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Scaling up the System of Rice Intensification and the System of Wheat Intensification in Bihar, India

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Anil Kumar Verma is executive director of PRAN, an NGO he founded that works directly with 25,000 rural households in Bihar state of India. He received his post-graduate degree in agriculture from Rajendra Agricultural University at Pusa in Bihar, and joined the NGO PRADAN. As its team leader in Gaya and Nalanda districts of Bihar, Verma piloted introduction of the System of Rice Intensification (SRI) with 130 farmers on 28 hectares starting in 2007. The next year, farmers started applying SRI ideas and methods to wheat as well, and the System of Wheat Intensification (SWI) began spreading in the state.

In 2009, Verma and PRADAN began assisting the state government and its Rural Livelihoods program (Jeevika). With World Bank (IDA) support, they have been disseminating SRI and SWI on a larger scale, also extending the methodology successfully to other crops, including oilseeds, legumes.

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