



IGAU's Innovations to be Used in Rural Industrial Park



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Why in News

On October 8, 2021, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that the innovations of **Indira Gandhi Agricultural University (IGAU)** would be used in **rural industrial parks being set up in villages to develop technology for processing agricultural products**.

Key Points

- The Chief Minister said that the innovations of IGKU would help in the processing of agricultural and **minor forest produce** products. He said the state government is working towards making villages self-reliant as per **Mahatma Gandhi's vision of 'Gram Swaraj'**.
- During this, Chief Minister Baghel also inaugurated a Krishi Vigyan Kendra building, an **Akti Biodiversity Museum** and a Knowledge Center building in the IGAU campus.
- Along with this, he also launched seeds of improved varieties of eight crops including paddy, soybean, maize and raspberry and also inaugurated the technology for separation of protein and glucose from rice developed by the university.
- It is worth mentioning that **Chhattisgarh has consistently topped the country for the last two years in terms of collection of minor forest produce**. According to the data released by '**The Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED)**', Minor forest produce (2,77,958 quintals) worth Rs. 80.12 crore has been procured in the state in the first quarter (month April to June) of the current financial year, which is 88.36% of the total collected minor forest produce for Rs. 93 crore during this period in the country.