

Commercial Farming to get a boost in Goa

Goa boasts of a thriving agricultural sector just like other states. However, the state's farming sector is driven by cultivation of food crops, especially rice, instead of commercial crops. But there are certain factors that could soon alter this situation for Goa.

Goa imports a huge quantity of palm oil. There is huge policy thrust in recent years in the country to increase the blending of Ethanol with Petrol. This policy could be a game changer for Goa, encouraging farmers to cultivate Sugarcane as a cash crop, as it is the principal source of Ethanol Production.

These two developments can be advantageous to Goa as the state has agricultural land which can be used for cultivation of palm and sugarcane which are prime raw materials for the production of palm oil and ethanol respectively. Goa's exports of Cashew and Arecanut also provides a huge potential for boosting farmers' income and positively impacting Goa's economy. With a view to understand the nuances of commercial growing of crops on a large scale as well as facilitate dialogue for future partnership or joint ventures, WTC Goa organized a farm visit to Din Bosco Farm, Sulcona Goa.

The visit took place on September 30, 2023.

