

A Historical Policy Review of Success of Castor Revolution in Gujarat, India

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ABSTRACT The study explains with respect to various policy parameters which enabled castor crop to become an economic success in Gujarat in 1980s and thereafter. The policy overview suggests that it was a combination of a good breeding program, a good extension model, coupled with access to well-developed national and international markets. All these led to a rapid commercialization success of the castor crop. The study confirms that a simultaneous development of all three programs—breeding, extension, and market development—is the key to the success of any technological change.