

### **Drip irrigation increases yield**

**From Our Special Representative**

NEW DELHI, Thursday. — A Jalgaon (Maharashtra) based group of industries plans to bring 50,000 acres of farm land under a drip irrigation system that it manufactures. In its one year of manufacturing, it has brought 3,000 acres under the system.

According to Mr H.S. Chadda, the regional manager and Dr R.G. Kulkarni, executive director, of Jain Group of Industries, up to 240% increase in yield has been reported with the help of this system (also called micro-irrigation). Water-saving is as high as 80% and operational cost is reduced by half.

The system is useful for horticulture as well as certain crops like sugarcane, cotton, oilseeds and vegetables.

The Jain Group claims to have supplied nearly a third of the total drip irrigation systems installed in the country. It manufactures the system in collaboration with James Hardie, Italy.