

## **Promoting Urban Agriculture: Greening Cities for Food Security**

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Urban agriculture, the practice of cultivating food in urban environments, is gaining popularity as cities face rising population pressures and food insecurity. From rooftop gardens to vertical farming, urban agriculture offers innovative solutions for local food production.

Urban farming not only provides fresh produce but also improves air quality, reduces urban heat island effects, and promotes community engagement. Initiatives such as community gardens and hydroponic systems are transforming urban spaces into green oases.

Cities like Mumbai and Bengaluru are witnessing the rise of urban farming startups that offer technical support and market linkages to urban farmers. Government policies and

incentives are also encouraging the adoption of urban agriculture practices.

By integrating urban agriculture into city planning, India can create resilient and sustainable food systems that contribute to the well-being of urban communities.