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IAI UPDATES



Govt. of Maharashtra (GoM) launches a book on “Operation & Maintenance of Drip Irrigation Systems” in collaboration and close consultation with Irrigation Association of India’s Maharashtra Chapter



Irrigation Association of India (IAI) proudly announces the launch of the book “Operation & Maintenance of Drip Irrigation Systems” authored by Shri Kailash P. Mote, Director, Department of Horticulture, Government of Maharashtra, in collaboration with Shri Hiralal Zumbarlal Bhandari, Chairman, IAI Maharashtra Chapter, and Shri K. Mahamulkar, Vice President (West), IAI.

The launch event was held on 29th May 2025 at Pride Hotel, Pune, and was attended by senior government officials, industry leaders, consultants, and field professionals.

Developed as a joint initiative of the Government of Maharashtra and IAI Maharashtra Chapter, the book serves as a practical guide for professionals and technicians, offering clear insights into system components, operations, maintenance, and field-level challenges in drip irrigation.

IAI Maharashtra Chapter in an interactive discussion with Shri. Manikrao Shivajirao Koate, Hon’ble Agriculture Minister, Govt. of Maharashtra (GoM)



The Irrigation Association of India (IAI) Maharashtra Chapter, led by Shri Abhijit Page (Sr. Vice President), Shri K. Mahamulkar (Vice President – West), and Shri Zumbarlal Bhandari (Chairman – Maharashtra Chapter), held a productive meeting with Hon’ble Agriculture Minister Shri Manikrao

Shivajirao Kokate and Principal Secretary (Agriculture) Shri Vikas Chandra Rastogi, IAS, on 12th May 2025 at Krishi Bhawan, Mantralaya, Mumbai.

During the discussion, IAI emphasized recent developments and key opportunities in the irrigation sector. Eleven priority issues were presented by the industry, and the Government of Maharashtra responded positively, assuring constructive action on all points raised.

IAI president met Joint Secretary, RFS – Govt. of India at Krishi Bhawan New Delhi

An IAI delegation led by the President had a constructive and engaging meeting with Shri Franklin Khoung, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

The discussion focused on advancing strategies to fast-track the adoption of Micro Irrigation under the Per Drop More Crop initiative. The IAI team shared ideas for scaling impact on the ground and strengthening public-private collaboration.

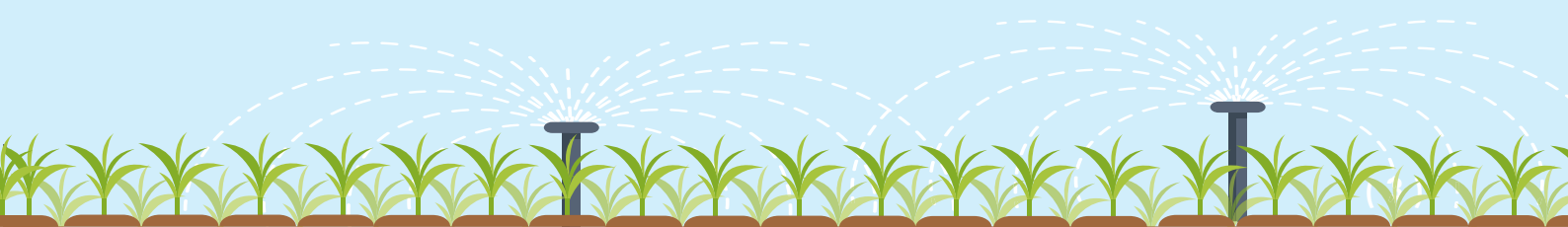
The President of IAI also took the opportunity to extend heartfelt gratitude to the Ministry for the timely release of central funds to states in April—an essential step for seamless program execution. He further congratulated the Ministry on achieving a significant milestone of covering 12 lakh hectares under Micro Irrigation in the last financial year—an inspiring achievement for the sector and the nation.

IAI's 1st Executive Committee Meeting of FY 2025-26 is scheduled to be held on 12th June, 2025 at New Delhi



Irrigation Association of India is organizing its 1st Executive Committee Meeting for FY-2025-26 on 12th June at India International Centre, New Delhi.

During this meeting Industry leaders will deliberate on strategies for enhancing the adoption of micro irrigation technologies across India. It will serve as a platform to identify and address key challenges, craft a shared vision, and chart a practical way forward.



INDUSTRY UPDATES



GGRC releases a list of registered Micro-Irrigation systems (MIS) manufacturers and suppliers under the centrally sponsored RKVY-PDMC Scheme

Gujarat Green Revolution Company (GGRC) - a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) constituted for the promotion of micro-irrigation technologies - has released a list of registered micro irrigation system (MIS) manufacturers and suppliers to support GGRC with the supply, installation and after-sales service of micro irrigation technologies under the centrally sponsored RKVY-PDMC Scheme.



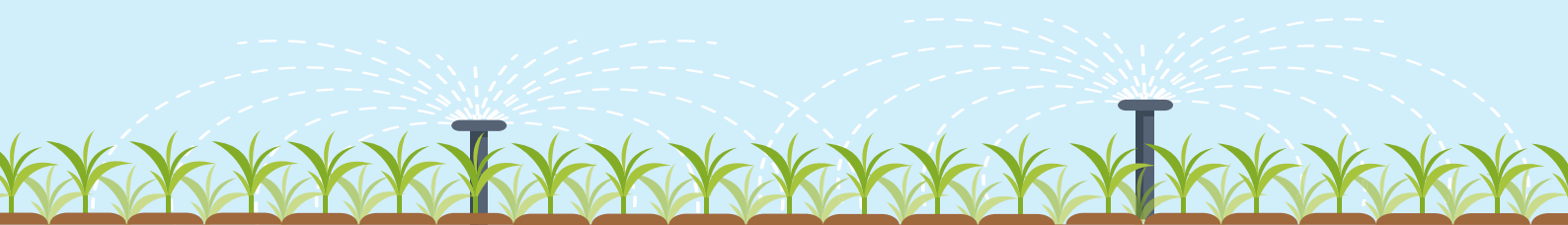
Only the company's manufacturing and supplying quality BIS products and providing prompt after sales-services have been empanelled or registered with the list of registered manufactures and suppliers including new additions and registrations uploaded on GGRC's Farmer Portal – a dedicated online portal developed for the management of the RKVY-PDMC scheme in the state.

(Source: https://ggrc.co.in/documents/SupplierList_04042025.pdf)

3rd party evaluation and socio-economic impact survey of micro irrigation systems (MIS) installed in 2023-2024 in the state of Andhra Pradesh under the centrally supported RKVY-PDMC Scheme

Andhra Pradesh Micro Irrigation Project (APMIP) is conducting a 3rd party evaluation and socio-economic impact survey of micro irrigation systems (MIS) installed in 2023-2024 under the centrally supported RKVY – PDMC Scheme. In this regard, an Expression of Interest (EoI) has been issued inviting agencies to conduct the 3rd party evaluation and socio-economic impact survey. Under the evaluation, evaluating agencies will conduct a technical evaluation of field installations as well as an impact assessment of micro-irrigation technologies on crop productivity, water, fertilizer and energy savings and increase in incomes. The outcomes and recommendations of the evaluation and impact survey will help the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh better understand the utility and viability of micro irrigation technologies in the state.

(Source: <https://shorturl.at/Dm2ma>)



Farmer Registration Portal under RKVY-Scheme is now open to farmers for registrations in the state of Telangana

The Farmer Registration Portal developed under the Telangana Micro Irrigation Project (TGMIP) is now open to farmers for online registrations in the state. The online portal developed under TGMIP, allows for the quick and easy registration of farmer's interested in applying for financial assistance under the RKVY-PDMC Scheme. It provides farmers with a Step-by-Step guide and a user manual for easy registrations. In addition to this, the portal also provides farmer's with lists of essential details and other mandatory documents required for successful registration. Once registered under the RKVY-PDMC Scheme, farmers in the state are eligible for financial assistance or subsidies varying from 55 % - 90% of the unit cost of a Micro Irrigation System (MIS) including sprinkler and drip irrigation systems respectively.

(Source: <https://horticulturedept.telangana.gov.in/horticulturetelangana/MIPOnlineRegform.aspx>)

Department of Horticulture & Food Processing, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh releases a list of registered micro irrigation system (MIS) manufacturing companies under the centrally sponsored RKVY-PDMC Scheme

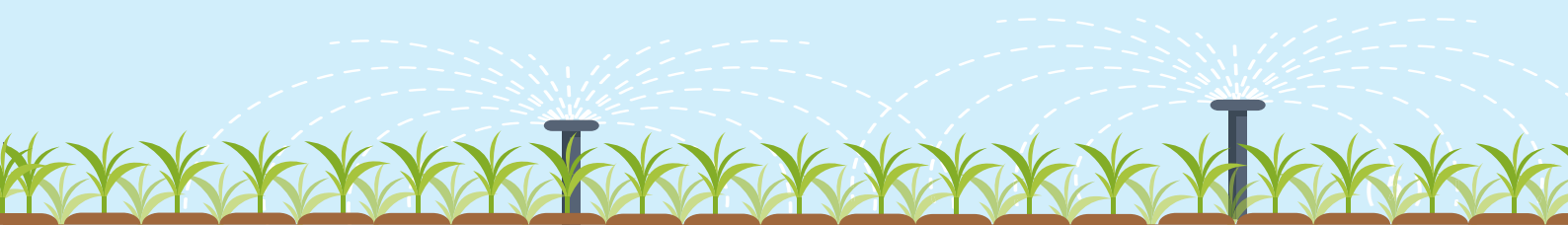
The Department of Horticulture & Food Processing, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh has released a list of registered micro-irrigation system (MIS) manufacturing companies for the state of Uttar Pradesh. In addition to the supply of MIS under the centrally supported RKVY-PDMC Scheme, the registered companies will support with installations and after-sales maintenance.

Only the company's manufacturing and supplying quality BIS products and providing prompt after sales-services have been empanelled or registered. All registrations in the state have been provided for a period of five years, with registered companies especially new registrations uploaded on the Uttar Pradesh Micro Irrigation Project (UPMIP) portal – a dedicated online portal developed for the better management of the RKVY-PDMC Scheme.

(Source: <https://upmip.in/upmip/login.aspx>)



The screenshot shows the login page of the Uttar Pradesh Micro Irrigation Project (UPMIP) portal. At the top, there is a logo of the Department of Horticulture and Food Processing, Uttar Pradesh. Below the logo, the text reads 'उद्यान एवं खाद्य प्रसंस्करण विभाग, उत्तर प्रदेश' and 'DEPARTMENT OF HORTICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING UTTAR PRADESH'. The main section is titled 'Login Information' and contains a dropdown menu for the year '2025-2026', a text input field for the username, and a password input field. A 'Login' button is located at the bottom right of the form.



NATIONAL NEWS



UP govt pushes for the expansion and processing of horticultural crops with investments under PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme

In a major push to boost farmers' incomes and strengthen the horticultural sector, the Uttar Pradesh government is focusing on expanding the cultivation of fruits and vegetables, improving the quality of produce, and promoting value addition through processing - with an initial investment of Rs 11,000 crore under the PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme.

In order to improve the quality of produce, state departments will promote Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) such as the adoption of disease-free and high-quality plant varieties and water-efficient micro-irrigation technologies. For additional support, Centres of Excellence (CoE) will be developed in the districts to improve productivity and boost farmers' incomes.

(Source: <https://shorturl.at/KC3dP>)

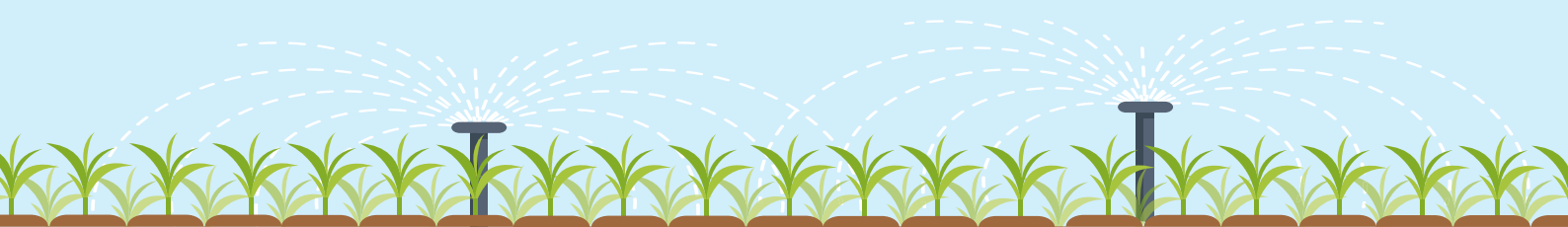
₹ 3,700 Lakhs allocated for horticulture expansion under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)

The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW) has allocated a budget of ₹ 3,700 Lakhs under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH). A central sector scheme, state allocations will be utilized for the development of new horticultural areas, orchard rejuvenation and

SNo	Priority crops under Area Expansion	Financial Outlay (in Lakhs)
1.	Area Expansion of Tissue Culture Banana	₹ 3199.00
2.	Area Expansion of Mango & Litchi	₹ 312.00
3.	Area Expansion of Fig	₹ 32.50
4.	Area Expansion of Marigold	₹ 632.50
5.	Area Expansion of Onion	₹ 202.12

protected cultivation in the state of Bihar. To support implementation in the state, departments will conduct training and capacity building programmes; as well as develop partnerships with existing Centres of Excellence (CoE). Priority crops and financial outlays are mentioned below, with budgets approved for the period 2025-2026 & 2026-2027 :-

(Source: <https://horticulture.bihar.gov.in/MainSite/SanctionOrder.aspx>)



Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS) reviews the Atal Bhujal Yojna under implementation in the state of Uttar Pradesh

The Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS) conducted an annual review of the Atal Bhujal Yojna in Uttar Pradesh. Shri Anurag Srivastava IAS, Principal Secretary, Namami Gange and Rural Water Supply, Government of Uttar Pradesh chaired the annual review highlighting government concerns with planning and fund utilisations. With a Project Management Unit (PMU) constituted at the national and state level, government directions and recommendations will help improve performance under the sustainable groundwater management programme.



(Source: <https://ataljal.mowr.gov.in/News/NewsDetails/news334/EN>)

National Horticulture Board under the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare issues Guidelines for the Cluster Development Programme 2025

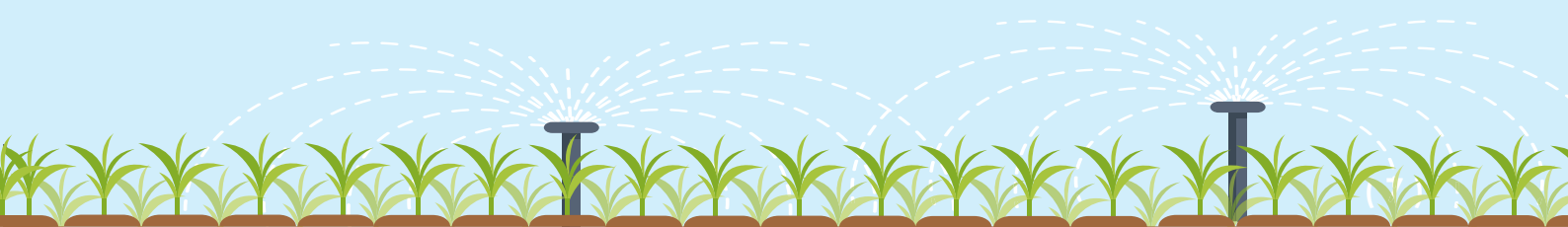
The National Horticulture Board (NHB) under the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare has issued Guidelines under the Cluster Development Programme (CDP) – a programme designed to leverage the geographical specialisation of horticulture clusters in the states. With the National Horticulture Board (NHB) issuing guidelines, states have been provided with a framework for implementation and monitoring of the Cluster Development Programme.

(Source: <https://shorturl.at/fSpsE>)

Sothern state of Telangana approaches the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal-II for reallocation of waters of the Krishna River

The southern state of Telangana has approached the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal-II (KWDT-II) to reallocate waters of the Krishna River – an inter-state river flowing through the states of Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana, and Andhra Pradesh. Highlighting disparities in water allocations, the state government has urged the centrally constituted Tribunal to resolve water-sharing disputes in the river basin and reconsider water allocations to the state. Urging state departments and farmers to align with national policies and programmes like “more crop per drop”, the state government has advocated for improved water-use efficiency in the agricultural sector.

(Source: <https://shorturl.at/CuYQ6>)



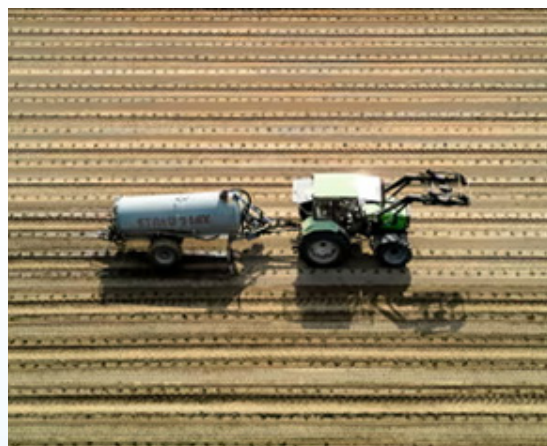
INTERNATIONAL NEWS



'It's a critical time': European farmers struggle through driest spring in a century

The European Union (EU) is currently facing severe economic and environmental consequences due to extreme weather events, which are becoming increasingly frequent and intense due to climate change. According to recent data, the EU loses approximately ₹28.3 billion every year in agricultural output — crops and livestock — due to the impacts of such weather conditions.

Source: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/may/22/its-a-critical-time-european-farmers-struggle-through-driest-spring-in-a-century>



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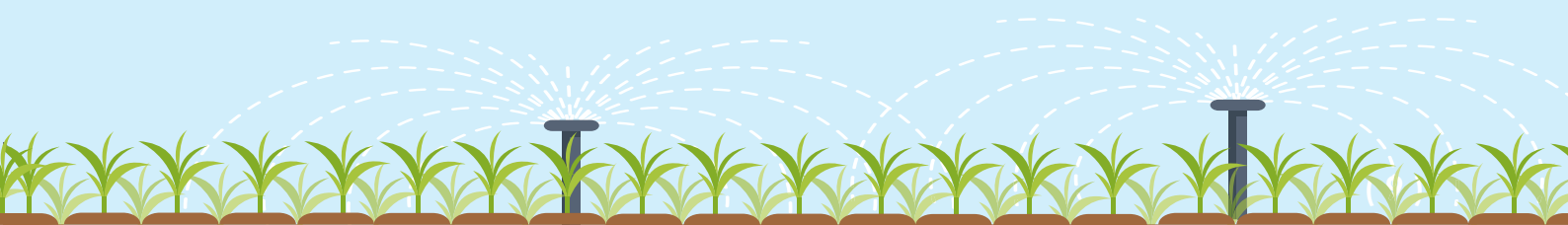
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Farmers Save Water with Smart Irrigation Systems in Florida- USA

Watermelon farmers in the American state of North Florida are turning to automated irrigation systems particularly wireless automations with smart phone apps to remotely control the application of water and nutrients. With support from the Florida Department of Agriculture and a Consumer Services (FDACS) grant, automation manufacturers in the state have been promoting the use of automation technologies - investing in technology extension, demonstrations and one-on-one interactions.

(Source:<https://m.farms.com/news/automated-irrigation-cuts-water-use-in-watermelon-fields-227420.aspx>)



About Irrigation Association of India

Irrigation Association of India (IAI) is an apex industry body established in 1999, representing Micro Irrigation System (MIS) manufacturing companies in India. It is a not-for-profit organization and is working towards the successful implementation of Micro Irrigation in India for the benefit of farmers.

IAI has a registered office at Pune, Maharashtra, India and corporate office at New Delhi. IAI is closely working with the central Government of India and the State Governments. The association has a strong presence in states through IAI State Chapters at Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Jharkhand, West Bengal, and North Eastern Region.

What we do

- Policy Advocacy
- Knowledge Dissemination
- Capacity Building
- Convene meeting with Central/State govt. departments to apprise the industry issues
- Sectoral Conference/Workshop to promote Micro Irrigation



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