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Atmanirbharta in Agriculture Allied Sectors

“A Decade of Growth, Innovation and Farmer Empowerment”

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi at his Independence Day address on 15th August, 2025:

- India stands Number 1 globally in milk, pulses, and jute production and Number 2 in rice, wheat, cotton, fruits, and vegetables.
- Agriculture exports have now crossed ₹4 lakh crore.
- Whether it is PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, rain water harvesting, irrigation schemes, quality seeds, fertilizer requirement, in every sector today, farmers have trust in crop insurance.
- Modi is standing like a wall in front of any harmful policy related to India's farmers, India's fishermen, India's livestock farmers.
- India will never accept any compromise regarding its farmers, its livestock farmers, its fishermen.

Introduction

In agriculture, allied sectors—such as animal husbandry (dairy, poultry, goat and sheep rearing, piggery), fisheries and aquaculture (inland and marine), and horticulture (fruits, vegetables, flowers, spices, medicinal plants)—are closely linked to crop farming and play a vital role in diversifying rural incomes, reducing risks, and ensuring year-round livelihoods. By utilizing shared resources like land, water, and crop residues, these activities complement crop production, add value to the agricultural economy, and support millions of rural households. Less vulnerable to monsoon fluctuations, they are a key driver of resilience and rural growth, and under the **Atmanirbhar Bharat** vision, efforts focus on strengthening and modernizing these non-crop activities to reduce import dependency, boost rural incomes, enhance value addition, and ensure sustainable agricultural development.

Food Processing Sector

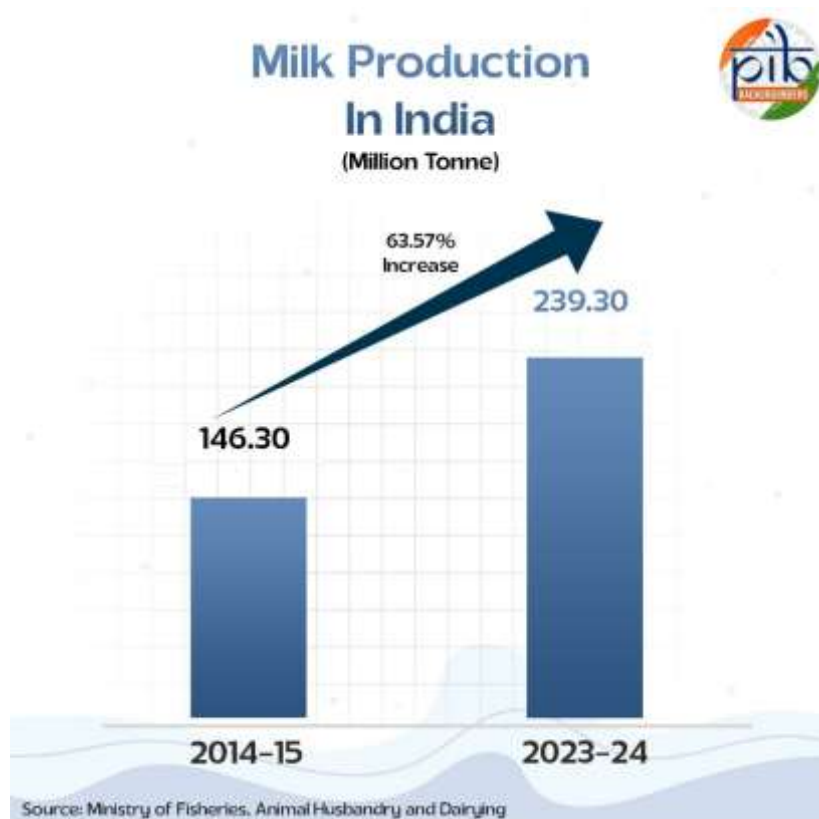
- **As of July 2025**, Agriculture and processed food exports reached approximately **USD 49.4 billion** in Financial Year 2024-25, with processed food exports constituting around **20.4%**.
- The processed food export share has risen from **13.7% in 2014-15 to 20.4%** in 2024-25.

Blue Revolution

- Fish production has **grown by 104%** from **96 lakh tonnes** in **2013–14** to **195 lakh tonnes** in **2024–25**.
- Inland fisheries have expanded by **142%** for the same period from **61 lakh tonnes** to **147.37 lakh tonnes**
- **The Union Budget 2025-26**, proposed the highest ever total annual budgetary support of **Rs. 2,703.67 crores** for the fisheries sector (**increased by 3.3% from 2024-25 budget**)

Dairy Sector

- India ranks **1st in the world in milk production**, contributing 25% of global output. The sector has witnessed an **average annual growth rate** of **5.7%**, significantly higher than the global average of **2%**.
- Milk production in the country has increased by **63.57%** over the last 10 years-from **146.30 million tonnes in 2014–15** to **239.30 million tonnes in 2023–24**.
- **Per capita milk availability** in India has risen by **48%**, reaching **471 grams/person/day in 2023–24**, compared to the global average of **322 grams/person/day**.
- The percentage of total milk production contributed by **cows** and **buffaloes** is **53.12%** and **43.62%**, respectively.
- Over **8 crore farmers** employed in the dairy sector.
- Under the revised NPDD scheme, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) has approved State-wise targets for organization of **21,902 new dairy cooperative societies** across the country during 2025-26
 - Total approved financial outlay approved: **₹407.37 crore**.
 - Government of India's share: **₹211.90 crore**.
 - Share of implementing organisations: **₹195.47 crore**.
 - As per state reports, about **1,804 dairy cooperative societies** have been organised till date in 2025–26.
 - These cooperatives have created employment opportunities for around **37,793** new milk producers.



- On **March 19, 2025** Union Cabinet approved the **Revised National Program for Dairy Development (NPDD)** with a total outlay of **₹2,790 crore** and the **Revised Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM)** with **₹3,400 crore** for 2021–22 to 2025–26. These schemes aim to boost milk procurement, processing, and value addition, promote indigenous cattle breeding, strengthen the dairy supply chain, and enhance **rural income and development**.

National Beekeeping and Honey Mission (NBHM)

Launched in **2020** as part of the **Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan (Self-Reliant India Mission)** with a total outlay of **₹500 crore** for the period **2020–21 to 2022–23**. The scheme has been extended for another three years, **2023–24 to 2025–26**, with the remaining budget of **₹370 crore**.

Key Achievements of NBHM:

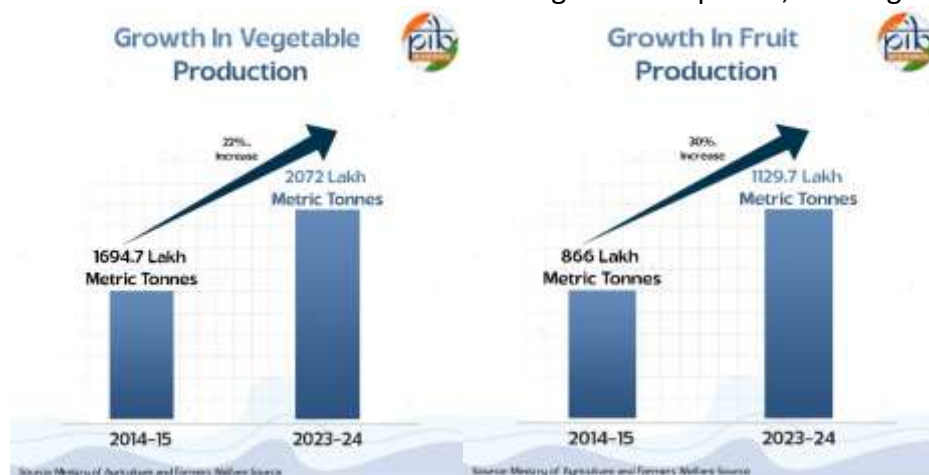
- India produced **1.42 lakh metric tonnes** of honey in 2022–23 and exported **79,929 metric tonnes**.
- 167 women SHG** activities supported for empowerment.
- With growing demand for beekeeping centres, a minimum export price of **USD 2,000 per metric tonne** has been imposed up to 31.12.2025.
- 6 world-class** and **47 mini honey testing labs**, along with **6 disease labs**, have been set up.
- 8 custom hiring centres**, **26 honey processing units**, and other infrastructure have been built.
- Madhukranti Portal launched for online registration and traceability – over **14,800**

beekeepers and **22.39 lakh colonies** registered.

- **7 of 100 FPOs** (Farmer Producer Organizations) for beekeepers formed under TRIFED, NAFED, and NDDB.

Horticulture

The horticulture sector has recorded impressive growth over the past decade. **Fruit production** rose from **866 lakh metric tonnes** in **2014–15** to **1129.7 lakh metric tonnes** in **2023–24**, reflecting an increase of about **30%**. **Vegetable production** also grew from **1694.7 lakh metric tonnes** to **2072 lakh metric tonnes** during the same period, marking a rise of **22%**.



Ethanol Procurement

The Government is encouraging the blending of ethanol with petrol through **the Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme**, under which Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) supply ethanol-blended petrol. This initiative not only supports clean energy but also provides a steady income source to **sugarcane farmers** by creating sustained demand for ethanol. The increase in ethanol prices and separate payment of GST and transport charges further strengthen farmer earnings. In the ongoing Ethanol Supply Year (ESY) 2024–25, OMCs have achieved an average ethanol blending level of **19.05% as of 31 July 2025**. In July 2025 alone, the blending level reached **19.93%**.

Over the past eleven years, from Ethanol Supply Year (ESY) 2014–15 to ESY 2024–25 up to July 2025, ethanol blending in petrol by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) has led to foreign exchange savings of more than **₹1,44,087 crore**. It has substituted about **245 lakh metric tonnes** of crude oil, strengthening energy security, and has reduced CO₂ emissions by around **736 lakh metric tonnes** -an environmental benefit comparable to planting **30 crore trees**. **At 20% blending**, it is expected that payment to the farmers in this year alone will be to the tune of **Rs.40,000 crore** and **forex savings** will be **around Rs. 43,000 crores**.

Key Achievements

- Ethanol procurement rose from **38 crore litres** in **2013–14** to **441 crore litres** in **2023–24**.
- **Rs. 1,11,703 crores** paid to sugarcane farmers in **Sugar Season 2023–24**.
- **3% price hike** in C-Heavy Molasses (CHM) ethanol to ensure better returns for farmers.

- **Separate GST and transport charges** directly benefit farmers' earnings.

The programme is a major step towards **doubling farmers' income, reducing dependence on crude oil imports, saving foreign exchange, and protecting the environment.**

Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM)

The **PM-KUSUM** aims to reduce diesel use in agriculture and boost farmer income. It offers **30–50% central subsidy** for installing standalone solar pumps and solarizing existing ones. Farmers can also set up **solar plants up to 2 MW** on barren land and sell power to DISCOMs. The scheme promotes clean energy and income generation, and is implemented by state government departments.

The PM-KUSUM scheme targets the addition of **34,800 MW** of solar capacity by **March 2026**, with a total central financial support of **₹34,422 crore**, which also covers service charges for the implementing agencies.

Achievements under PM-KUSUM Scheme

- Solar Pumps for farmers see a growth of over 92 times.
- 49 lakh agricultural pumps to be solarised under the scheme.
- Supports clean energy, reduces diesel dependence, and boosts farmer income.

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