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# IAI UPDATES



## IAI Extends heartfelt gratitude to the Hon'ble Prime Minister for the GST 2.0 reforms

**भारत सरकार एवं माननीय प्रधानमंत्री जी का हृदय से आभार ।**

“किसानों के लिए सरकार का बड़ा तोहफा” – सूक्ष्म सिंचाई पर जीएसटी 12% से घटकर 5% करने का ऐतिहासिक निर्णय किसानों के लिए बड़ी राहत है।

- इस निर्णय से प्रत्येक किसान को ₹9,000 – ₹10,000 की सीधी बचत होगी।
- किसानों का आर्थिक बोझ कम होगा।
- सूक्ष्म सिंचाई अपनाना और भी आसान होगा।
- जल संरक्षण एवं उत्पादन वृद्धि में यह कदम मील का पत्थर साबित होगा।

“किसानों की समृद्धि और जल संरक्षण की ओर एक ऐतिहासिक पहल”

इरीगेशन एसोसिएशन ऑफ इंडिया  
“प्रति वृद्ध – अन्निक काल”

The Irrigation Association of India (IAI) extends the heartfelt gratitude to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India for implementing the GST 2.0 reforms. The reduction of GST on micro-irrigation systems from 12% to 5% is a landmark decision that will directly benefit our farmers, promote wider adoption of efficient water management technologies, and accelerate the nation's journey toward sustainable agriculture.

This reform reinforces the government's commitment to empowering farmers and supporting innovations that enhance productivity and conserve water. IAI remains dedicated to working alongside all stakeholders to ensure that every farmer can reap the benefits of these progressive measure

## IAI Organized a Virtual Meeting with Joint Secretary, MoA&FW, Govt. of India

The Irrigation Association of India (IAI) held a virtual meeting with Shri Franklin Khobung, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India on 17th September. Key outcomes and decisions are as follows:







- Virtual Review Meeting with Major States: JS will hold virtual meetings with States next week.
- Quarterly Review: A quarterly review meeting with States will be scheduled.
- Smart Irrigation Summit: Proposed for the 2nd week of January 2026.
- Centralized Dashboard: JS appreciated IAI's concept for seamless monitoring.
- Second Instalment to States: Government of India assured swift release.
- Additional Funds: Discussions to be initiated with AP, Telangana, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, and MP on enhanced allocations.
- GST Implication Report: IAI tasked to prepare a detailed BOQ-wise analysis on GST benefits for farmers.

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## IAI Supports TANHODA's "One GST – One Service Provider – One MI Company" Initiative

On 18th September 2025 in Chennai, the Managing Director, TANHODA, convened a meeting with the Irrigation Association of India (IAI) to discuss the reduction of GST from 12% to 5% and the implementation of the policy "One GST – One Service Provider – One MI Company."

As part of this initiative, all empanelled Micro Irrigation (MI) companies have submitted their formal consent letters through IAI. The policy mandates that:

- One GST will be linked to one MI company only
- Service providers will have exclusive responsibility for installation and services
- Operations will be more transparent and accountable

IAI welcomes this reform and is actively facilitating its smooth implementation with TANHODA.

## IAI – Vice President (West) elected to the Governing Body of Maharashtra Krishi Tantra Sanstha

Mr. K. Mahamulkar, Vice President – West, Irrigation Association of India (IAI), has been unanimously elected to the Governing Body of Maharashtra Krishi Tantra Sanstha. This prestigious appointment reflects his outstanding contribution towards agriculture, research, and industry linkages. His vision

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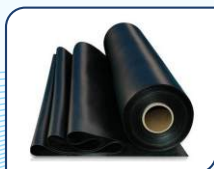
  
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# कृष्णात महामुलकर यांची नियामक मंडळात निवड

## कृषी तंत्रज्ञ संस्थेची निवडणूक बिनविरोध; शिक्षण, संशोधनासह उद्योजकतेला चालना

सातारा, ता. २३ : महाराष्ट्र कृषी तंत्रज्ञ संस्थेची वार्षिक सर्वसाधारण सभा पुण्यातील महाराष्ट्र कृषी शिक्षण व संशोधन परिषदेत उपासनात झाली. त्यानंतर झालेल्या संस्थेच्या नियामक मंडळाच्या निवडणुकीत आग्राडे येथील कृष्णात महामुलकर यांची निवड झाली. संस्थेचे अध्यक्ष डॉ. व्यंकटराव मापडे यांच्या अध्यक्षतेखाली झालेल्या सभेत डॉ. राजाराम देशमुख, डॉ. उमाकान्त दोंगट, डॉ. रामकृष्ण मुळे, सुयम अडमूळ, अतुल मारणे आदी मान्यवरांसह सदन्य उपस्थित होते. सभेत कृषी पदवीधरांचे प्रश्न, कृषी शिक्षण व संशोधन, रोजगार व उद्योजकतेच्या संधी, जागतिक स्पर्धा,



पुणे : कृषी तंत्रज्ञ संस्थेच्या पंचवार्षिक निवडणुकीत बिनविरोध निवड झालेले कार्यकारी सदन्य.

हवामान बदलाचे परिणाम, रक्षक शेती तंत्रज्ञान, तसेच डिजिटल व कृषि बुद्धिमत्ता (एअर) आधारीत उद्योगांच्या यावर चर्चा झाली. आगामी काळात शेतकऱ्यांना बेट उपचारां देण्याच्या प्रकल्पांना प्राधान्य देण्याचे

घोरण आखण्यात आले.

सप्टेंबर २०२६ ते २०३१ या पंचवार्षिक काळावधीसाठी संस्थेच्या नियामक मंडळाची निवडणूक झाली. २० जागांसाठी २० अर्ज मिळाल्याने निवडणूक बिनविरोध झाली.

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यामध्ये सदन्यवरी डॉ. प्रशांत बोडके, डॉ. सुयम अडमूळ, डॉ. किशन लवाडे, डॉ. उमाकान्त दोंगट, सुनील बोकर, अतुल मारणे, डॉ. धर्मेन्द्रकुमार फाळके, माधुरी पुगरी, डॉ. रामकृष्ण मुळे, डॉ. प्रकाश कट्ट, डॉ. भगवान

कापसे, डॉ. मनीष कश्यप, कृष्णात महामुलकर, सुनील पवार, किशोर बोर, डॉ. डॉ. एम. पंचबाई, जयवंत महापळे, डॉ. सुभाष जाधव, डॉ. बाबामाहेब टोंबरे, डॉ. रमणित चव्हाण यांची निवड झाली.

निवडणूक निर्णय अधिकारी म्हणून के. व्ही. देशमुख व मंचिंद्र घोलप यांनी काम पाहिले. अध्यक्ष डॉ. मापडे यांनी निवडून आलेल्या सर्व सदन्यांचे अभिनंदन केले. सग्या कार्यक्रमात संस्थेच्या माध्यमातून कृषी क्षेत्रात आगत्यांना सक्षम जातना ठेव व दूरदारां भूमिका घेण्यात येईल, असा विश्वास डॉ. मापडे यांनी यावेळी व्यक्त केला.

will further strengthen the collaboration between education, research, and agribusiness, benefitting farmers and the irrigation sector. IAI congratulates Mr. Mahamulkar on this well-deserved recognition and wishes him continued success in his new role.

## IAI Showcases “Per Drop More Crop” at World Food India, New Delhi

The Irrigation Association of India (IAI) proudly represented the “Per Drop More Crop” initiative at World Food India in New Delhi. Showcasing advanced micro-irrigation technologies, IAI highlighted innovative solutions that enhance water efficiency and promote sustainable agriculture for food security and farmer prosperity. The exhibition display emphasized the importance of precision irrigation in boosting crop productivity while conserving water, aligning with the national vision of water-smart farming.



## IAI Showcases Micro-Irrigation Applications at Raj Plast 2025, Jaipur, Rajasthan

The Irrigation Association of India (IAI) exhibited at the 2nd Raj Plast 2025 – an international exhibition on plastics, Agro, and allied industries – held from September 19–21 at JECC Sitapura, Jaipur. Mr. Rajesh Kumar, Director, and Chanchal Kumar, Deputy Manager, represented IAI at the 3-day event organized by the Plastics Manufacturers Association of India in collaboration with PHDCCI.



With over 600 exhibitors and 1,00,000+ visitors, the exhibition offered a platform to explore the complete plastics industry value chain. IAI highlighted innovations in micro-irrigation, digital farming, and SMART irrigation solutions, while engaging in one-on-one discussions with industry leaders, academicians, and professionals. The event also provided valuable networking opportunities and insights into future challenges and sustainable water management technologies.



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# INDUSTRY UPDATES



## Central Marks Department (CMD) under the Bureau of Indian Standard has issued the Indian Standard BIS 12786:2024



The Central Marks Department (CMD) under the Bureau of Indian Standard has issued the Indian Standard BIS 12786:2024 for manufacturing of Polyethylene pipes for irrigation laterals. The Indian standard provides manufacturing companies with detailed specifications outlining the quality of raw materials to be used by companies in the manufacturing process. In addition to the quality of raw material, the standard also includes provisions permitting laser printing on pipes for marking product related information. While the Bureau's standard aims to provide manufacturing companies

with guidelines and a clear criterion for maintaining uniformity in the quality of all products being manufactured and supplied to consumers in the open markets; the irrigation industry envisages certain practical challenges in the implementation of the new provisions.

(Source: [https://www.services.bis.gov.in/tmp/Circular\\_IY9S\\_2024-04-23.pdf](https://www.services.bis.gov.in/tmp/Circular_IY9S_2024-04-23.pdf))

## Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC), under the Government of India slashes Good and Services Tax (GST) on tractors, agri-Inputs and other farm equipment under the new tax regime

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC), under the Government of India, has announced a significant reduction in Goods and Services Tax (GST) rates for a wide range of items related

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to farming and agriculture. Under the revised structure, the GST on tractors and tractor tyres has been reduced from 12% to 5% and from 18% to 5% respectively; while, farm inputs like bio-pesticides and micro-nutrients will attract a GST of only 5%. The revised tax structure is all set to have a significant impact on the irrigation industry as well with critical farm equipment essential for water conservation and modern farming practices such as drip and sprinkler irrigation systems falling under the 5% tax bracket.



The announcement made by the Hon. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at India's 76th Independence Day celebrations has described the reforms as "The next generation of GST reforms are a gift for every Indian this Diwali. These changes are expected to lower costs for farmers, promote mechanisation, and encourage the adoption of modern agricultural technologies." The move aimed at easing the financial burden on farmers, boosting rural development, and making essential agricultural equipment more affordable will come into effect across the country from 22nd September 2025.

(Source: <https://www.global-agriculture.com/india-region/india-slashes-gst-on-tractors-and-agri-inputs-to-boost-farm-economy/>)

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# NATIONAL NEWS



## PM Modi says 100 underperforming farm districts will be elevated to match other farming regions



The Hon. Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the PM Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana, a Rs 24,000 crore initiative aimed at uplifting 100 underperforming agricultural districts in the country. Under the scheme 100 underperforming agricultural districts will be brought at par with other farming regions through an improvement in productivity, crop diversification; and infrastructure expansion including storage and irrigation facilities and an increase in credit access. The government has identified 100 districts lagging in farming and launched the campaign to empower farmers under the PM Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana.

(Source: <https://shorturl.at/t3WQp>)

## STMAI urges govt to implement strict measures to curb influx of low-cost Chinese pipe imports

The Seamless Tube Manufacturers' Association of India (STMAI) has appealed to the government to curb the surge of low-cost Chinese pipe imports. Despite India's domestic industry having ample production capacity and strong safeguard measures in place, Chinese imports continue to rise, often sold at prices far below domestic rates.



(Source: <https://shorturl.at/LfCe7>)

## Agriculture's biggest challenge today is rampant infiltration of counterfeit, adulterated inputs: R G Agarwal, Dhanuka Agritech



Counterfeit, duplicate and adulterated agricultural inputs pose one of the biggest challenges of the agricultural sector. The use of spurious fertilizers, pesticides, and seeds is resulting in crop failure and income losses. Further, the on-going global trade situation is affecting India's farm input businesses leading to higher costs, longer lead times and changes in global prices.

Here effective supply chain management and operational efficiency will be the key to remaining competitive in the market. Additional strategies to strengthen the agri-input industry could include import source diversification complemented by indigenous capacity development. In order to combat counterfeit agri-inputs, the industry could consider the introduction of robust traceability solutions with products marked with unique identification codes allowing farmers to authenticate inputs effectively.

(Source: <https://shorturl.at/6CgxO>)



# INTERNATIONAL NEWS



## EU plans new subsidies for farmers to save water

The European Commission has drafted plans to provide new subsidies to farmers who adopt water-saving practices, according to a draft proposal seen by Reuters. This initiative is part of the European Union's Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), a major subsidy programme worth approximately ₹387 billion for 2021–2027, representing about a third of the EU's total budget.

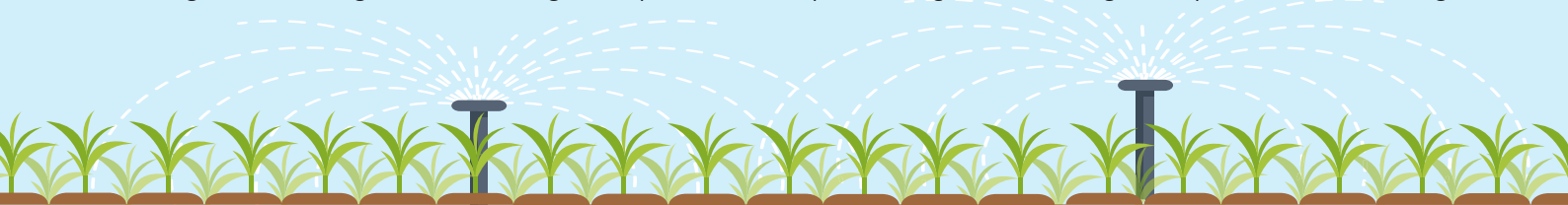


EU member states are preparing for intensive negotiations later this year on the next post-2027 budget, with water-efficient agriculture expected to be a key priority. These subsidies aim to encourage sustainable farming practices, reduce water waste, and strengthen climate resilience across the bloc.

Source: [https://www.reuters.com/sustainability/climate-energy/eu-plans-new-subsidies-farmers-save-water-draft-shows-2025-05-15/?utm\\_source=chatgpt.com](https://www.reuters.com/sustainability/climate-energy/eu-plans-new-subsidies-farmers-save-water-draft-shows-2025-05-15/?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

## Saudi Arabia – SIO-FAO Agreements & National Irrigation Strategy

The Saudi Irrigation Organization and FAO have signed agreements to help strengthen national irrigation management. Among their priorities are promoting efficient irrigation practices, assessing







performance of different agricultural water channel systems, and working toward national codes or standards for agricultural irrigation in line with Vision 2030 goals.

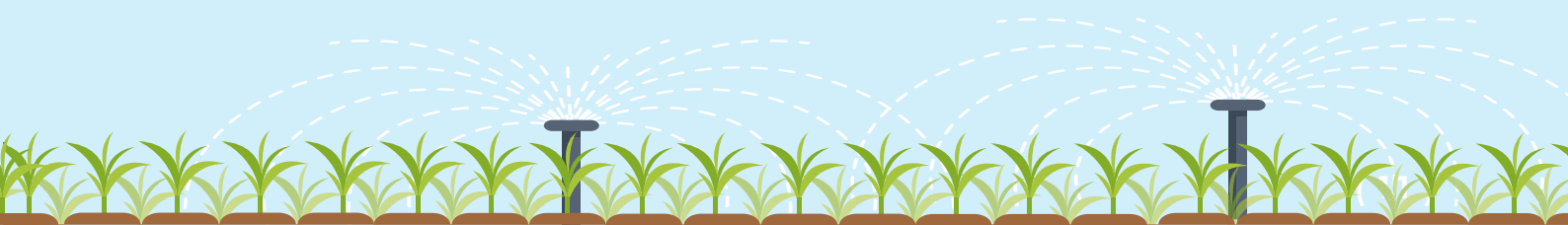
Source: [https://saudipress.com/saudi-irrigation-body-signs-deal-with-un-for-2-projects?utm\\_source=chatgpt.com](https://saudipress.com/saudi-irrigation-body-signs-deal-with-un-for-2-projects?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

## UAE – Water-Saving Demonstration Farms and Drip Technology



In Abu Dhabi, demonstration farms using “inline pressure compensating driplines” and adjustable drip systems in the Western Region are achieving about 46% water savings while maintaining yields. Over 90% of farms in the region have been given access to efficient irrigation systems, and more than 6,000 workers have been trained in water-saving techniques

Source: [https://gulfnews.com/uae/environment/new-abu-dhabi-irrigation-system-saves-46-water-1.1338984?utm\\_source=chatgpt.com](https://gulfnews.com/uae/environment/new-abu-dhabi-irrigation-system-saves-46-water-1.1338984?utm_source=chatgpt.com)



## 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.

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