



Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture

Why in News

The **Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** has provided an enhanced allocation of **Rs. 2250 Crore** for the year **2021-22** for '**Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture**' (MIDH).

- **Horticulture** is the branch of plant agriculture **dealing with garden crops, generally fruits, vegetables, and ornamental plants**. **M.H. Marigowda** is considered the **Father of Indian Horticulture**.

Key Points

- **Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH):**
 - **About:** MIDH is a **Centrally Sponsored Scheme** for the holistic growth of the horticulture sector **covering** fruits, vegetables, root & tuber crops, mushrooms, spices, flowers, aromatic plants, coconut, cashew, cocoa and bamboo.
 - **Nodal Ministry:** The **Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** is implementing MIDH **with effect from 2014-15**.
 - MIDH is implemented **under** **Green Revolution - Krishonnati Yojana**.
 - **Funding Pattern:** Under MIDH, **Government of India (GoI)** contributes **60% of total outlay** for developmental programmes **in all the states** except states in North East and Himalayas, **40% share** is contributed by **State Governments**.
 - In the case of **North Eastern States and Himalayan States**, **GoI contributes 90%**.

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Production of quality planting material



▪ MIDH Sub-Schemes:

◦ **National Horticulture Mission (NHM):**

- It is being implemented by **State Horticulture Missions (SHM)** in selected districts of **18 States and 6 Union Territories**.

◦ **Horticulture Mission for North East & Himalayan States (HMNEH):**

- HMNEH is being implemented for overall **development of Horticulture in North East and Himalayan states**.

◦ **National Horticulture Board (NHB):**

- NHB is **implementing various schemes under MIDH in all States and UTs**.

◦ **Coconut Development Board (CDB):**

- CDB is **implementing various schemes under MIDH in all Coconut growing states** in the country.

◦ **Central Institute for Horticulture (CIH)**

- CIH was **established at Medi Zip Hima, Nagaland in 2006-07** for providing technical backstopping through **capacity building and training of farmers** and Field functionaries in the North Eastern Region.

▪ Achievements of MIDH:

- During the **year 2019-20**, the country recorded its **highest ever horticulture production of 320.77 million tonnes**.
- MIDH has played a significant role in **increasing the area under horticulture crops**.
 - Area and production during the years 2014-15 to 2019-20 has increased by 9% and 14% respectively.
- It has contributed significantly towards **improving the quality of produce and productivity of farmland**.
- The initiative of MIDH has not only resulted in **India's self-sufficiency** in the horticulture sector but also contributed towards achieving **sustainable development goals of zero hunger, good health and wellbeing, no poverty, gender equality** etc.

▪ Challenges:

- The Horticulture sector is still facing a lot of challenges in terms of **high post-harvest loss** and **gaps in post-harvest management** and **supply chain infrastructure**.

Way Forward

- There is **tremendous scope for enhancing the productivity of Indian horticulture** which is imperative to cater to the **country's estimated demand of 650 Million MT of fruits and vegetables by the year 2050**.
- Some of the new initiatives like focus on planting material production, cluster development programme, credit push through **Agri Infra Fund**, formation and promotion of **FPOs (Farmers Producer Organisations)** are the right steps in this direction.

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