



Pradhan Mantri Dhan Dhanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY)

Why in News?

The Uttar Pradesh government has submitted a **detailed proposal to the Centre** to secure a significant share in the newly launched **Pradhan Mantri Dhan Dhanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY)** for boosting [agricultural productivity](#).

Key Points

About Pradhan Mantri Dhan Dhanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY)

- **About:** PMDDKY is a **comprehensive farm programme** designed to enhance productivity, promote sustainable practices, and improve livelihoods.
 - It was originally announced in the [Union Budget 2025-26](#) and has an annual outlay of **Rs 24,000 crore for six years**, starting from 2025-26.
 - It targets **100 underperforming districts** to **boost farm productivity** through better irrigation, storage, and credit access while promoting sustainable practices.
 - It merges **36 schemes** from **11 Union Ministries** to create a unified agricultural support system.
 - It is inspired by [NITI Aayog's Aspirational Districts Programme](#).
- **District Selection Criteria:**
 - **Low Agricultural Productivity:** Districts with low agricultural output per hectare.
 - **Low Cropping Intensity:** Regions with limited crop variety or insufficient crop cycles per year.
 - **Limited Credit Disbursement:** Areas with restricted access to financial resources for farmers.
 - **State Representation:** Selection will consider the **share of Net Cropped Area and operational holdings** in each state/union territory. A minimum of **one district will be selected from each state** to ensure balanced regional development.
- **Implementation and Monitoring:**
 - **District Agriculture and Allied Activities Plans:** Each district will have a dedicated plan developed by the **District Dhan Dhaanya Samiti**, including progressive farmers as members. The plans will **align with national goals** like [crop diversification](#), [water conservation](#), and [agricultural self-sufficiency](#).
 - **Monitoring and Evaluation:** Progress will be tracked using **117 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)** via a dedicated dashboard, with monthly reviews.
 - **Central Nodal Officers** will be appointed for each district for smooth implementation. [NITI Aayog](#) will provide regular guidance and review district plans.
 - **Committees at Various Levels:** Committees at the district, state, and national levels will oversee the planning, implementation, and monitoring of progress to ensure the scheme's effectiveness.
- **Expected Outcomes:**
 - **Farmer Beneficiaries:** Approximately **1.7 crore farmers** across India are expected to benefit directly.
 - **Integration of Allied Sectors:** The scheme integrates sectors like [livestock](#), [dairy](#),

- and **fisheries** to enhance value and create local livelihoods.
- **Focus Areas:** It emphasizes **post-harvest storage, improved irrigation**, easier credit access, and the promotion of natural and organic farming, ultimately enhancing rural economic resilience.

About State Government's Preparation

- The Uttar Pradesh (UP) government has initiated planning to **secure a significant share** of the scheme's benefits.
- UP's agriculture department has **reviewed field details** and submitted an **exhaustive proposal** to the Centre for the successful implementation of the scheme.
- **UP, being a key agricultural state**, is expected to receive a prominent share of the scheme's allocation.

About Other Complementary Schemes

- **UP AGREES scheme:** PMDDKY complements the [World Bank-aided UP AGREES scheme](#), aiming to improve agricultural yields in **28 districts of the Purvanchal and Bundelkhand regions**.
 - Its main objective is to **increase agricultural productivity**, ensure conservation of natural resources and increase the income of farmers.
 - The project will **link 10,000 women producer groups** and send 500 farmers abroad for advanced training.
- **Aspirational District Programme:** The [Aspirational District Programme](#) is also working to enhance agricultural productivity in the state.
 - **Launch:** Initiated in 2018 by the Government of India to uplift 112 of the most underdeveloped districts.
 - **Core Philosophy:** Shift from "**backwardness**" to "**aspiration**" by empowering districts to unlock their latent potential.
 - **Focus Areas:** Health, nutrition, education, infrastructure, and economic opportunities.