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Schemes and programmes of Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

PM Kisan Samman Nidhi

• **Launched** – On 24th February 2019.
• PM-KISAN is a *central sector scheme* to supplement the financial needs of land-holding farmers.
• **Financial benefit** – Of Rs. 6,000 per year in 3 equal instalments every 4 months is transferred into the bank accounts of farmers' families.
• **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)** – PM-KISAN is one of the largest DBT schemes in the World.

Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)

• **Launched** – In 2020 with an allocation of Rs 1 lakh crore.
• It is a *Central Sector Scheme*.
• **Aim** – To provide medium to long-term debt financing for post-harvest management and community farming infrastructure projects.
• **Interest subvention** – Of 3% per annum on loans up to Rs 2 crore for up to 7 years.
• **Credit guarantee coverage** – For loans up to Rs 2 crore through the CGTMSE scheme.

Farmer Producer Organization Scheme

• **Launched** – On 29th February 2020.
• A *Central Sector Scheme* for Formation & Promotion of 10,000 FPOs.
• The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare oversees its *implementation through 14 agencies*, including NABARD, SFAC, NAFED and others.

Namo Drone Didi Scheme

• **Launched** – On 30 November 2023.
• Namo Drone Didi is a *central sector scheme* aiming to *empower women-led Self-Help Groups (SHGs)* by equipping them with drone technology to provide agricultural services.
• It provides for *providing rental services* to farmers for agriculture purpose (application of liquid fertilizers and pesticides for the present).
• In 2023-24, 500 drones were procured (from own resources) and distributed by Lead Fertilizer Companies (LFCs).
• The scheme also offer sustainable business opportunities, with SHGs earning at least Rs 1 lakh annually.

Per Drop More Crop (PDMC)

• **Launched** – In 2015-16.
• PDMC scheme aims to *enhance water use efficiency* at the farm level through *micro-irrigation technologies* like Drip and Sprinkler systems.
• Initially implemented under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), it is *now part of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)* from 2022-23.
• **Financial assistance** – Of 55% to small and marginal farmers, and 45% to others, for micro-irrigation installation.
• From 2015-16 to 2024-25 (December 2024), approximately 95 lakh hectares have been covered.

Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)

• **Launched** – In 2016.
• PMFBY provides comprehensive *coverage against crop losses* due to natural calamities and unforeseen weather events.
• Over Rs 1.70 lakh crore in claims have been paid under the scheme.
• **DigiClaim** – Introduced in Kharif 2023, ensures transparency in claims by directly transferring payments to farmers via the National Crop Insurance Portal using the PFMS platform.
• The *Krishi Rakshak Portal (KRPH)* and a *dedicated toll-free helpline (14447)* have been set up for efficient grievance redressal, allowing farmers to track complaints and ensuring resolution within a specified timeframe.

e-NAM Platform

• eNAM is a *pan-India electronic trading portal* which networks the existing APMC mandis to create a unified national market for agricultural commodities.
• **Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC)** – Is the lead agency for *implementing eNAM* under the aegis of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Government of India.

Digital Agriculture Mission

• **Announced** – In the *Union Budget 2023-24*, the government announced the *development of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) for agriculture*, further augmented in the 2024-25 Budget.
• **Comprehensive data on farmers** – Including demographic details, land holdings and crops sown, integrating state and central government data for innovative, farmer-centric services.
• **3 key Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)** – AgriStack, Krishi Decision Support System (DSS) and Soil Profile Mapping.
• **AgriStack** – Will create digital IDs for 11 crore farmers and launch a nationwide Digital Crop Survey.
• **DSS** – Will integrate geospatial data on crops, soil, weather, and water, while soil profile maps will cover 142 million hectares.

Soil Health & Fertility Scheme of Rashtriya Krishi VikasYojana (RKVY)

• **Launched** – On 19th February 2015.
• The Soil Health Card (SHC) and Soil Health Management (SHM) programs assist state governments in issuing SHCs to farmers.

National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF)

• **Launched** – On November 25, 2024.
• Promote *natural farming* in mission mode across the country as a standalone *Centrally Sponsored Scheme*.



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