



Uttar Pradesh to Set Up Crop-Specific Boards

Why in News?

Uttar Pradesh plans to establish **crop-specific commodity boards** as a step toward achieving the **goal of annual agro shipments worth Rs 50,000 crore**.

Key Points

- This initiative **aims to boost farm productivity, catalyze food processing, and re-energize the agro value chain** over the next four years.
 - To generate employment, the government is promoting **agriculture-focused startups**.
 - There is a huge demand for [horticultural produce](#) like strawberries, dragon fruit, and flowers in the state.
- State-level horticultural commodity boards would be set up on the lines of the [Spices Board of India](#).
- **The Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture (ICFA)** has **constituted the UP State Agriculture Council** to promote agro industry and exports.
 - It would **foster coordination between the government, agro experts, and farmers**.
 - The council will focus on **promoting sustainable agricultural practices**, enhancing market access, and supporting exports.
 - It will host a **'Agro World 2025' summit in February 2025 in Lucknow**.

Spices Board of India

- [Spices Board](#) was constituted on 26th February 1987 under the **Spices Board Act, 1986** with the merger of the erstwhile **Cardamom Board (1968)** and **Spices Export Promotion Council (1960)**.
- There are **five statutory Commodity Boards** under the Department of Commerce.
 - These Boards are responsible for **production, development and export of tea, coffee, rubber, spices and tobacco**.
- It is responsible for the **export promotion** of the **52 scheduled spices** and the **development of Cardamom**.
- Spices Board is the **flagship organisation** for the development and worldwide promotion of Indian spices.
- The Board is an **international link** between the Indian exporters and the importers abroad.

Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture (ICFA)

- Formerly known as the Indian Council of Food and Agriculture, was **founded in 2015**.
- It is the **apex body in India**, working on **business, policy, and development agendas** while serving as a global platform for **trade facilitation, partnerships, technology, and agribusiness services**.

