

# NATIONAL MAKHANA BOARD HOLDS FIRST MEETING

## IN NEWS

A **₹476.03 crore** Central Sector Scheme for holistic **makhana development** was rolled out during the National Makhana Board's first meeting.



## National Makhana Board

## OBJECTIVE

to strengthen and modernize  
India's Makhana sector.



It is headquartered in  
Purnea, Bihar.

## Makhana (Euryale ferox)

It is a **flowering plant** classified in the **water lily family** (Nymphaeaceae).



It is a **fully organic non-cereal food** found principally in India but also in **Korea, Japan**, as well as parts of eastern **Russia**.



**Climatic condition:** Requires a **temperature range of 20-35°C**, and **annual rainfall between 100- 250 cm**.



**Bihar accounts for ~90% of India's makhana production.**

**GI Tag: In 2022, 'Mithila Makhana' was conferred a GI tag.**