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Odisha is leveraging the Paira Cropping System to enhance climate-resilient agriculture.



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What is Paira Cropping System?

- The Paira Cropping System is a **relay cropping method**.
- In this system, farmers **sow short-duration pulses or oilseeds** into a standing rice crop about two weeks before the rice is ready to be harvested.
- This technique is notable for its minimal agricultural interference. Farmers do not need to engage in **tilling, weeding, or irrigation**, nor do they have to apply fertilizers after planting these crops.
- One of the main advantages of the Paira Cropping System is its ability to **maximize land use efficiency**, which, in turn, can significantly **increase the income of farmers**.
- This system is not only practiced in Odisha but also in regions like **Bihar, Eastern Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, and Odisha**.
- Common crops that are sown using this method include **Lentil, Lathyrus, Urdbean, and Mungbean**.