



PM Kisan Samman Sammelen

For Prelims: Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN), Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode, 'Indian Edge'

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Why in News?

Recently, the Prime Minister of India inaugurated the PM Kisan Samman Sammelen 2022 at Indian Agricultural Research Institute in New Delhi.

What are the Key Highlights of PM Kisan Samman Sammelen?

- PM released the 12th installment of **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)** funds. Rs 16,000 crores were transferred to over 8.5 crore eligible farmers as part of the scheme.
- PM also inaugurated 600 '**Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samruddhi Kendras**' (PMKSK) under the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers. Under this scheme, more than 3.3 lakh retail fertilizer shops in the country will be converted into PMKSK in a phased manner.
 - These Kendras will cater to several farmer needs like providing agri-inputs (fertilizers, seeds, implements); testing facilities for soil, seeds, fertilizers; generating awareness among farmers; providing information regarding various government schemes and ensuring regular capacity building of retailers at block/ district level outlets.
- The PM also launched the '**Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Urvarak Pariyojana**' - **One Nation, One Fertilizer**.
 - Under this scheme, '**Bharat Urea Bags**' are launched. These will help companies market fertilizers under the single brand name "Bharat"
 - An e-magazine on fertilizer, '**Indian Edge**' also launched by the PM. It will provide information on domestic and international fertilizer scenarios, including recent developments, price trends analysis, availability and consumption, success stories of farmers, among others.

What is PM Kisan?

- **About:**
 - It was launched on 1 Nov 2018 to supplement financial needs of land holding farmers.
- **Financial Benefits:**
 - Financial benefit of Rs **6000/- per year in three equal installments**, every four months is transferred into the bank accounts of farmers' families across the country through **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode**.
- **Scope of the Scheme:**
 - The scheme was initially meant for **Small and Marginal Farmers (SMFs) having landholding upto 2 hectares** but scope of the scheme was **extended to cover all landholding farmers**.
- **Funding and Implementation:**

- It is a **Central Sector Scheme** with 100% funding from the Government of India.
- It is being **implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.**
- **Objectives:**
 - To supplement the financial needs of the Small and Marginal Farmers in procuring various inputs to ensure proper crop health and appropriate yields, commensurate with the anticipated farm income at the end of each crop cycle.
 - To protect them from falling in the clutches of moneylenders for meeting such expenses and ensure their continuance in the farming activities.
- **PM-KISAN Mobile App:** It was developed and designed by the National Informatics Centre in collaboration with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- **Exclusion Criteria:** The following categories of beneficiaries of higher economic status shall not be eligible for benefit under the scheme.
 - All Institutional Land holders.
 - Farmer families which belong to one or more of the following categories:
 - Former and present holders of constitutional posts
 - Former and present Ministers/ State Ministers and former/present Members of Lok Sabha/ Rajya Sabha/ State Legislative Assemblies/ State Legislative Councils, former and present Mayors of Municipal Corporations, former and present Chairpersons of District Panchayats.
 - All serving or retired officers and employees of Central/ State Government Ministries /Offices/Departments and its field units Central or State PSEs and Attached offices /Autonomous Institutions under Government as well as regular employees of the Local Bodies (Excluding Multi-Tasking Staff /Class IV/Group D employees)
 - All superannuated/retired pensioners whose monthly pension is Rs.10,000/-or more (Excluding Multi-Tasking Staff / Class IV/Group D employees) of above category
 - All Persons who paid Income Tax in last assessment year
 - Professionals like Doctors, Engineers, Lawyers, Chartered Accountants, and Architects registered with Professional bodies and carrying out profession by undertaking practices.

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