# MISSION FOR INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF HORTICULTURE: ECONOMY

**NEWS:** Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)

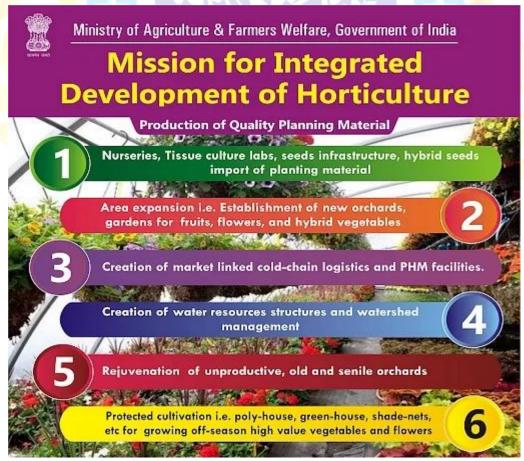
### WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

The Union Government has expanded the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) to include Hydroponics, Aquaponics, Vertical Farming, and Precision Agriculture. This initiative aims to enhance sustainable horticultural practices in India.

## **Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)**

MIDH, operational since 2014-15, provides financial and technical assistance to States and Union Territories (UTs) for various horticultural activities, including:

- Setting up nurseries and tissue culture units for quality seed and planting material production.
- Area expansion for establishing new orchards and gardens dedicated to fruits, vegetables, and flowers.
- Protected cultivation methods, such as poly-houses and greenhouses, to improve productivity and facilitate off-season cultivation of high-value crops.





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- Promotion of **organic farming** and certification processes.
- Development of water resource structures and watershed management practices.
- Beekeeping initiatives to enhance pollination.
- Creation of post-harvest management and marketing infrastructure to ensure better market access and reduce losses.
- In 2022-23, India's horticulture production reached 355.48 million tonnes, reflecting a 2.39% increase from the previous year. The area dedicated to horticulture also saw a 1.41% rise, solidifying India's position as the second-largest producer of fruits and vegetables globally.

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