



Rajasthan CM's Welfare Initiatives at Kisan Sammelan

Why in News?

Recently, The **Chief Minister of Rajasthan** transferred Rs 700 crore as the **second installment of the [Kisan Samman Nidhi](#)** to the bank accounts of over 70 lakh farmers and credited Rs 200 crore to 3.25 lakh cattle breeders as assistance of Rs 5 per litre of milk.

Key Points

- **Direct Benefit Transfers to Farmers:**
 - Under the [Direct Benefit Transfers](#) Rs 29 crore transferred to 15,983 farmers for [drip and sprinkler irrigation equipment](#).
 - Rs 96 crore disbursed to 14,200 farmers for activities like fencing, laying pipelines, farm pond construction, organic manure, and agricultural equipment.
 - Rs 80 crore allocated for the installation of 8,000 [solar pumps](#).
- **Recognition of Progressive Farmers:**
 - The Chief Minister honoured 10 innovative farmers under the Centrally sponsored [ATMA Yojana](#).
- **Investment in Agriculture:**
 - 2,500 MoUs signed for Rs 58,000 crore investment in agriculture during the [Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit](#) held in Jaipur.
- **Key Decisions for Farmer Welfare:**
 - Distribution of short-term crop loans worth Rs 20,000 crore to 30 lakh farmers.
 - Issuance of eight lakh soil health cards.
 - Installation of 26,000 solar plants.
 - Allotment of land for food parks at 31 locations.
 - Procurement of wheat, moong, groundnut, and mustard at [minimum support prices \(MSP\)](#).
- **Launch of New Schemes:**
 - Introduced a [livestock insurance scheme](#).
 - Announced a [camel conservation](#) and development mission.
 - Initiated the **installation of cow dung log machines** in 100 gaushalas.
 - Launched 1,000 new milk collection centres and installed 200 new bulk milk coolers.

Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)

- **About:**
 - It was **launched on 24th February, 2019** 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.

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