



## 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.

Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India

### Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture

Production of Quality Planning Material

- 1 Nurseries, Tissue culture labs, seeds infrastructure, hybrid seeds import of planting material
- 2 Area expansion i.e. Establishment of new orchards, gardens for fruits, flowers, and hybrid vegetables
- 3 Creation of market linked cold-chain logistics and PHM facilities.
- 4 Creation of water resources structures and watershed management
- 5 Rejuvenation of unproductive, old and senile orchards
- 6 Protected cultivation i.e. poly-house, green-house, shade-nets, etc for growing off-season high value vegetables and flowers



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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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