

New national agriculture policy

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Ministry has identified following integrated strategy for comprehensive growth of agriculture sector:

- (i) Increase crop production/ productivity
- (ii) Reduce cost of production
- (iii) Remunerative prices for farmer's produce to enhance their incomes.
- (iv) Agricultural diversification
- (v) Developing post-harvest value addition infrastructure.
- (vi) Adaptation to climate change for sustainable agriculture and mitigate against crop losses

The Gross Value Added (GVA) agricultural growth rate in Agriculture & allied sector in 2024-25 over 2023-24 is 4.6%, as per provisional estimate of Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

Agriculture is a state subject. India is a diverse country, with varying agro-climatic conditions, challenges and agricultural practices. Various schemes of Government of India to support States are within the ambit of the overarching national policies. The country's domestic market is very large. Self-sufficiency is not simply, an economic consideration, but also has geo political implications.

The existing policy framework and schemes of Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare address the current challenges such as climate change, enhancing exports, global price volatility, agri-trade competitiveness while enhancing farmers income.

This information was given by Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, shri Shri Ramnath Thakur in a written reply in Rajya Sabha today.

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