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2019-2025 National Infrastructure Pipeline report: Rs 102 lakh crore infrastructure plan unveiled

On December 31, 2019 the Union Minister of Finance Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman released a report of the task force on National Infrastructure Pipeline for 2019-2025 (NIP 2019-25) in order to achieve the $5 trillion economy by 2024-25.

For Agriculture sector: Fund allocation: ₹ 0.54 lakh crores.

• **Vision**: Doubling of farm incomes by upgrading 22,000 rural haats into Gramin Agricultural Markets (GrAM). Modernizing storage infrastructure by adding modern silos (tall pit) for capacity of 100 lakh MT (Metric tonne). Usage of drones for about real time weather updates.

• **Current status:** The Food Corporation of India (FCI) currently has an installed modern silos of capacity 7.25 lakh MT.

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Eight States finalized Agriculture Export Policy by the Government of India



On January 5, 2020, As per Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), eight states namely Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, Nagaland, Tamil Nadu, Assam, Punjab, and Karnataka finalized an action plan for Agriculture Export Policy (AEP) to enhance exports.

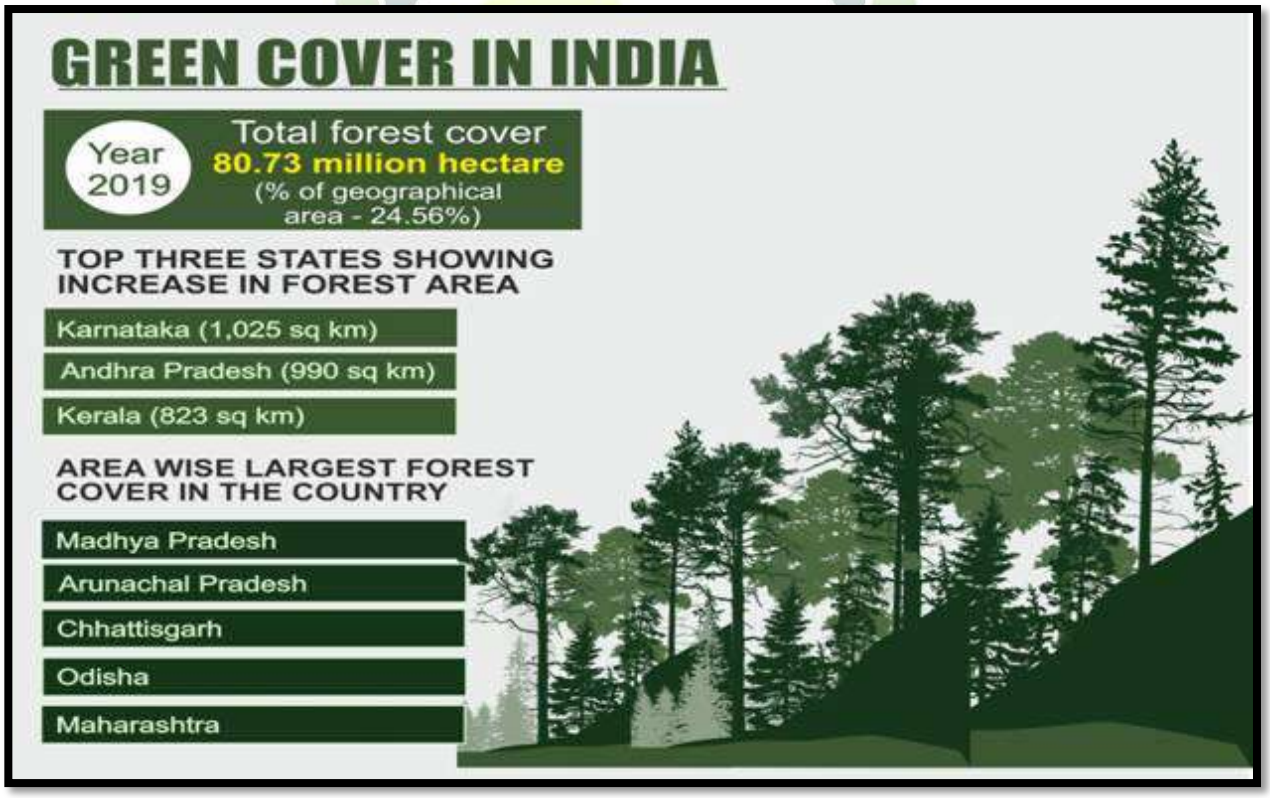
- **About Agriculture Export Policy:**
- Agriculture Export Policy was approved by the Union Cabinet in **2018.**
- It aims to increase the potential of Indian agriculture to make India a global power in agriculture.

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2019 Forest Survey of India report: one-fifth (21.40%) of India's forests prone to fires

According to a 2019 report by the Forest Survey of India (FSI) which was based on a study carried out along forest fire points (FFP) identified across the country from 2004 to 2017, about 21.40% of forest cover of the country has been prone to fires. Among the total forest areas, the north eastern region in the country was found to be more vulnerable.

2019 Forest Survey of India report:



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Uttar Pradesh government implements 'MukhyamantriKrishakDurghatna Kalyan Yojana' for the state's farmers



On January 21, 2020, Uttar Pradesh (UP) government has implemented 'Mukhyamantri Krishak Durghatna Kalyan Yojana' (earlier 'Mukhyamantri Krishak Durghatna Bima Yojana') for the farmers in the state w.e.f. 14th September 2019.

The assistance of **Rs 5 lakh** will be provided to the farmers' family in case of a farmer's death and Rs 2 lakh if a farmer becomes 60% handicapped or more, while working in fields.

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Agriculture Current Affairs MCQ January 2020

- **Name the scheme, under which nearly eight crore farmer families have benefited by receiving Rs.6000 per year?**

1) Prime Minister Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY)
2) Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM Kisan) scheme.
3) Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY)
4) Prime Minister Jeevan Jyoti BimaYojna (PMJJBY)
5) None of these

Answer – 2) Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM Kisan) scheme

Explanation:

On January 8,2020 Nearly eight crore farmer families have benefited under PM Kisan (Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi) scheme.

The scheme was launched on 24 February 2019 by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh.

Under this scheme an income of Rs.6000 per year in three equal instalments of Rs.2000 is provided to all farmers irrespective of the size of their landholdings.

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Agriculture Current Affairs February 2020

Andhra Pradesh flagged off India's first 'fruit train' with bananas

On January 31, 2020 India's first of its kind fruit train was launched from Tadipatri Railway Station in Anantapur district & from Kadapa district of **Andhra Pradesh.** This is the first time an entire train carrying a load of 980 metric tonnes of locally grown bananas which has been sent to the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNP)in Mumbai, Maharashtra. Those bananas will be exported to Iran.

ICAR & IVRI released Classical Swine Fever (CSF) cell culture vaccine in New Delhi

On February 3,2020 Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary, Departments of Agricultural and Research Foundation (DARE) & Director general, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Shri Atul Chaturvedi, Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD) released the Live attenuated Classical Swine Fever (CSF) cell culture Vaccine at Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.

The vaccine was developed by **ICAR and IVRI (Indian Veterinary Research Institute).**

World Pulses Day 2020 was observed on February 10, 2020

World Pulses Day was observed on Feb 10, 2020. World Pulses day was established by the Foodand Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations to recognize the importance of pulses (dry beans, lentils, dry peas, chickpeas, lupins) as global food.

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Soil health card scheme completes 5 years on 19 February 2020

On February 17, 2020, according to the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Soil Health Card Scheme which was launched by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi on 19.02.2015 at Suratgarh, Rajasthan completes 5 years on February 19, 2020.Till now, a total of Rs.751.42 crore has been released under the scheme.

India's food-grain production to hit a record high of 291.95 million tonnes for crop year 2019-20

In accordance with the Second Advance Estimates for crop year 2019-20 by the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, the total food grain production in the country is estimated at **record 291.95 million tonnes** as compared to the production of food grain of **285.21 million tonnes in 2018-19.**

Agriculture Current Affairs February MCQ 2020

- **Which Indian State flagged of India's 1st 'Fruit Train' Carries a load of 980 metric tonnes of Bananas under brand name 'Happy Bananas' (January 2020)?**

1) West Bengal
2) Uttar Pradesh
3) Karnataka
4) Andhra Pradesh
5) Tamil Nadu

Answer - 4) Andhra Pradesh

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➢ **Explanation**:

- India's first fruit train was launched from Andhra Pradesh. This is the first time an entire train carrying a load of 980 metric tonnes of locally grown bananas. The bananas will be exported under the brand name 'Happy Bananas'.

➢ **The World Pulse Day was observed on February 10. The 1st edition of World Pulse day commenced on _____?**

1) 2020
2) 2016
3) 2019
4) 2017
5) 2018

Answer - 3) 2019

➢ **Explanation**:

- World Pulses Day was observed on Feb 10, 2020. World Pulses day was established by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations to recognize the importance of pulses. World Pulses day has been designated on Feb 10 every year since 2019 by the 73rd session of the United Nations (UN) General Assembly on December 20, 2018.

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