



MP Government's key Reforms for Agriculture and Rural Development

Why in News?

In a recent cabinet meeting, the **Madhya Pradesh government** made several important decisions aimed at **bolstering agricultural support, improving rural livelihoods, and fostering environmental conservation**.

- These decisions are set to benefit farmers and local communities across the state.

Key Points

▪ Irrigation Tax Relief for Farmers:

- The **Madhya Pradesh government** has decided to **waive the penalty on unpaid irrigation water tax for all farmers** and expects to write off interest dues worth Rs 84 crore.
- The government announced that farmers who pay the **principal amount of their outstanding dues by 31st March, 2026**, will **receive a full waiver on the interest** component.
- This decision is **expected to benefit around 35 lakh farmers** across the state.

▪ Procurement of Pulses:

- The cabinet approved the **procurement of summer moong and urad crops** under the [Price Support Scheme \(PSS\)](#) for **rabi** marketing years 2023-24 to 2025-26.
- It also approved a free government guarantee for procurement beyond target limits for the 2024-25 rabi season.
- The **Madhya Pradesh State Cooperative Marketing Federation (Markfed)** will act as the designated procurement agency.

▪ Utilisation of CAMPA Funds:

- The cabinet approved the utilisation of Rs 1,038 crore out of the total Rs 1,478.38 crore allocated under the Annual Plan of Operation (2025-26) from the [Compensatory Afforestation Fund \(CAMPA\)](#) for the implementation of forest conservation projects.
- This includes activities such as **afforestation, river rejuvenation, soil and water conservation, and voluntary relocation of villages from wildlife-protected areas**.

▪ Expansion of Anganwadi Infrastructure:

- The cabinet approved the establishment and operation of new **Anganwadi centres** under the [Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 Scheme](#) and the **Dharti Aba Tribal Village Utkarsh Abhiyan**.
- The scheme will receive Rs 15.21 crore during 2025-26 to 2028-29, with Rs 9.55 crore funded by the Centre and Rs 5.66 crore by the state government.

Price Support Scheme (PSS)

▪ About:

- The Government of India is implementing the PSS under the umbrella scheme **"PM-AASHA" (Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan)**, launched in 2018.

- The scheme covers **major crops** such as Bajra, Jowar, Maize, Paddy, Cotton, Tur, Moong, Urad, Groundnut, Sesamum, Wheat, Gram, Mustard, and Sugarcane.
- **Role of Central Agencies and MSP:**
 - The **Department of Agriculture & Cooperation** implements the PSS for oilseeds, pulses, and cotton procurement.
 - **NAFED (National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation)** acts as the central nodal agency for this purpose.
 - NAFED initiates procurement whenever market prices drop below the **Minimum Support Price (MSP)** declared by the government.
 - The procurement continues until prices stabilize at or above the MSP level.
- **Purpose and Impact of the Scheme:**
 - The PSS aims to ensure a stable and remunerative price environment for farmers.
 - This price assurance plays a crucial role in boosting agricultural production and productivity across the state.

Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0

- In Financial Year (FY) 2021-22, the Government of India (GoI) **restructured the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) and POSHAN** (Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nourishment) Abhiyaan into **Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0**
- The restructured scheme consists of the following **sub-schemes**:
 - **ICDS**
 - **POSHAN Abhiyaan**
 - **Scheme for Adolescent Girls (SAG)**
 - **National Creche Scheme**

Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA)

- **About:**
 - The Government of India has launched DAJGUA, a transformative initiative aimed at **ensuring inclusive and sustainable development in tribal regions**.
 - The programme prioritises tribal-majority areas and aspirational blocks for targeted intervention.
 - The initiative is expected to **benefit over 5 crore tribal citizens**.
- **Key Focus Areas and Objectives:**
 - The scheme seeks to bridge critical gaps in **social infrastructure, healthcare, education, and livelihoods**.
 - It aims to ensure the **holistic development of tribal communities** through integrated efforts.