Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Scheme

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Why in News?

The Prime Minister Narendra Modi is released the 22nd instalment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi from Guwahati, Assam.

- **Aim -** To provide ***income support to landholding farmer families across India.***
- To help farmers meet agricultural input costs and domestic expenses, including seeds, fertilisers, farm equipment and allied agricultural activities.
- **Type of Scheme - Central Sector Scheme** (100% funded by the Union Government).
- **Launched in-** 2019, through a Cooperative Federalism Model.
- **Nodal Ministry -** Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- **Implementing Agency -** Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- **Government Role – Centre -** Provides funds and digital infrastructure.
- **States/UTs-** Identify and verify eligible beneficiaries.
- **Benefits –** Rs. 6,000 per year is provided to eligible farmer families.
- **Definition of farmer's family -** A landholding farmer family is defined as Husband, Wife and Minor children who own cultivable land as per land records of the concerned State/UT.
- **Instalment Cycle – (**April – July, August – November, December – March) and the amount is directly credited to farmers' bank accounts.
- **Transfer Mode -** Paid in three equal instalments of Rs.2,000 through ***Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).***
- **Eligibility -** Initially, the scheme was meant only for small and marginal farmers, but it was later expanded to cover ***all landholding farmer families***, subject to ***exclusion criteria*** i.e. (Institutional landholders, Govt. Employees and Professionals)

- **Registration and Digital Access –** Self-registration via mobile or web portals
- **Kisan Suvidha App (**weather forecasts, market prices, fertiliser dealer information, PM-KISAN status tracking)
- Common Service Centres.
- State government offices at Block and Tehsil levels.

Reference

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