



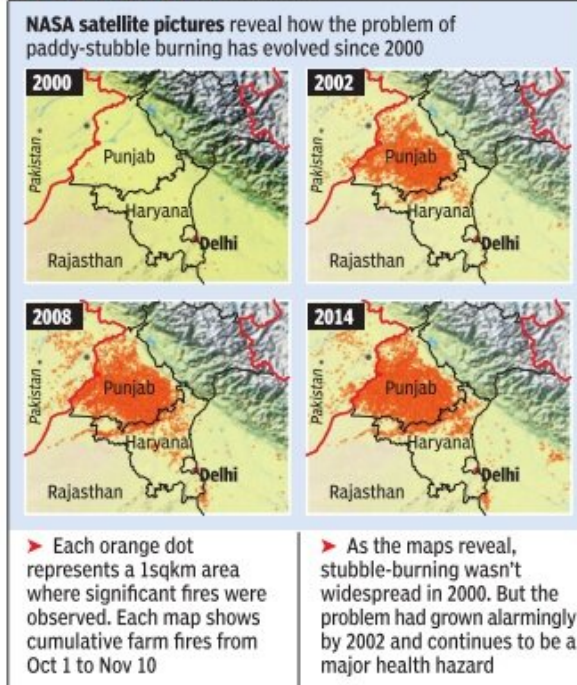
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## National Conference on Crop Residue Management

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Recently, National Conference on Crop Residue Management was held for the **farmers from the states of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh & Delhi.**

### A BURNING ISSUE



- The conference was **organized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare in collaboration with Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)** in order to **address concerns of farmers and State Governments.**
- The **straw burning incidents** in 2018 have reduced by 15% and 41% as compared to that in 2017 and 2016 respectively.
- The conference has proposed to intensify **In-Situ Management of Crop Residue** to stop the straw burning.
- The multilingual **Mobile App "Custom Hiring Centre (CHC) Farm Machinery"** has also been launched for the farmers.

- **Custom Hiring Centre (CHC) Farm Machinery** Mobile App: It will connect the farmers with Custom Hiring Service Centres in their area.

### **Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)**

- It is an **autonomous body** responsible for coordinating **agricultural education and research in India**.
- It **reports** to the Department of Agricultural Research and Education, **Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare**.
- The **Union Minister of Agriculture** serves as its **president**.
- It is the **largest network of agricultural research and education institutes in the world**.

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