



## World Food India 2023

**For Prelims:** [Food Security](#), [Agricultural Marketing](#), Seed Capital Assistance, Food Street, Food Basket of the World, [International Year of Millets](#), [Ease of Doing Business](#), [Self Help Groups](#).

**For Mains:** Significance and potential of India's [food processing](#) on economic growth and development.

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### Why in News?

The second edition of 'World Food India 2023' was inaugurated recently in New Delhi, where the Prime Minister of India provided **Seed Capital Assistance** to over **one lakh** [Self Help Group \(SHG\)](#) members.

- The Ministry of Food Processing Industries launched the first edition of World Food India in 2017.

### 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**.
- **Mascot:**
  - MillInd (a probot) is the Mascot for World Food India 2023.



#### ▪ Focus Pillars:

- **Shree Anna (Millets): Leveraging India's Super Food for the World**
  - 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).
- **Exponential Food Processing: Positioning India as the Global Hub**
  - 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 and also Providing adequate and affordable credit to the food processing sector, especially to the **[micro, small and medium enterprises \(MSMEs\)](#)**.

### What is the Current Status of the Food Processing Sector?

#### ▪ Sunrise Sector:

- The Food Processing Sector received recognition, owing to the outcomes of World Food India, often referred to as the '**[sunrise sector](#)**'.
- In the past nine years, the sector has attracted foreign direct investments exceeding **Rs 50,000 crores**, thanks to the government's industry-friendly and farmer-centric policies.

▪ **Production Linked Incentive:**

- The progress made under the **Production-Linked Incentive (PLI)** scheme in the food processing sector, has opened other dimensions.
  - Different ongoing projects under the **Agri-Infra Fund**, focusing on post-harvest infrastructure, with an investment exceeding **Rs 50,000 crores**, also hold massive potential for the sector.
  - Investments in **processing infrastructure in the fisheries and animal husbandry sector**, amounting to thousands of crores, are encouraged.

▪ **Other Government Initiatives:**

- Creation of the **Agri-Export Policy**
- Development of **nationwide logistics and infrastructure**
- Establishment of **district-level hubs**
- Expansion of **Mega Food Parks**
- **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana**
- **Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme**

## 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)**