resources conservation and environment protection have emerged as major issues worldwide. Developing countries are struggling to deal with these issues and also have to contend with the dual burden of climate change and globalization.

It has been accepted by decision makers across the globe that sustainable development is the only way to promote rational utilization of resources and environmental conservation without hampering economic growth. Different countries around the world are

promoting sustainable development through sustainable agricultural practices, which will help them in addressing socio-economic as well as environmental issues simultaneously.

Within the broad concept of sustainable agriculture "Integrated Farming Systems" hold special position as in this system nothing is wasted, the by-product of one system becomes the input for other. Integrated farming is an integrated approach to farming as compared to existing monoculture approaches. It refers to agricultural systems that integrate livestock and crop production. Moreover, the system help poor small farmers, who have very small land holding for crop production and a few heads of livestock to diversify farm production, increase cash income, improve quality and quantity of food produced and exploitation of unutilized resources.

Components of integration in a farming system are trees on bunds, wind breaks, silvi-pasture system, agro-horticulture system, block plantations, economic shrubs, live fences, crops with green leaf manure species (mixed/intercrops), integrated animal based systems (fisheries, dairy, piggery, small ruminants, poultry, apiary).

### **Visakhapatnam district profile**

Visakhapatnam District is one of the North Eastern Coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh and it lies between 17° - 15' and 18°-32' Northern latitude and 83° - 54' and 83° - 30' in Eastern longitude. It is bounded on the North partly by the Orissa State and partly by Vizianagaram District, on the South by East Godavari District, on the West by Orissa State and on the East by Bay of Bengal.

### **Physical features**

The District presents two distinct Geographic divisions. The strip of the land along the coast

and the interior called the plains division and hilly area of the Eastern Ghats flanking it on the North and West called the Agency Division. The Agency Division consists of the hilly regions covered by the Eastern Ghats with an altitude of about 900 metres dotted by several peaks exceeding 1200 metres.

### **Rainfall**

The District receives an annual normal rainfall of 1202mm.

Visakhapatnam district has 8 major farming situations spreading in an area of around 3 lakh hectares. Majority of the farmers in the district are small and marginal farmers. Majority farmers are adopting integrated farming systems model. They are deriving viable and sustainable livelihoods through these IFS models.

### **Demographic and census details of Visakhapatnam dt**

Population data (Give classified population data of the district (as per 2011 census))

i)Rural : 22.51 lakhs (52.49% of total population)

ii)Urban : 20.37 Lakhs (47.51% of total population)

Farming population: 4.56 Lakhs (2011 Census)

Agrl. Labourers: 8.55 Lakhs (2011 Census)

Total population of the district:Total : 42.88 Lakhs (2011 Census)

Male : 21.41 Lakhs

Female : 21.47 Lakhs

Marginal farmers : 3.39 Lakhs

Small farmers : 0.69 Lakhs

Semi Medium farmers : 0.35 Lakhs

Medium farmers : 0.12 Lakhs

Large farmers : 0.012 Lakhs

Out of the above farmers in the District, the Hilly farmers are: 0.87 Lakhs

The main objectives of this study include to study the sustainable Integrated Farming System models evolved by the farmers of the district. And to identify the most economically viable/Profitable cropping situations adopted by the farmers of the district.

### **Locale of the study**

The study was conducted in rural Visakhapatnam Dt. The data was collected from 120 farmers spreading 6 villages of 3 mandals across the district like Santha palem, R.Y. Agraharam, Gondupalem (K.Kotapadu madal), Gouripatnam, R. (Chodavaram mandal) and Kothapenta (Devarapalle mandal).

### **Materials and Methods**

To assess the viable IFS models evolved by the farmers of Visakhapatnam district. The data collected from 120 farmers by individual questionnaire method. The data got analyzed using statistical methods like Benefit cost ratio & ranking methods. The analyzed data was interpreted by using Bar charts and graphs.

Type of farming (Farming systems): The major farming systems prevailed in Visakhapatnam District are given in Table 1.

### **Farming situation wise profitable IFS models identified in the district as follows**

#### **Well based red sandy loams**

There are 11 different farming systems identified under Well based red sandy loams,

They were listed, analyzed as per their benefit cost ratio and ranked as mentioned in Table 2. Out of the 11 Integrated Farming Systems identified, Tomato+Ridge gourd+Dairy is ranked 1<sup>st</sup> with B:C ratio 3.48 followed Paddy+Tomato+Brinjal+Dairy ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> with B:C ratio 2.69 and Paddy+Maize+Tomato+Bhendi ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> with B:C ratio 2.60 under well based Red Sandy loams farming situation. The Production constraints identified under the above situation are listed as below with probable suggestions given by farmers to overcome the constraints.

### **Production constraints in IFS models as perceived by the farmers**

#### **Well based Red Sandy loams**

Since irrigation is a problem, and the major crops are mainly rainfed, paddy cultivation is difficult.

Lack of awareness on different varieties.

Integrated management is not followed due to lack of knowledge.

Not following the suggestions followed by agricultural officials.

Practices of unwanted activities, Eg: Chloro dusting.

Not following proper spacing in crops.

Lack of knowledge on subsidies and schemes.

### **Suggestions for strengthening of IFS models as perceived by the farmers (Fig. 1)**

#### **Well based red sandy loams**

To follow scrupulously suggestions of the agricultural officials.

Active participation in awareness programmes.

Take memberships in FPO's.

Following the management practices at right time.

Proper utilization of Government schemes.

Agricultural produce should be marketed through regulated market channel.

### **Rainfed Red Sandy loams (96,656 ha) wise profitable IFS models in the district**

There are 13 different farming systems identified under Rainfed Red Sandy loams, They were listed, analyzed as per their benefit cost ratio and ranked as mentioned in Table 3.

Out of the 13 Integrated Farming Systems identified, Paddy+Groundnut+Chilli+Bhendi is ranked 1<sup>st</sup> with B:C ratio 3.04 followed Paddy+Dairy ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> with B:C ratio 2.53 and Paddy+Groundnut+Sesame+Brinjal+Chilli ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> with B:C ratio 2.18 under well based Red Sandy loams farming situation. The Production constraints identified under the above situation are listed as below with probable suggestions given by farmers to overcome the constraints (Fig. 2).

### **Rainfed Red sandy soils**

Constraints:

- 1.Lack of awareness on new varieties,
2. Lack of knowledge on IPM practices.
- 3.Lack of knowledge on Rodent management
- 4.Lack of knowledge on micro nutrient management
- 5.Lack of knowledge on subsidies and schemes.
- 6.Wild bore attack to Horticultural crops.
- 7.Lack of transport facility to marketing of agri products.
8. Lack of awareness on weed management in different crops and spending lot money on labour.
- 9.Lack of awareness on different agronomic practices in different crops.

### **Rainfed red sandy soils**

#### **Suggestions**

Providing resistant varieties of seeds to farmers on subsidy.

Active participation in awareness

programmes.

Following the management practices at right time.

Proper utilization of government schemes.

Taking proper suggestions from agricultural officers.

Acquire knowledge on IPM practices.

Provide better marketing facilities.

Introduce better control measures for rodent and wild boar management.

Develop permanent village information corner to address seasonal agricultural problems.

### **Canal Based clay soils Farming situation wise profitable IFS models in the district**

There are 9 different farming systems identified under Canal Based clay soils Farming situation. They were listed, analyzed as per their benefit cost ratio and ranked as mentioned Table 4.

Out of the 9 Integrated Farming Systems identified, Paddy-Pulses-Sunhemp is ranked 1st with B:C ratio 1.66 followed by Paddy-Pulses-Bhendi ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> with B:C ratio 1.6 and Paddy-Sugarcane-Dairy ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> with B:C ratio 1.5 under Canal Based clay soils Farming situation farming situation. The Production constraints identified under the above situation are listed as below with probable suggestions given by farmers to overcome the constraints (Fig. 3).

#### **Constraints**

##### **Canal based clay soils**

##### **Lack of awareness on ICM**

Not following the advises of Dept of agriculture..

Lack of belief on modern technology..

Seed supply is not done timely..

Labour shortage.

Marketing facilities is not properly established.

### **Marketing prices are not remunerative.**

#### **Canal Based clay soils, (Kotha penta, Devarapalle mandal)**

##### **Suggestions**

Create awareness.

Create confidence.

Seed should be supplied in time..

Increase marketing facility

Provide profitable price for the agricultural produce.

### **Rainfed Red loamy soils Farming situation wise profitable IFS models in the district**

There are 11 different farming systems identified under Rainfed Red loamy soils Farming situation. They were listed, analyzed as per their benefit cost ratio and ranked as mentioned Table 5.

Out of the 11 Integrated Farming Systems identified, Paddy-Papaya-Vegetables-Dairy is ranked 1st with B:C ratio 2.66 followed by Paddy-Sugarcane -Dairy ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> with B:C ratio 2.56 and Paddy-Greengram-Seasme-Vegetables ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> with B:C ratio 2.51 under Rainfed Red loamy soils Farming situation farming situation. The Production constraints identified under the above situation are listed as below with probable suggestions given by farmers to overcome the constraints.

#### **Rainfed red loamy soils**

##### **Constraints**

1. Illiteracy among the farmers.

2. Lack of awareness on various government schemes.

3. Lack of enough technical experts to educate the farmers.

4. To poor managerial ability to take up profitable IFS models.

5. Lack of financial ability among farmers to adapt improved technology.

6.Lack of knowledge on modern pest control measures.

7.lack of proper waste management among the farmers.

VI. Rainfed Red loamy soils, R. NARSAPURAM

### **Suggestions**

1.Organisation of proper training and awareness proper to the farmers.

2.Proper timely financial assistance to the farmers.

3.Provide assistance to farmers to adapt to profitable IFS models.

4.Expose the farmers to profitable IFS models.

### **Tank fed Red sandy soils (36,538 ha) Farming situation wise profitable IFS models in the district**

There are 10 different farming systems identified under Tank fed Red sandy soils Farming situation. They were listed, analyzed as per their benefit cost ratio and ranked as mentioned in Table 6.

Out of the 10 Integrated Farming Systems identified, Sugarcane-Groundnut-Tomato is ranked 1<sup>st</sup> with B:C ratio 6 followed by Paddy- Groundnut ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> with B:C ratio 3.2 and Sugarcane-Groundnut-Chilli ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> with B:C ratio 3.1 under Tank fed Red sandy soils Farming situation farming situation.

The Production constraints identified under the above situation are listed as below with probable suggestions given by farmers to overcome the constraints (Fig. 4).

### **Tank fed red sandy soils**

#### **Constraints**

- 1.lack of awareness on new varieties.
- 2.lack of knowledge on IPM practices.

3.Timely vaccinations are not provided to cattle.

4.Lack of knowledge on drip and sprinkler irrigation.

5.Lack of knowledge on subsidies and schemes.

### **Tank fed red sandy soils**

#### **Suggestions**

1.Provide resistant varieties of seeds to farmers.

2.Active participation in awareness programmes

3.Create awareness on profitable IFS models.

4.Follow best management practices at right time.

5.Proper utilization of government schemes.

6.Take proper suggestions from agricultural officers.

7.Develop knowledge on microirrigation systems.

### **Canal based alluvial soils (13,353 ha) Farming situation wise profitable IFS models in the district**

There are 4 different farming systems identified under Canal based alluvial soils Farming situation. They were listed, analyzed as per their benefit cost ratio and ranked as mentioned in Table 7.

Out of the 4 Integrated Farming Systems identified, Paddy+Pulses+Dairy is ranked 1<sup>st</sup> with B:C ratio 2.88 followed by Sugarcane+dairy ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> with B:C ratio 2.83 and Paddy+Paddy+Dairy ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> with B:C ratio 2.75 under Canal based alluvial soils Farming situation farming situation. The Production constraints identified under the above situation are listed as below with probable suggestions given by farmers to overcome the constraints.

**Canal fed – alluvial soils**

Lack of awareness on seed treatment.

**Constraints**

Usage of high seed rate

Lack of awareness profitable cropping pattern.

Use of high dose of fertilizers and pesticides.

Soil testing is not followed.

Lack of awareness about timely plant protection measures

Lack of awareness on high yielding varieties.

Do not follow the instructions of Dept of Agriculture.

Market prices are not remunerative..

**Table.1** Type of farming (Farming systems): The major farming systems prevailed in Visakhapatnam. District are as follows

Farming situation	Description	Area in ha
<b>Farming Situation - 1</b>	Canal Irrigation - Alluvial Soils	<b>13,353</b>
<b>Farming Situation - 2</b>	Canal Irrigation - Clay Loams	<b>18,590</b>
<b>Farming Situation – 3</b>	Irrigated Check Dams	<b>21,989</b>
<b>Farming Situation – 4</b>	Well Irrigation - Red Clay Loams	<b>10,289</b>
<b>Farming Situation – 5</b>	Tank Irrigation - Red Loams	<b>36,539</b>
<b>Farming Situation – 6</b>	Rain fed - Red Clay Loams	<b>97,630</b>
<b>Farming Situation – 7</b>	Rain fed - Red Sandy Loams	<b>96,656</b>
<b>Farming Situation – 8</b>	Rain fed - Coastal Sandy Soils	<b>6,856</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,01,902</b>

**Table.2** Well based red sandy loams

S.No	Farming situation	Farming systems identified	Cost of cultivation	Gross returns	Net returns	B.C Ratio	Rank
1	well based	<b>Paddy+Tomato+Brinjal+Dairy</b>	<b>45800</b>	<b>123440</b>	<b>77640</b>	<b>2.69</b>	<b>2</b>
2	Red Sandy loams (10,289)	Paddy+Brinjal+Tomato	32200	77400	45400	2.40	6
3		Tomato+Brinjal	11000	20900	9900	1.90	11
4		Tomato+Paddy	38788	96970	58182	2.5	4
5		Tomato+Paddy+Brinjal+Dairy	105550	209010	103460	1.98	10
6		<b>Tomato+Ridge gourd+Dairy</b>	<b>40000</b>	<b>139550</b>	<b>99550</b>	<b>3.48</b>	<b>1</b>
7		Cauliflower+Bhendi+Chilli+Dairy	62000	128850	66850	2.07	9
8		Paddy+Tomato+Brinjal+Bhendi	6000	129480	69480	2.158	7
9		Paddy+Capicum+Tomato+Dairy	117760	289680	171924	2.46	5
10		Chilli+Cauliflower+Dairy	69160	148000	78840	2.14	8
11		<b>Paddy+Maize+Tomato+Bhendi</b>	<b>57770</b>	<b>150200</b>	<b>92430</b>	<b>2.60</b>	<b>3</b>

**Table.3** Rainfed Red Sandy loams (96,656 ha) wise profitable IFS models in the district

S.No.	Farming situation	Farming systems identified	Cost of cultivation	Gross returns	Net returns	B:C Ratio	Rankingnk
1	Rainfed Red Sandy loams (96,656 ha)	<b>Paddy+Groundnut+Chilli+Bhendi</b>	<b>25000</b>	<b>76000</b>	<b>51000</b>	<b>3.04</b>	<b>1</b>
2		<b>Paddy+Dairy</b>	<b>30000</b>	<b>76000</b>	<b>46000</b>	<b>2.533</b>	<b>2</b>
3		<b>Paddy+Groundnut+Sesame+Brinjal+Chilli</b>	<b>65000</b>	<b>142000</b>	<b>77000</b>	<b>2.184</b>	<b>3</b>
4		Paddy+ Bhendi+ Dairy	60000	128000	68000	2.13	4
5		Paddy+Sesame+ Dairy	35000	72000	37000	2.057	5
6		Paddy+Seasme+ bhendi+Dairy	39600	80800	41200	2.040	6
7		Paddy+Groundnuti+Chilli+Dairy	58000	117200	59200	2.020	7
8		Paddy+Sugarcane+Bottle gourd	63000	121500	58500	1.93	8
9		Paddy+Sugarcane Groundnut+Tomato+Bottle gourd	68000	130500	62500	1.91	9
10		Paddy+Sugarcane +Bhendi+Bottle gourd+Dairy	94000	177000	83000	1.88	10
11		Paddy+Groundnut+Bhendi+Dairy	47000	82500	35500	1.75	11
12		Paddy+Groundnut+ Sesame+Dairy	32600	55300	22700	1.69	12
13		Paddy+Groundnut+Bhendi+Bottle gourd +Dairy	10300	171400	68400	1.66	13

**Table.4** Canal based clay soils Farming situation wise profitable IFS models in the district

S,No	Farming situation	Farming systems identified	Cost of cultivation	Gross returns	Net returns	B.C Ratio	Rank
1	Canal Based clay soils Farming situation	Paddy-Pulses-Groundnut	20000	48000	28000	1.4	5
		Paddy-Sugarcane-Dairy	50000	120000	75000	1.5	3
2		Paddy-Paddy-Dairy	55000	110000	55000	1.0	10
3		Sugarcane-Sugarcane-Dairy	50000	120000	70000	1.42	4
4		Paddy-Pulses-Groundnut-Dairy	40000	85000	45000	1.125	9
5		Paddy-Paddy-Sesame	35000	75000	40000	1.14	8
6		Paddy-Paddy-Sesame	19000	45000	26000	1.36	6
7		Paddy-Pulses-Sunhemp	15000	40000	25000	1.66	1
8		Sugarcane-Pulses-Dairy	45000	100000	55000	1.22	7
9	Paddy-Pulses-Bhendi	25000	65000	40000	1.60	2	

**Table.5** Rainfed red loamy soils farming situation wise profitable IFS models in the district

S,No	Farming situation	Farming systems identified	Cost of cultivation	Gross returns	Net returns	B.C Ratio	Ran
1	Rainfed Red loamy soils (97,630 ha)	Paddy- Tomato-Dairy	60,570	1,16,380	55,760	1.92	7
2		Sugarcane- Vegetable-Dairy	53,620	1,30,520	76,900	2.43	4
3		<b>Paddy-Green-Gram-Sesame-Vegetable</b>	<b>40,120</b>	<b>1,00,750</b>	<b>60,630</b>	<b>2.51</b>	<b>3</b>
4		Sugarcane- Maize-Dairy	58,620	1,37,530	78,910	2.34	5
5		<b>Paddy-Sugarcane-Dairy</b>	<b>62,650</b>	<b>1,60,560</b>	<b>97,910</b>	<b>2.56</b>	<b>2</b>
6		Vegetable-Dairy	40,060	68,080	28,020	1.69	9
7		Maize-Vegetable-Dairy	53,070	89,050	35,980	1.67	10
8		Maize-Greengram-Vegetable- Dairy	68,120	1,03,740	35,620	1.52	11
9		Paddy-Maize-Tomato-Dairy	53,580	1,37,070	63,490	1.86	8
10		Paddy-Groundnut-Dairy	65,120	1,34,120	69,000	2.05	6
11		<b>Paddy-Papaya-Vegetables-Dairy</b>	<b>72,090</b>	<b>1,92,120</b>	<b>1,20,030</b>	<b>2.66</b>	<b>1</b>

**Table.6** Tank fed Red sandy soils (36,538 ha) Farming situation wise profitable IFS models in the district

S.No	Farming situation	Farming systems identified	Cost of cultivation	Gross returns	Net returns	B.C Ratio	Rank	
1	Tank fed Red sandy soils (36,538 ha)	Paddy- Groundnut	56000	180000	124000	3.2	2	
		Sugarcane-Groundnut-Tomato	36000	218000	182000	6	1	
2		Sugarcane-Groundnut-Sesame	25000	70000	50000	2.8	4	
3		Sugarcane-Groundnut-Chilli	45000	95000	50000	3.1	3	
		Paddy-Tomato-Brinjal-Dairy	105550	209010	103460	1.98	9	
4		5	Paddy-Dairy	58000	128000	70000	1.20	10
6			Sugarcane-Cucumber	29000	13500	20500	2.4	6
7		8	Paddy-Blackgram-Groundnut	30000	58000	28000	2.01	8
9			Paddy-Tomato-Dairy	117760	289680	171924	2.46	5
10		Paddy-Sugarcane	24000	55600	31600	2.31	7	

**Table.7** Canal based alluvial soils (13,353 ha) Farming situation wise profitable IFS models in the district

S. No	Farming situation	Farming systems identified	Cost of cultivation	Gross returns	Net returns	B.C Ratio	Ran
1	Canal based alluvial soils (13,353 ha)	Sugarcane+ dairy	42400	120300	77900	2.83	2
2			98000	270200	172000	2.75	3
3		Paddy+Seasme+Dairy	33500	78200	44700	2.33	4
4		Paddy+Paddy+Dairy Pulses+Dairy	75000	216000	141000	2.88	1

**Table.8** Dominate IFS models under six major farming situations in the district

S,No	Major Farming situation	Dominant Integrated Farming System models
1	Rainfed Red Sandy loams	1. Paddy+Groundnut+Chilli+Bhendi
		2. Paddy+Dairy
		3.Paddy+Groundnut+Sesame+Brinjal+Chilli
2	Canal Based alluvial soils	1. Paddy+Pulses+Dairy
		2. Sugarcane+ dairy
		3. Paddy+Paddy+Dairy
3	Rainfed Red loamy soils	1. Paddy-Papaya-Vegetables- Dairy
		2. Paddy-Sugarcane-Dairy
		3. Paddy-Green-Gram-Sesame-Vegetable
4	Tank fed Red sandy soils	1. Sugarcane-Groundnut-Tomato
		2. Paddy- Groundnut
		3. Sugarcane-Groundnut-Chilli
5.	Well based Red Sandy loams	1. Tomato+Ridge gourd+Dairy
		2. Paddy+Maize+Tomato+Dairy
		3. Paddy+Tomato+Brinjal+Dairy
6	Canal based alluvial soils	1.Paddy+Pulses+Dairy
		2. Sugarcane+ dairy
		3. Paddy+Paddy+Dairy

**Table.9** Successful top 3 IFS models under 6 major farming situations in the district

S,No	Major Farming situation	Dominant Integrated Farming System models	B:C Ratio	Rank
1	Bore well based Red Sandy loams	1.Tomato+Ridge gourd+Dairy	3.48	II
2	Tank fed Red sandy soils	2. Sugarcane-Groundnut-Tomato	6.0	I
		3. Paddy- Groundnut	3.2	III

**Table.10** Impressions/conclusion

S,No	Impressions / Conclusion
1	Under Rain fed situations more diversified crops are adopted compared to canal fed system.
2	Under canal fed system farmers are tempted to adopt Paddy & Sugarcane based cropping systems, which are mostly long standing and non remunerative
3	Paddy or Sugarcane based system mostly has includes Dairy as one of the component and which is mostly found profitable and enhances overall profitability of the system.
4	Under Rain fed system due to lack of assured irrigation, the farmers are adopting combination of vegetable crops like leafy vegetables, vegetables which are completed in a short duration.

Fig.1 Suggestions for strengthening of IFS models as perceived by the farmers

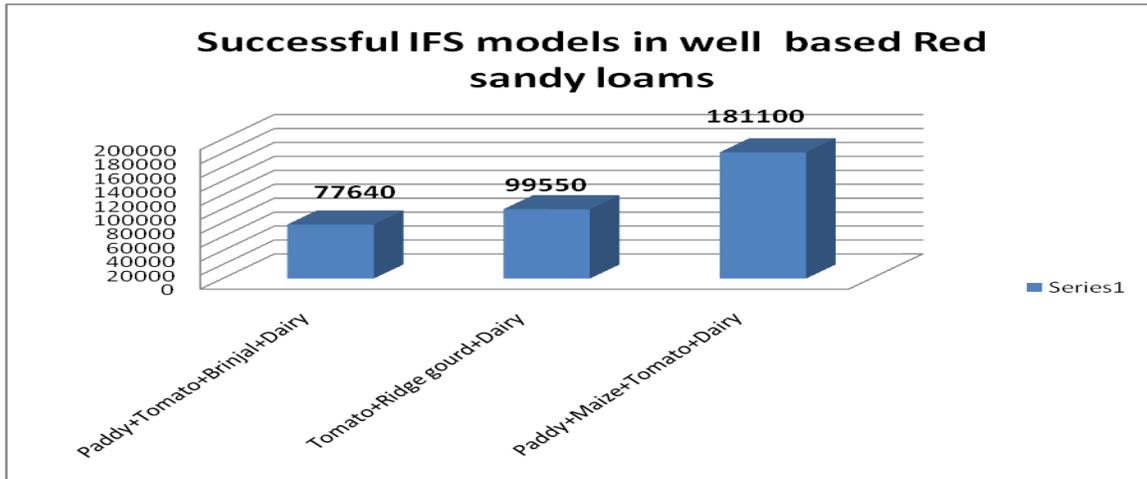


Fig.2

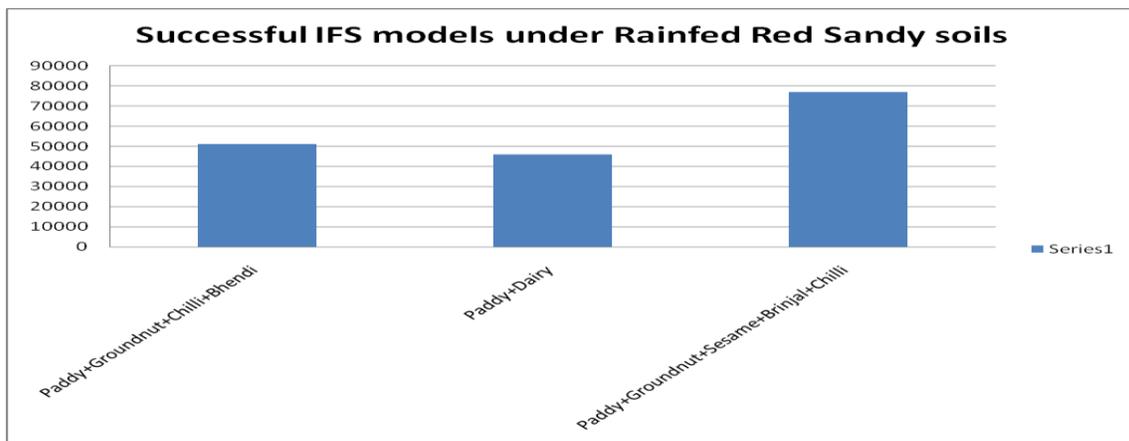


Fig.3

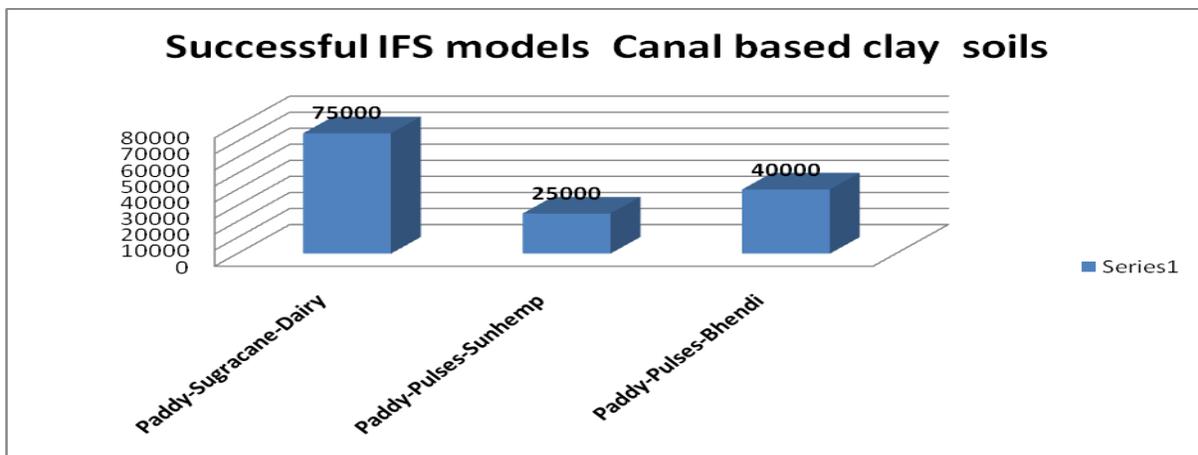
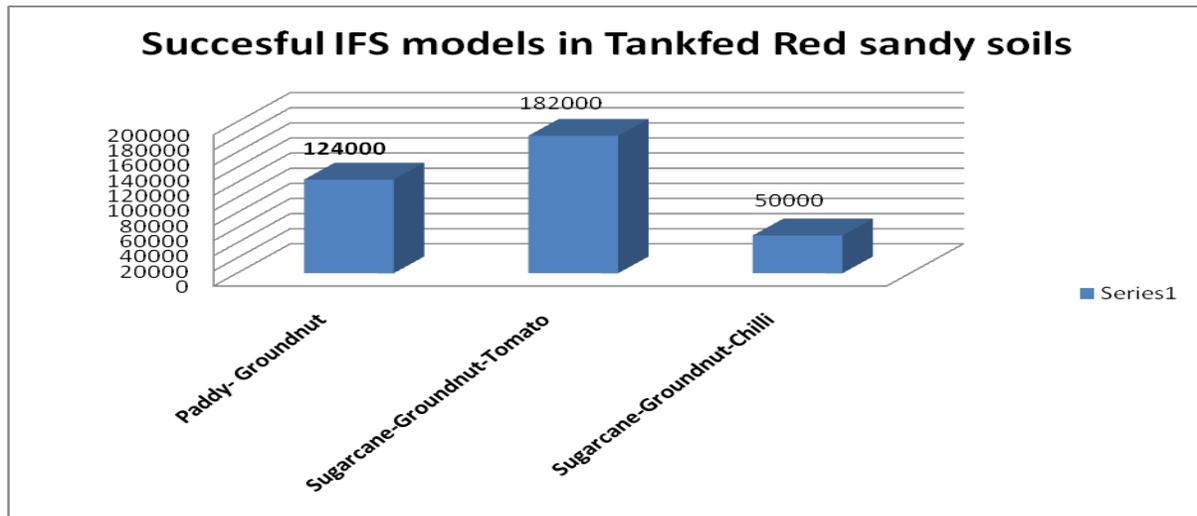


Fig.4



**Canal Fed – Sandy loams (Gowripatnam)**

**Suggestions**

- Create awareness about IFS models among farmers.
- Create awareness about soil testing methods.
- Seed should be supplied in time.
- Minimize the usage of fertilizers and pesticides.
- Follow crop rotation in their respective fields.

**Dominant IFS models under six major farming situations in the district**

From the below 6 different farming situations 3 top farming systems were identified as per their B:C ratio and listed as mentioned in Table 8.

**Successful top 3 IFS models under 6 major farming situations in the district**

From all the top 18 farming systems identified as per the B:C ratio as mentioned in above table, The top 3 farming situations identified were Sugarcane- Groundnut-Tomato and Paddy Groundnut farming situations from Tankfed Red sandy soils were ranked 1st and

3rd respectively and Tomato-Ridge gourd – Dairy from Bore well based farming situation ranked 2nd (Table 9).

**Inference**

As per the district profile of Visakhapatnam, total farmers of district are 4.56 lakhs as per 2011 census. Out of the total population of 4.56 lakhs 3.39 lakh (74.34%) farmers are marginal farmers, 0.69 lakhs (15.13%) are small farmers, 0.35 lakh (7.6%) farmers are semi medium farmers, 0.12 Lakh (2.63%) are medium farmers and 0.012 lakhs (0.263%) farmers are large farmers. Out of the total farming community in the district a negligible (2.89%) are Large & medium farmers and the remaining 97.1% are marginal, Small, Semi medium farmers.

Majority of the farmers are having little land holding and resources and they are bound to adopt Integrated farming systems spreading in 8 major farming situations covering 3 lakh hectares of area. So the face of the agrarian situation of the district is integrated farming system nature. The farmers are sustaining their livelihoods through these farming systems evolved over years, sustaining

several vagaries of climate and geographical situations of the district.

Among the all top 18 IFS Models identified across the 6 Major Integrated Farming situations in the district, 1. Sugarcane-Groundnut-Tomato 2. Paddy- Groundnut falling under Tank fed Red sand soils farming systems model ranks 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively and Tomato + Ridge gourd + Dairy falling under Bore well based Red Sandy loams farming systems model ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> .as per B:C ratio (Table 10).

In conclusion, the evolved successful IFS models across the major farming systems over years are to be preserved. Since majority of the farmers in the district are small and marginal, these farming systems will serve as base to provide sustainable in situ livelihoods to the farming communities spreading in remote corners of the district.

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