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Indian Agriculture is on cross road, the glory of green revolution is being mantled with smoke of pollution, depletion and erosion. It is undeniable that the green revolution of India has saved the nation from famines and disgrace, yet, the impact of green revolution has not been unmixed with a grand dividend only. The soil and water are increasingly contaminated with chemical and toxic materials detrimental to health and ecology, making investments of small and poor farmers non-remunerative, and, consequently, rural livelihoods are migrating from farm to non-farm economies at an exponential pace. Conservation agriculture across the globe is gaining much grounds and gravity due to its eco-friendly approaches. Minimum disruption of soil, permanent soil cover and crop diversification are the basics of conservation agriculture to make it adaptable and inevitable approaches to save our ecosystem from further degradation and coercion. It is neither zero-chemical nor eco-coercive; rather it focuses on gradual restoration and propelling of ecological resilience through a slow but steady growth in agriculture to attain a status of natural farming. Albeit India joined the global CA community as a late starter, it has started showing its decisive and discernible impact in making ecology and economy a symphony of new age agriculture, a journey towards achieving ever green revolution. The book, Conservation agriculture: Approach and Application is going to a worth reading pedagogical exercise to understand the spectrum and impact of conservation agriculture in two agro-ecological expanse of India.

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