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Schemes and programmes of Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

Agriculture production

• **Food grain production** – For 2023-24 is recorded at 332.30 million tonnes.

• **Horticultural production** – Stands at 352.23 million tonnes, according to the third advance estimates.

Minimum Support Price

• Government has increased the MSP for all mandated Kharif, Rabi and other commercial crops.

• Fixing of MSP at one-and-a half times the cost of production.

Institutional credit for agriculture sector

• The ground-level credit disbursement in agriculture has experienced a significant increase of 349%, including both short-term and long-term credit.

• **Kisan Credit Card scheme** – Short-term credit investment through the Kisan Credit Card scheme has grown 270%.

National Beekeeping & Honey Mission (NBHM)

• **Launched** – Under the AatmaNirbhar Bharat initiative, aims to promote scientific beekeeping and achieve the 'Sweet Revolution.

• It focuses to establish infrastructure like Integrated Beekeeping Development Centres (IBDCs), Honey Testing Labs, Beekeeping Equipment Manufacturing Units and Custom Hiring Centres.

Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)

• A *Centrally Sponsored Scheme* for the holistic growth of the horticulture sector covering fruits, vegetables, root & tuber crops, mushrooms, spices, flowers, aromatic plants, coconut, cashew, cocoa and bamboo.

• Under MIDH, Union Government contributes 60%, of total outlay for developmental programmes in all the states except states in North East and Himalayas, 40% share is contributed by State Governments.

• In the case of North Eastern States and Himalayan States, the Union Government contributes 90%.

National Mission on Edible Oils – Oilseeds (NMEO-Oilseeds)

• It aims to boost domestic oilseed production and achieve self-reliance in edible oils. With a financial outlay of Rs 10,103 crore, it will run from 2024-25 to 2030-31.

Sub-Mission On Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) Scheme

• **Launched** – In 2014-15.

• **Objective** – Provides financial assistance for purchasing agricultural machinery and establishing Custom Hiring Centres (CHCs), High-Tech Hubs, and Farm Machinery Banks.

Crop Residue Management (CRM) Scheme

• Launched in 2018-19, supports Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, and Delhi in addressing air pollution and subsidizing machinery for crop residue management.

Extension Reforms (ATMA) Scheme

• ATMA, a *Centrally Sponsored Scheme*, presently is being implemented in 739 districts of 28 states & 5 UTs in the country.

• The scheme promotes decentralized and farmer-friendly extension system in the country.

• **Objectives** – To support State Government's efforts and to make available latest agricultural technologies and good agricultural practices in different thematic areas of agriculture and allied areas to farmers through different extension activities.

Climate resilient Varieties

• Climate resilient crop varieties of cereals, oilseeds, pulses, forage crops, fibre crops and sugar crops have been developed specially for extreme climate including.

• ICAR has recently released 109 climate resilient varieties which will help the farmers for its adoption based on agro climatic conditions.



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