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Vision 2030: Focusing on high-value horticulture for Atmanirbhar Bharat

India's horticulture sector has emerged as the most significant driver of agricultural value creation, contributing nearly one-third of agricultural Gross Value Added and surpassing foodgrains in total output. However, persistent structural gaps—such as shortages of quality planting material, ageing orchards, fragmented post-harvest systems, and uneven quality standards—continue to limit competitiveness and result in import dependence in several high-value crops.

Vision 2030 outlines a strategic shift from volume-led growth to value-led, market-driven horticulture development. The report proposes a mission-mode, integrated national framework to simultaneously scale productivity, quality, processing utilisation, exports, and farmer incomes. It emphasises correcting upstream constraints before intensifying investments in post-harvest and export infrastructure.

The roadmap is structured into three phases: Foundation (fixing planting material and orchard health), Scale (strengthening post-harvest, processing, and logistics), and Premiumisation (positioning India in global markets through quality, branding, and traceability). With disciplined public–private collaboration, technology integration, and policy convergence, Vision 2030 aims to establish India as a trusted global source of premium horticulture products while delivering sustainable income growth for farmers.

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Empowering the cocoa sector

India's cocoa sector stands at a strategic inflection point, marked by rapidly rising domestic demand and high import dependence, with imports exceeding USD 880 million annually. Domestic production currently meets only 20–30% of national requirements, highlighting a critical supply gap but also a strong opportunity for import substitution and farmer income enhancement. Cocoa has emerged as a high-potential, climate-resilient intercrop compatible with coconut, arecanut, oil palm, and rubber systems, offering long-term returns, low input intensity, and ecological sustainability.

Despite these advantages, the sector faces structural constraints including fragmented policy support, limited access to quality planting material, underdeveloped post-harvest systems, underutilised processing capacity, and weak digital and traceability infrastructure. This knowledge paper presents a comprehensive roadmap to address these gaps through coordinated policy, institutional strengthening, and public–private collaboration.

Key recommendations include launching a National Mission on Cocoa, expanding polyclonal seed gardens, establishing a Centre of Excellence through PPP, rationalising trade duties to encourage domestic value addition, and digitising the cocoa value chain. With focused execution, cocoa can transition from a niche intercrop to a strategic commodity, supporting Atmanirbhar Bharat, strengthening rural livelihoods, and positioning India as a credible player in global cocoa markets.

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Threading the Loop: Building Resilient and Responsible Textile Value Chains in India

India's textile sector, valued at $225 billion and projected to reach $350 billion by 2030, faces growing supply chain risks linked to climate vulnerability, resource dependence, regulatory pressures, and global market shifts. The knowledge paper Threading the Loop: Building Resilient and Responsible Textile Value Chains in India highlights that the sector's heavy reliance on virgin materials has created structural vulnerabilities, particularly as climate impacts, energy costs, and emerging international regulations such as Digital Product Passports intensify. The paper positions circularity as a strategic pathway to strengthen resilience, reduce import dependence, and enhance global competitiveness.

The report identifies significant untapped value within India's textile waste ecosystem, emphasizing that the challenge is not a lack of waste or market demand, but the absence of robust collection, sorting, traceability, and recycling systems. It highlights major inefficiencies across the recovery value chain, including poor source segregation, contamination through mixed waste streams, limited sorting infrastructure, and insufficient recycling capacity for blended textiles. The paper outlines a roadmap for systemic transformation through Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), dedicated textile waste collection systems, technology-enabled sorting, standardized grading mechanisms, and investments in recycling infrastructure and innovation.

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FICCI – KPMG Knowledge Report on Reimagining India's Real Estate Landscape

India's real estate sector is undergoing a significant transformation, driven by rapid urbanisation, increasing institutional participation, evolving consumer expectations and accelerating adoption of digital technologies. As the sector is projected to reach USD 5.8 trillion by 2047, technology is emerging as a critical enabler across the entire real estate value chain, from land identification and project planning to construction, sales, transactions and asset management.

The report highlights how technologies such as Building Information Modelling (BIM), Artificial Intelligence (AI), Digital Twins, Internet of Things (IoT), blockchain and immersive digital platforms are improving operational efficiency, strengthening transparency and enabling data-driven decision-making. Increasing integration of digital systems is helping developers enhance execution certainty, improve customer engagement and meet the growing expectations of institutional investors and homebuyers.

The report also underscores the Government of India's role as a digital enabler through initiatives such as DILRMP, ULPIN, NGDRS and SVAMITVA, which are modernising land records, improving title transparency and supporting a more investment-ready ecosystem. Despite progress, challenges relating to fragmented systems, skill gaps and cybersecurity continue to persist, necessitating enterprise-wide digital transformation and stronger governance frameworks for sustainable sectoral growth.

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Advancing the aircraft leasing ecosystem in India

The knowledge paper titled "Advancing the Aircraft Leasing Ecosystem in India – From Reforms to Powering Future Growth" provides an overview of India's expanding aviation market and the growing role of aircraft leasing in supporting fleet expansion. The report highlights the development of GIFT IFSC as India's aircraft leasing and financing hub, key fiscal, legal and regulatory reforms undertaken by the Government of India and IFSCA, landmark leasing transactions and measures aimed at strengthening creditor confidence and global competitiveness.

It also outlines the future growth potential of India's aviation finance ecosystem and the long-term vision of positioning GIFT IFSC as a globally competitive aircraft leasing destination aligned with Viksit Bharat @ 2047.

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Reimagining Financial Distribution: Scale, Trust and Sustainability

India's financial distribution ecosystem stands at a defining moment of transformation and opportunity. Jointly published by PwC and FICCI and released at the FICCI Financial Products Distribution Summit, this knowledge paper celebrates the remarkable progress India has achieved — with hundreds of millions of bank accounts, 225 million demat accounts, monthly SIP contributions crossing ₹32,000 crore, and more than half of new SIP registrations now originating from beyond the top 30 cities — reflecting a country whose citizens are increasingly embracing disciplined, long-term investing. It recognises that distribution has emerged as the most powerful lever in translating this momentum into sustained household wealth creation, shifting from a passive sales channel into the strategic control layer of the financial system. The paper explores the exciting transition underway — from product-led to advice-led models, from transactional engagement to goal-based relationships, and from metro-centric reach to a truly pan-India footprint — while analysing how platform-driven innovation, digital infrastructure, and evolving regulatory frameworks are collectively raising the quality of investor participation. It concludes with an inspiring blueprint outlining seven structural shifts that position India's financial distribution ecosystem to deliver not just scale, but meaningful, outcome-oriented wealth creation for millions of households across the country over the coming decade.

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Maize Sector In India

India's maize sector is emerging as a strategically important component of the country's agri-industrial ecosystem, driven by rapid growth in demand from poultry feed, food processing, starch derivatives, and bioethanol. Once primarily a subsistence and feed crop, maize is increasingly influenced by industrial consumption patterns and policy interventions, particularly the ethanol blending programme. While production has expanded over the years, yield levels remain below global benchmarks, highlighting persistent gaps in seed quality, agronomic practices, mechanisation, and climate

resilience. Domestic maize prices have shown a sustained upward trend, supported by rising minimum support prices and strong internal demand, reducing dependence on global market signals. At the same time, regional production concentration, infrastructure bottlenecks, and limited export competitiveness pose structural challenges. The sector stands at a critical inflection point where coordinated action across farmers, industry, and policymakers can unlock productivity gains, enhance value addition, and ensure supply-demand balance. Strengthening research, market integration, and investment across the maize value chain will be essential to realise its full economic potential.

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