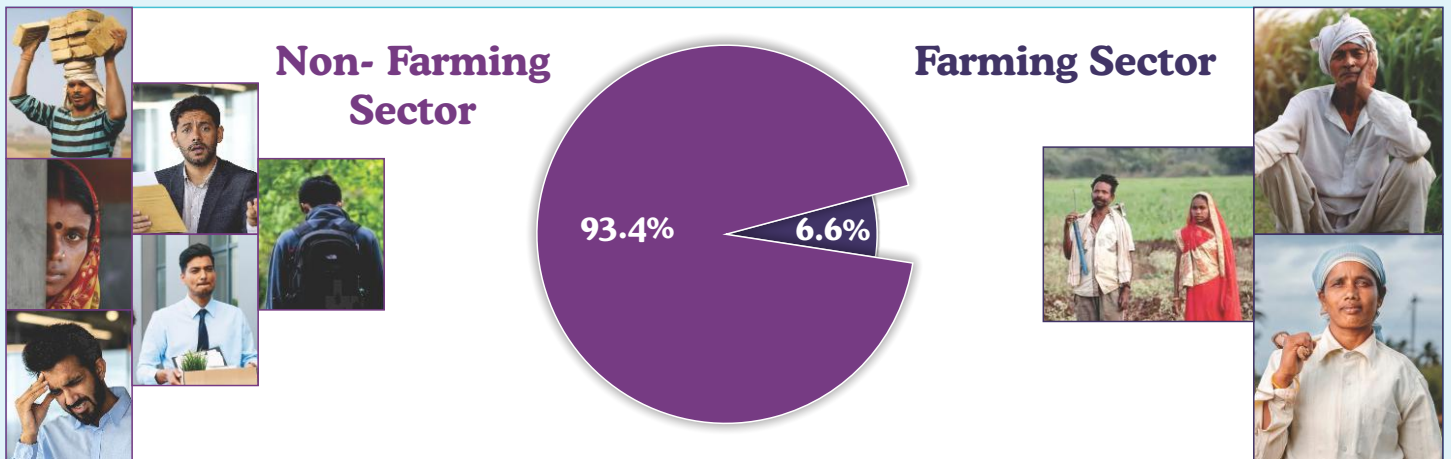




ANATOMY OF SUICIDES IN INDIA IN 2022

Suicides in Farming Sector Vs Non-Farming Sector Percentage of Suicides



Source: Accidental Deaths & Suicides in India 2022 report by NCRB

Farming sector, India's largest employment provider (~260 million), has a minor share in total suicides.

In India, the suicides by non-farmers consistently remain higher than suicides by farmers. These facts do not come out in the mass media. There is a tendency to irrationally blame the farming sector in India for the suicides.

For every **100** suicides in India, **93** are from non-farming sector and **7** are from the farming sector.



Top 5 states in terms of suicide rate

(Number of suicides per 100,000 population)

| Rank | State | Suicide Rate |
|------|------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 | Sikkim (100% organic) | 43.1 |
| 2 | A & N Islands (100% organic) | 42.8 |
| 3 | Puducherry | 29.7 |
| 4 | Kerala | 28.5 |
| 5 | Chhattisgarh | 28.2 |

Sikkim, (100% organic state) has the highest suicide rate in India (43.1 per one lakh population).

The suicide rate in Sikkim is nearly four times higher than the national average of 12.4 suicides per one lakh population.

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It is therefore a fallacy to think that non availability of pesticides would bring down the suicides.

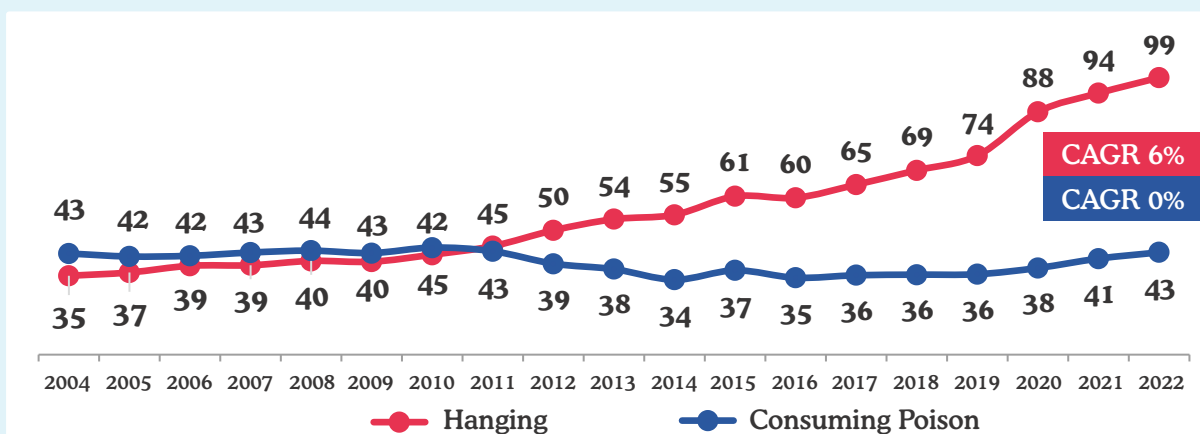
Punjab, an agriculturally progressive state, ranks 25th in suicide rate.

Major modes of committing suicides

| Rank | Mode of Suicides | Percentage share in total suicides in India |
|------|---|---|
| 1 | Hanging | 58.2% |
| 2 | Intentional consumption of insecticides | 14.9% |
| 3 | Consuming other poisons | 10.5% |
| 4 | Drowning | 5.0% |
| 5 | Jumping before running train/bus | 2.9% |

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Trend in mode of committing suicide:



Source: National Crime Record Bureau's ADSI Report

Unit: Thousand person



Suicides by hanging is the commonest mean adopted.

Suicide is a social problem which even the USA (the richest economy) is faced with.

The USA's suicide rate at 14.1 per one lakh population is higher than India's 12.4.

Remember, every suicide is a tragedy and big loss to the country irrespective of economic status, profession, gender, age and region.

Suicides, whether by farmers or non-farmers deserve our attention and understanding.

More than 8 lakh people die from suicide in a year in the world (WHO).

Proper understanding and collective efforts are needed to mitigate the problem.

