

Pradhan Mantri Dhan Dhanya Krishi Yojana

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Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana Latest News

The Prime Minister recently launched two new agriculture schemes, the PM Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY) and the Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses, with a total outlay of ₹35,440 crore.

About Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana

- It is a new scheme by the Indian government to **support farmers**.
- Under this scheme, farmers get **direct financial help, new farming tools, crop insurance, and better market access**.
- It **targets 100 underperforming districts** where farming faces challenges like low crop yields, water scarcity, and limited access to resources.
- With an annual budget of ₹24,000 crore for six years (2025-26 to 2030-31), totaling ₹1.44 lakh crore, the scheme aims to support 1.7 crore farmers, **particularly small and marginal farmers** owning less than 2 hectares of land, who constitute 86% of India's farming population.

- PMDDKY **consolidates 36 existing agricultural schemes across 11 ministries**, including PM-KISAN (cash transfers), PMFBY (crop insurance), PMKSY (irrigation), and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), into a unified program to streamline efforts and maximize impact.
- PMDDKY **focuses on regions with low crop yields** (e.g., wheat yields below 3.5 tonnes/hectare compared to the national average), **moderate cropping intensity** (below 155%, meaning fewer than 1.55 crop cycles per year), **and limited access to credit**.
- The scheme **operates under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare**, with **oversight from a National Steering Committee, state-level nodal committees, and District Dhan Dhaanya Samitis led by District Collectors**.
- **PMDDKY's Objectives:**
 - **Increase crop yields by 20-30%** through **high-quality inputs** and technology.
 - Reduce reliance on monsoons with **advanced irrigation systems** like drip and sprinkler.
 - Provide affordable tools and mechanization to enhance efficiency.
 - Build **storage infrastructure to cut post-harvest losses to under 5%**.
 - **Offer loans and direct market access** to double farmer incomes by 2030, aligning with the government's extended goal from 2022 due to economic disruptions like COVID-19.
 - **Promote sustainable practices like organic farming** to protect soil and water resources.
 - Support women, youth, and allied sectors (e.g., dairy, fisheries, poultry) to diversify income sources.
 - **Achieve self-sufficiency in food grains, pulses, and oilseeds** to reduce India's dependence on imports.

Key Benefits of Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana

- **Increased Crop Yields:** Access to high-yielding seeds (e.g., hybrid wheat yielding 4 tonnes/hectare), bio-fertilizers, and mechanized tools like seed drills to boost production.
- **Higher Income:** Diversifying into high-value crops like pulses (₹80-100/kg) and vegetables, and direct market access through apps to increase profits by 20-40%.
- **Sustainable Farming:** Organic fertilizers, water-saving irrigation, and climate-resilient crops to maintain soil health and reduce environmental impact.
- **Irrigation Systems:** Drip and sprinkler systems to ensure water availability, enabling year-round farming in dry regions.
- **Storage Facilities:** **Village and block-level warehouses and cold storage** to prevent spoilage of 20% of perishables like fruits, vegetables, and dairy.
- **Financial Support:** **Subsidies (50-80% off inputs) and loans (short-term: ₹50,000-₹1 lakh; long-term: ₹1-10 lakh) through Kisan Credit Cards or NABARD.**
- **Market Access:** Digital platforms like e-NAM and new PMDDKY apps to connect farmers directly to buyers, reducing middlemen and boosting profits.
- **Training and Skill Development:** Free workshops by Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), agricultural universities, and private partners on modern farming, drone use, and allied activities like beekeeping.
- **Women Empowerment:** **Support for 10,000 women producer groups** with training, loans, and market linkages for activities like dairy or organic farming.

- **Global Exposure: Fully funded international training for 500 farmers in countries like Israel** (expertise in drip irrigation), Japan (precision farming), or the Netherlands (greenhouse technology).

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