



## SAP for Sugarcane

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### Why in News

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Recently, **Uttar Pradesh Sugarcane Development Minister Suresh Rana** told reporters in Lucknow that the state government would soon announce an increase in the **State Advisory Price (SAP)** for **sugarcane** for the next sugarcane crushing season starting from November.

### Key Points

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- Presently, SAP for sugarcane is Rs 325 per quintal for early variety and Rs 315 per quintal for rejected variety.
- It is noteworthy that in October 2017, the Yogi government had increased the SAP by Rs 10 per quintal for the sugarcane crushing season 2017-18.  
However, for the last three years, SAP has not been increased due to increase in sugar production, coupled with a sharp drop in demand in the year 2020 due to the pandemic.
- In terms of sugarcane crushing and sugarcane production, Uttar Pradesh holds first position across the country. Also, it has first place in the production of **ethanol**.
- A record crushing of 4,289 lakh metric tonnes of sugarcane has been done in this season. Earlier the area under sugarcane cultivation was 20 lakh hectare, which has now increased to 28 lakh hectare.
- Minister Rana said that the Yogi government made the closed sugar mills operational and through this 35,000 people were given direct and indirect employment.
- He also said that the Yogi government has so far paid Rs 1,42,311 crore to sugarcane farmers in four years.