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Syllabus heading

Food Processing

UPSC Civil Services (Main) Examination · GS III · General Studies Paper III

Food processing and related industries in India - scope and significance, location, upstream and downstream requirements, supply chain management.

Facts & figures for this syllabus heading.

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Sector Overview & Valuation GVA (2023-24)

₹2.24 lakh crore; up from ₹1.34 lakh crore in 2014-15.; Contribution to manufacturing GVA: 7.93%; Employment: 12.41% of employment in registered/organised manufacturing.; Exports: Processed food accounted for 20.4% of total agri-food exports in 2024-25.

Growth & Infrastructure Livestock CAGR (2014-23)

7.38%, Fisheries CAGR: 8.9%, and food processing CAGR: 6.55% during nine years ending 2023-24.; Processing Rates: Fruits & vegetables remain very low; older estimates place F&V at ~2%, marine products ~8%, milk ~35% and poultry ~6%.; Food Wastage: Post-harvest losses persist due to storage and logistics gaps; cold-chain projects have shown major loss reduction in fisheries and dairy. Fdi, Exports & Investment Role...

Food Processing Sector

Market Structure & Challenges; Over 75% of food processing units are unorganised; Perishable food processing remains low (~6%); Significant post-harvest losses (25-35%) Weak backward and forward linkages with farmers Policy Schemes & Incentives; PLI Scheme for Food Processing (PLI-FPI); Mega Food Park Scheme: Cluster-based infra with 24 parks operational; PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises...

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