

Farmers Welfare Mission

Why in News?

The Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh approved the launch of the 'Krishi Kalyan Mission (KKM)'.

Key Points

- About the Mission:
 - The objective of this mission is to increase farmers' income, make agriculture climate-resilient, adopt sustainable agricultural practices, conserve biodiversity and traditional agricultural knowledge.
 - This mission will also work towards nutrition and food security, as well as providing fair prices to the farmers for their produce.
 - Under this mission, schemes prevalent in the departments of <u>Farmer Welfare and</u>
 <u>Agricultural Development</u>, <u>Horticulture</u> and <u>Food Processing</u>, <u>Fisheries</u>, <u>Animal Husbandry and Dairy</u>, Cooperation, Food, <u>Civil Supplies</u> and <u>Consumer</u>

 Protection will be integrated.
- Key Goals:
 - 1.5 times increase in agricultural mechanization .
 - 75% increase in capital investment in the agriculture sector.
 - Taking organic/natural farming to 10% of the area.
 - Increasing crop insurance coverage to 50%.
 - Micro irrigation area up to 20%.
 - Solar energy pumps to farmers under Urjadata scheme .
 - 50% increase in livestock productivity
- Administrative structure:
 - The Chief Minister will be the chairman of **the general body of the mission**, while the Chief Secretary will head the executive committee.
 - At the district level, the mission will be operated under the chairmanship of the District Magistrate.

Agriculture sector in Madhya Pradesh

- According to government data, Madhya Pradesh has made remarkable progress in the agricultural sector. While agricultural productivity was 1,195 kg per hectare in the year 2002-03, it increased to 2,393 kg per hectare in the year 2024, which shows an increase of 200 percent.
- Similarly, crop production has also registered a significant increase it was 224 lakh metric tonnes in the year 2002-03, which increased to 723 lakh metric tonnes in the year 2024 i.e. an increase of 323 percent.
- The agricultural growth rate of the state has also been remarkable. While it was **3 percent in the year 2002-03**, it has increased to **9.8 percent in the year 2024**.
- Additionally, the agriculture budget has also increased substantially— from Rs. 600 crore in 2002-03, it has increased to Rs. 27,050 crore in 2024.
- Currently, the agriculture sector contributes 39 per cent to the state's gross domestic product

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