

Mega Food Park scheme

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Aims

- Providing a mechanism to **link agricultural production to the market by bringing together farmers, processors, and retailers so as to ensure maximizing value addition, minimizing wastage, increasing farmers income** and creating employment opportunities particularly in the rural sector.
- It also aims to facilitate the **establishment of a strong food processing industry backed by an efficient supply chain**, which would include collection centers, primary processing centers, and cold chain infrastructure

Key features

- **Cluster approach:** The Mega Food Park Scheme is based on the “Cluster” approach and envisages the **creation of state of art support infrastructure in a well-defined Agri / horticultural zone** for setting up of modern food processing units in the industrial plots provided in the park with the well-established supply chain.
- **Chain infrastructure:** Mega food park scheme typically consists of supply **chain infrastructure** including collection centers, primary processing centers, central processing centers, cold chain and around 25-30 fully developed plots for entrepreneurs to set up food processing units.
- The scheme will be **demand-driven** and will facilitate food processing units to meet environmental and safety standards.
- **Implementation:** The Mega Food Park project is implemented by a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) which is a Body Corporate registered under the Companies Act.

Some of the operational Mega Food Parks

- Srimi Mega Food Park, Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh.
- Godavari Mega Aqua Park, West Godavari, Andhra Pradesh.
- North East Mega Food Park, Nalbari, Assam.
- Gujarat Agro Mega Food Park, Surat, Gujarat.
- Cremica mega Food park, Una, Himachal Pradesh.
- Integrated Mega Food Park, Tumkur, Karnataka.