



# World Food India 2023

## Why in News?

In celebration of the [International Year of Millets in 2023](#), India's Ministry of Food Processing Industries will be organizing the second edition of 'World Food India 2023', which aims to **showcase India's rich food culture and attract global investments in the diverse [food processing sector](#)**.

- The event will take place from **3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> November 2023** in New Delhi.

## What is World Food India 2023?

### ▪ About:

- **World Food India 2023** is a **gateway to the [Indian food economy](#)**, facilitating partnerships between Indian and foreign investors.
- It will be a **one-of-a-kind gathering of manufacturers, producers, food processors, investors, policymakers, and organisations** from across the global food ecosystem.
- It is a promising platform to **showcase, connect and collaborate in retail, processing, technology transfer, manufacturing, and cold chain logistics, along the global food value chain.**
  - It will showcase investment opportunities in **backward linkages, processing equipment, research and development, cold chain storage, start-ups, logistics, and retail chains.**

### ▪ Focus Pillars:

- **Shree Anna (Millets): Leveraging India's Super Food for the World**
  - Millets are ancient grains that have been part of **India's rich heritage for millennia.**
    - They are **super foods that provide high nutrition, gluten-free options, climate resilience, and eco-friendliness.**
    - Millets can enhance **food security, [nutrition security](#), and sustainability in the face of global challenges** such as climate change, population growth, and malnutrition.
  - The **[United Nations](#) has declared 2023 as the International Year of Millets (IYM 2023)** with the aim of increasing the production and consumption of millets worldwide.
- **Exponential Food Processing: Positioning India as the Global Hub**
  - **India has a vision to become a global hub for food processing** and create a competitive advantage for itself in the world food market.
  - To achieve this vision, India intends to boost its enablers that can **support and accelerate its food processing industry.**
  - One of the key enablers is **Financing Agri Food Value Chains.** Providing adequate and affordable credit to the food processing sector, **especially to the [micro, small and medium enterprises \(MSMEs\)](#)** that constitute a major part of the industry is one of the key focus areas of India.
- **Strategic Segments: Unlocking Potentials for Growth**
  - India has a dynamic and diverse food processing industry that encompasses several sub-sectors such as **[marine products](#), fruits and vegetables products, meat and poultry products, RTE/RTC (packaged foods), and dairy products.**

- These sub-sectors have **immense potential for growth in terms of production, consumption, exports, and value addition.**
- India is one of the **world's largest producers and consumers of food products.**
  - India leads the world in the **production of milk, bananas, mangoes, papayas, guavas, ginger, okra and buffalo meat, ranks second in the production of rice, wheat, potatoes, garlic, cashew nuts.**
- **Efficient Ecosystem - Harnessing Opportunities with Inclusion**
  - An **efficient and all-encompassing ecosystem necessitates dismantling barriers and establishing a coordinated and integrated framework.** The creation of value chains and the promotion of knowledge sharing are crucial to generate inclusive opportunities.
  - In order to entice foreign investment, the **government has opened the doors to 100% foreign direct investment and is making efforts to enhance its standing in the [Ease of Doing Business index.](#)**
- **Sustainable Development: Processing for Prosperity**
  - **[Sustainable Development](#)** constitutes a fundamental component in the attainment of **Processing for Prosperity.**
  - These technologies, encompassing renewable energy sources and sustainable **agricultural and food processing practices,** have become prominent and promising trends, signifying a transformation in the global approach towards a **more sustainable future.**

## World Food India 2017

- The Ministry of Food Processing Industries launched the **first edition of World Food India in 2017 with the theme of Transforming the Food Economy.**
  - The event aimed to **introduce the world to India's diverse and rich food culture.**

## UPSC Civil Services Examination Previous Year Question (PYQ)

### Prelims

**Q.1 An objective of the National Food Security Mission is to increase the production of certain crops through area expansion and productivity enhancement in a sustainable manner in the identified districts of the country. What are those crops? (2010)**

- (a) Rice and wheat only
- (b) Rice, wheat and pulses only
- (c) Rice, wheat, pulses and oil seeds only
- (d) Rice, wheat, pulses, oil seeds and vegetables

**Ans: (b)**

**Q.2 Among the following, which one is the largest exporter of rice in the world in the last five years? (2019)**

- (a) China
- (b) India
- (c) Myanmar
- (d) Vietnam

**Ans: (b)**

### Mains

**Q.1** In what way could replacement of price subsidy with Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) change the scenario of subsidies in India? Discuss. **(2015)**

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