In the wake of COVID-19, it was evident that the agriculture sector would be one of the most resilient during India’s battle with the pandemic. The sector continued to operate, ensuring the country’s food security and contributing to stable economic growth.

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India’s agriculture sector, one of the most resilient during the pandemic, continues to play a vital role in ensuring food security and contributing to economic growth. NABARD, India’s dedicated agriculture lending institution, has been instrumental in supporting the sector, especially during the pandemic.

Govinda Rajulu Chintala, Governor of NABARD, reflects on the bank’s role in the agriculture sector during the pandemic and beyond.


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With 2021 behind it, NABARD is awash with positive news. The pandemic, though challenging, has further reinforced the importance of the agriculture sector and its role in India’s economic growth.

“With the pandemic, we’ve had to adapt and find new ways to support the sector, especially given the added pressure on food supplies and prices,” said Govinda. “The agriculture sector has shown resilience, and we, as a bank, have been there to support it.”

In the early days of the pandemic, it wasn’t clear how the sector would survive. In fact, it was a case of whether the sector could survive. However, the sector’s resilience became evident as it continued to operate, providing food to the masses.

Govinda explains how NABARD has been supporting the sector. “We’ve been working closely with the banks, MBFCs, and other financial institutions to provide the necessary credit to support the sector. We’ve also been supporting the farmers by providing them with the necessary inputs and by working with the government to ensure that the supply chains remain畅通.”

The COVID-19 pandemic has also highlighted the importance of the agricultural sector in the country’s economic growth. “The sector is one of the most crucial for the country’s economy, providing food security and employment to millions of people,” said Govinda. “With its copious milk, rice, wheat, sugar, and jute, it is an important contributor to India’s economy.”

Despite the pandemic, NABARD has been able to keep its plans in place, ensuring that the country’s farmers and agribusinesses get the necessary support. “We may have had to change our plans and such, but we were able to keep working on them. The success of the sector is a testament to the resilience of the Indian people,” said Govinda.

Looking forward, NABARD remains committed to supporting the agriculture sector, ensuring that the country’s food security is maintained and that the sector continues to contribute to economic growth.

“With the pandemic behind us, we can focus on the future. We will continue to support the sector and ensure that it remains resilient,” said Govinda. “We are committed to helping the sector grow and contribute to India’s economic development.”

Govinda concludes by reiterating the importance of the agriculture sector to India’s economy. “The agriculture sector is a cornerstone of our economy. It is the backbone of our growth and development. We will continue to support it and ensure that it remains a vital part of our country’s economic landscape.”