



'Kisan Sathi' Portal

Why in News?

With the use of [Information Technology \(IT\)](#) in the agriculture sector, the 'Kisan Sathi' portal has started acting as a **single window platform for the farmers in Rajasthan.**

Key Points

- The **IT applications** have simplified the procedure for the agriculturists to **apply for various government schemes and monitor the benefits available to them.**
- According to the State Agriculture Commissioner, **more than 12 lakh farmers had used the web portal** so far and **benefited from the schemes for agriculture, [horticulture](#), [animal husbandry](#) and [agricultural marketing](#).**
 - The **paperless work** had **speeded up the procedure** and **brought transparency to the system.**
- The Kisan Sathi portal has **facilitated direct benefit transfer of ₹1,600 crore** to about **three lakh farmers**, while the **licenses for selling seeds, fertilizers and pesticides** were issued in large numbers with the help of online verification.
- The portal, **launched in 2021** as an initiative for "**ease of doing farming**", had brought **revolutionary changes** for the farming community.
- The mobile apps developed for the farmers have also created **new platforms** connecting them with the buyers of agricultural produce.
 - **The apps are rendering services for** registration of sellers of farm produce, distribution of seed mini-kits, registrations for [bio-farming](#) and online submission of seed and fertilizer samples.

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