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In which manner has Indian agriculture been transformed from food scarcity to food-surplus level? Describe the various government policies implemented for diversification of Indian agriculture.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2026 · GS III · 15 marks · Crops, Irrigation and Marketing

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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.

Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round.

Food Corporation of India (FCI)

Established in 1965 under the **Food Corporations Act, 1964**, to implement food policies, manage procurement, storage, and public distribution.

Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)

A centrally sponsored scheme launched in 2014 for the holistic growth of the horticulture sector covering fruits, vegetables, root and tuber crops, mushrooms, spices, flowers, aromatic plants, coconut, bamboo, cashew and cocoa.

Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)

Flagship scheme launched in 2020 for targeted investment of over Rs. 20,000 crores to bring about a Blue Revolution through sustainable and responsible development of the fisheries sector.

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