

## SPICED Scheme

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### Why in news?

*The Spices Board recently unveiled the Sustainability in Spice Sector through Progressive, Innovative, and Collaborative Interventions for Export Development (SPICED) scheme for FY 2025-26.*

- **Nodal Agency**- Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- **Aims to** - Boost the productivity of small and large cardamom, enhance post-harvest quality, and encourage the production and export of value-added, GI-tagged, and organic spices.
- It also focuses on ensuring compliance with global food safety standards and strengthening stakeholder capacity across the value chain.
- It also offers financial assistance across various components to enhance sustainability, foster innovation, and promote export development in the Indian spices sector.
- **Farm-Level Support** - The scheme supports replanting and rejuvenation of cardamom, water resource development, micro-irrigation, organic farming, and Good agricultural practices (GAP).
- **Financial assistance** - Is provided for improved post-harvest infrastructure, including modern dryers, slicers, dehullers, and grading machines, guaranteeing superior product quality.
- **Farmers & Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)** - Can also procure essential machines like spice polishers and turmeric boilers.
- **Entrepreneurship** - SPICED supports the creation of Spice Incubation Centres, fostering entrepreneurship and product development for startups and MSMEs.
- **Enhancing** - Market access and branding for Indian spices.
- **Capacity Building** - Through training and extension services, the scheme empowers spice farmers, SHGs, and FPOs with the latest technical know-how, best practices, and crucial market intelligence, improving their overall capabilities.
- **Export Promotion** - The scheme assists in participating in international trade fairs, buyer-seller meets, and other market linkage programs.
- The scheme aids in export development and promotion by assisting first-time exporters and small businesses in participating in international trade fairs, buyer-seller meets, and market linkage programs, enabling them to showcase Indian spices globally.
- **Eligible** - Exporters with a valid Certificate of Registration as Exporter of Spices (CRES), with preference given to first-time applicants and SMEs are Eligible.
- **Transparency & Accountability** - All scheme activities will be geo-tagged. Information on fund availability, application status, and beneficiary lists will be publicly available on the Spices Board's website, ensuring full transparency.

- **Cultivating India's Global Spice Leadership** - The Spices Board is implementing the SPICED scheme to enhance India's global spice leadership through innovation, quality enhancement, and inclusive development, providing support to stakeholders throughout the application process.

## References

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