

Indian Scenario – Challenges & Opportunities from Stakeholder's Perspective-An Overview

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Demand - Supply Gap

- India is consuming 14 Lakh MT of Natural Rubber.
- India producing only 8 Lakh MT of Natural Rubber.
- The Gap has to be met through Imports at present .
- India has sufficient land availability ,which is suitable for Rubber farming.
- Why not we use this opportunity and save our foreign exchange.
- Enhance our/ rural income /employment /empowerment of women .



Sheet rubber the magic product

- India is the only country in the world which produces Dry rubber in the sheet form.
- It is an environmentally sustainable process ,and fetches the highest farm gate price in the world.
- The challenge is how to ensure the quality and consistency , and protect this practice.
- Adopt local solutions.



The untapped area

- The rubber board statistics reveal we have abandoned 2Lkha Ha of planted rubber without tapping, The trend can be infectious.
- To bring them back to production ,is the biggest challenge.
- It's a big opportunity to preserve our environment, to save our foreign exchange ,and improve our rural income.



Labour availability – A concern

- Facing labour shortage in certain regions.
- Progressively this can be a major concern as nation progress.
- Mechanisation possibilities should be developed in a timebound manner.