

PM-KISAN Scheme

Why in News?

On 24th February 2025, the Prime Minister released the 19th installment of **the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme** in **Bhagalpur, Bihar.** The scheme benefited more than 9.8 crore farmers including 2.41 crore women farmers across the country.

Key Points

- Under this scheme, Rs 2000 were transferred directly to the farmers' accounts.
- This will provide financial support to farmer families and increase their income and also help in meeting agriculture related expenses.
- In October 2024, the Prime Minister released the 18th installment of the PM-KISAN scheme at Washim in Maharashtra.
- PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme:
 - About:
 - It was launched on February 24, 2019 to meet the financial needs of landholding farmers.
 - The financial benefit of Rs. 6000 per annum is transferred in three equal installments every four months into the bank accounts of farmer families across the country through <u>Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode</u>.
 - The scheme was initially meant for small and marginal farmers (SMFs) who owned land up to 2 hectares, but was later extended to cover all landholding farmers.
 - It is a centrally sponsored scheme, and implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
 - Objective:
 - It aims to **meet the financial needs of small and marginal farmers** for purchasing various inputs to ensure proper crop health and yield in accordance with the expected agricultural income at the end of each crop cycle .
 - To save them from the clutches of money lenders to meet such expenses and to ensure their continuity in farming activities.
 - PM-KISAN Mobile App:
 - It is developed and designed by <u>the National Informatics Centre</u> in collaboration with <u>the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology</u>.

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