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## ***23rd, April, 2022***

### ***Topic: Glory for State***

***Importance: Himachal HPAS Prelims and Mains***

***What is the news?***

- ***The Solan-based Agriculture Produce Marketing Committee (APMC) was today honored with the Prime Minister's award for excellence in Public Administration, 2019, for the successful implementation of the e-National Agriculture Market (NAM) scheme.***
- The award was received by Deputy Commissioner Kritika Kulhari and APMC Solan secretary Ravinder Sharma on the occasion of the 15th Civil Services Day in Delhi yesterday. A cash award of Rs 10 lakh has also been awarded to the APMC along with a certificate of excellence.

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- In the year 2019-20 as much as 91,928 quintal agriculture produce was sold through the APMC. The committee had created a national record by transacting business worth Rs 44.89 lakh. The facility has benefitted about 1,500 farmers. The APMC was also undertaking several modernization measures to enhance

its reach.

*(Source: The Tribune)*

## ***Topic: Himachal Tourism***

### ***Importance: Himachal HPAS Prelims and Mains***

#### ***What is the news?***

- Promotion of tourism in the Lake Parashar region.
- The state government is ready to provide basic amenities to Parashar Lake tourist hotspot in Mandi district to attract more tourists.

#### ***Focus:***

- The focus is on improving road connectivity, supplying energy and water, promoting adventure sports and the beatification of the landscape in the region.

#### ***About Parashar Lake:***

1) Located at an altitude of 2730 meters. Prashar is known for Prashar Lake, sloppy meadows, dense forest and the panoramic view of snow clad ranges of Dhauladhar.

2) It is believed that the lake was formed as a result of striking of rod (Gurj) by Rishi Prashar and water came out and took the shape of the lake.

3) An ancient Pagoda style temple dedicated to the Rishi Prashar, the patron God of Mandi region, stands besides the lake.

4) The temple has been constructed by the King Ban Sen in 13-14th century with the Rishi being present in the form of a Pindi (stone).

5) It is also said that the whole temple was built by using single deodar tree and it took 12 years to complete the temple construction.

*(Source: The Tribune)*

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