1. **Which among the following is the major Rabi crops in India?**

a) Wheat
b) Barley
c) Peas
d) All of the above

Rabi Crop Sowing increase by 36 lakh hectares

- The Ministry of Agriculture on December 31, 2019, announced that the sowing area of rabi crops have increased by 36 lakh hectares
- This is mainly due to improvement in soil moisture in Rabi growing states
- The total area under Rabi crops was 536 hectares last year and this has increased to 571 Of these, wheat has been sown in 297 lakh hectares
- Rabi crops the major Rabi crops in India are **wheat, barley, sesame, peas, mustard.** They are sown in winter between October and December and are harvested in summer between April and June.

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2. The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has opened its first silk processing plant in which state recently?

a) Haryana
b) Gujarat
c) Rajasthan
d) Odisha

KVIC opens first silk processing plant in Gujarat.

- Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has opened its first Silk processing plant at **Surendranagar in Gujarat** to boost production of signature Patola Saree, while creating livelihoods for women.
- Patola, the trademark Saree of Gujarat, is priced very high and is out of reach of common

3.) The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) recently has launched 'Verified Milk Vendors Scheme' in which state?

a) Telangana
b) Gujarat
c) Madhya Pradesh
d) Haryana

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FSSAI launches 'Verified Milk Vendor Scheme' in Gujarat.

- In a first for India, the unorganised milk suppliers or vendors will now be brought under the monitoring through a verification programme
- The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has launched 'Verified Milk Vendors Scheme' in Gujarat with an aim to cover milk producers and milk vendors under the regulation net
- Under the new scheme, all the unorganised milk producers and vendors in Gujarat will be issued identity cards by taking their registration
- For the first time, monitoring will be done for the raw and loose milk suppliers. Till now the focus has remained on the dairy products and the dairies. But the unorganised suppliers to these private dairies and the end-consumers were somehow missed from the regulatory

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4) How many states have finalized an action plan for Agriculture Export Policy which aims to double such exports?

a) **Five**
b) **Eight**
c) **Ten**
d) **Four**

8 states finalise action plan for agri export policy.

- The government stated **eight states**, including Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Karnataka, have finalised action plan for agriculture export policy which aims to double such exports
- The Agri Export Policy was announced last year with an objective of doubling the export and ensuring doubling of farmers' income
- Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, Nagaland, Tamil Nadu, Assam, Punjab and Karnataka have finalised the State Action Plan and other states are at di"erent stages of finalization of the action plan
- The **Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)** has been adopting a focused approach for ensuring greater involvement of the state governments for e"ective implementation of Agri Export Policy (AEP)
- A Farmer Connect Portal has also been set up by APEDA on its website for providing a platform for Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) and Farmer Producer Companies to interact with exporter.

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5) The Farmers Science congress was conducted for the very first time in which city recently?

a) Bengaluru
b) New Delhi
c) Kolkata
d) Lucknow

Farmers Science Congress held at Indian Science Congress in Bengaluru

- The Indian Science Congress was inaugurated by PM Modi on January 3, 2020.
- On the sidelines of the event, the Farmers Science Congress was conducted for the first
- The Farmers Science congress was conducted for the first time in 107-year history of the Indian Science Congress. The event highlighted importance of innovation practices in

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6.) Which of the following organizations has proposed to set up the Farmers' Innovation Fund?

a) Food and Agriculture Organization
b) World Food Programme
c) International Fund for Agricultural Development
d) Indian Council of Agricultural Research

7.The fifth Pulses Conclave 2020 was held in which state?

a) Punjab
b) Bihar
c) Jharkhand
d) Maharashtra

The Pulses Conclave 2020 to be held in Lonavala, Maharashtra

- The fifth Pulses Conclave 2020 was held in Lonavala, **Maharashtra** between February 12, 2020 and February 14, 2020. It is a biennial conference
- The India Pulses and Grain Association will host the Conclave.

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8) Who has recently been chosen for "Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu National Award for Excellence"?

a) **G Sateesh Reddy**
b) **K Sivan**
c) **Dr M S Swaminathan**
d) **Akhilesh Sati**

Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu National Awards

- Eminent Agricultural Scientist **Dr M S Swaminathan** was chosen as the first recipient of 'Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu National Award for Excellence'
- The National Award for Excellence was instituted by the Muppavarapu Foundation in
- M.S. Swaminathan was awarded for his distinguished contributions to the field of agriculture

9) Which state has recently started an awareness campaign for farmers to protect their sugarcane crop from locust?

a) **Gujarat**
b) **Uttar Pradesh**
c) **Rajasthan**
d) **Haryana**

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10) The Workshop and exhibition on "Bamboo- A wonder grass" was recently held at which place?

a) **Jammu & Kashmir**
b) **Uttarakhand**
c) **Himachal Pradesh**
d) **Assam**

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