



Subsidies for Farmers in Rajasthan

Why in News?

Rajasthan Chief Minister announced **new benefits and subsidies for farmers**, including **Rs 137 crore in grants for 30,000 agriculturists**.

- He also introduced **revised guidelines for agricultural schemes** and livestock healthcare, emphasizing the welfare of small and marginal farmers for the state's progress.

Key Points

- **Launch of New Initiatives:**
 - The Chief Minister introduced new agricultural measures at a farmers' conference and **farmer producer organisation (FPO) programme** in Bikaner.
 - These include an increase in the [Prime Minister's Kisan Samman Nidhi](#), an expansion of **the Mangala Pashu Bima Yojana**, and new guidelines to promote organic farming and horticulture.
 - He **distributed welfare scheme cheques to farmers** and encouraged them to join FPOs for better income opportunities through collective farming.
- **Food Security and Financial Support:**
 - The state government has transferred Rs 1,400 crore to over 72 lakh farmers under the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi, provided Rs 29,000 crore in interest-free crop loans to 47 lakh farmers, and disbursed Rs 3,000 crore in insurance claims under the [PM-Fasal Bima Yojana](#).

Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)

- Under the scheme, the Centre **transfers an amount of Rs 6,000 per year, in three equal installments**, directly into the bank accounts of **all landholding farmers irrespective of the size of their land holdings**.
 - It was launched in **February 2019**.
- 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**.
- The entire responsibility of **identification of beneficiary farmer families rests with the State / UT Governments**.

Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana

- **About:**
 - Launched in 2016 and is being **administered by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare**.
 - It replaced the **National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS)** and **Modified National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (MNAIS)**.
- **Eligibility:**
 - Farmers including **sharecroppers and tenant farmers** growing notified crops in the notified areas are eligible for coverage.

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