



Rajasthan to Set Up 'Language Lab' | Rajasthan | 22 Aug 2025

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Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma has announced the establishment of a '**Language Lab**' to offer foreign language training to the youth.

Key Points

- **Objective:** The **Language Lab** will be set up in collaboration with **English and Foreign Language University (EFLU)** and the **Ministry of Education**.
 - The lab will offer training in languages such as **English, French, Spanish, and Japanese** to help young individuals gain proficiency in these languages.
- **Benefits for Youth:** The **language training** offered at the lab will enhance the skillset of Rajasthan's youth, making them competitive for roles in **tourism, trade, IT, education, and services sectors** both within the country and abroad.
 - The project aims to equip the youth with language skills, enabling them to explore job opportunities in both **domestic** and **international** markets.

PM Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme (PMFME) | Rajasthan | 22 Aug 2025

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Under the [Prime Minister's Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme \(PMFME\)](#), entrepreneurs in **Jaipur** and **Rajasthan** are eligible for a **35% subsidy** for setting up or expanding food processing industries.

- The [Ministry of Food Processing Industries \(MoFPI\)](#) is implementing a centrally sponsored [PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme \(PMFME\)](#) Scheme for providing financial, technical, and business support to micro food processing enterprises in India.

Key Points

- **Subsidy Details:** The **PMFME Scheme** provides a subsidy of **35%** of the eligible project cost or **₹10 lakh**, whichever is lower, for setting up new food processing units.
 - This financial assistance is aimed at industries related to **fruits and vegetables, grains, dairy products, oilseeds, animal feed, bakery products**, and other food products like **sago** and **asafoetida**.
- **Application Process:** Applicants must apply **online** through the **PMFME-MOFPI Portal**.

- The **State Nodal Agency** for the scheme is the **Rajasthan State Agricultural Marketing Board** based in **Jaipur**, with the [Agricultural Produce Market Committee \(APMC\)](#) serving as the **district-level nodal agency**.
- **Support for Applicants:** The government has appointed **District Resource Persons (DRPs)** to assist applicants with application procedures, including **loan details** and **scheme-related guidance**.
- **Eligibility and Requirements:** The project cost does **not include land costs**, and **technical civil work** should not exceed **30%** of the total project cost.
 - The scheme is valid until **31st March 2026**, and aims to establish **634 food processing units** in **Jaipur district** alone.

Status of the Food Processing Industry in India

- **About:** Food processing is a **type of manufacturing in which raw materials are processed** into intermediate foods or edible items using scientific knowledge and technology.
 - It improves the storability, portability, palatability, and convenience of the finished product.
- **Significance:**
 - As per the latest Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) 2019-20, 12.2% of persons in the registered manufacturing sector were employed in the food processing sector.
 - The value of agri-food exports, including processed food exports, was about 10.9 % of India's total exports during 2021-22
- **Government Initiatives:**
 - **100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)** approval under automatic route has been permitted for the food processing sector
 - A Special Food Processing Fund of Rs. 2000 crore was set up with [National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development \(NABARD\)](#) to provide affordable credit for investments in setting up [Mega Food Parks \(MFP\)](#) as well as processing units in the MFPs.