

## **SAPLING (South Asian Policy Leadership for Improved Nutrition and Growth) Dialogue - 2026**

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### **Why in News?**

Recently, Union Minister of Food Processing Industries inaugurated the SAPLING Dialogue 2026 in Ahmedabad.

- **SAPLING** - It is a **regional platform** led by the **World Bank Group**.
- **Aim** - Strengthen food processing ecosystems, promote value addition, reduce post-harvest losses, generate employment, and build resilient food systems across South Asia.
- It is aligned with the World Bank Group's AgriConnect initiative

### **Key Themes**

- **Think Big, Act Local** - Unlocking South Asia's food processing opportunity.
- **Farm to Factory** - Strengthening agricultural supply chains.
- **Formalizing Informal Processors** - Bringing small processors into regulated value chains.
- **Smart Tech and Innovations** - Cold chain, digital traceability, sustainable packaging.
- **Safe Food, Strong Markets** - Standards for competitive trade.
- **Farm, Firm & Finance** - Mobilizing investment for Food Processing Growth.
- **Shared Food Future** - Regional collaboration and policy action.
- **Shaping a Shared Food Future** - Regional Collaboration and Policy Action in South Asia.

### **Reference**

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