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Q4

What are the challenges and opportunities of food processing sector in the country? How can income of the farmers be substantially increased by encouraging food processing?

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2020 · GS III · 10 marks · Crops, Irrigation and Marketing

Major crops - cropping patterns in various parts of the country; different types of irrigation and irrigation systems; storage, transport and marketing of agricultural produce and issues and related constraints; e-technology in the aid of farmers.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

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MoFPI PMKSY

Ministry of Food Processing Industries scheme for parks, cold-chains, and unit creation - not to be confused with irrigation PMKSY.

Mega food parks

Cluster model with common infrastructure; success depends on actual farmer catchment, not the ribbon.

Operation Greens

Tomato, onion, potato (later expanded) scheme to stabilise prices through processing and storage.

FSSAI

Food safety regulator; compliance cost is a hurdle for micro processors and a passport for export.

Amul cooperative

Proof that farmer-owned processing can lift milk income through a retained value chain.

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