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Government initiatives, policies and measures

## Government initiatives, policies and measures

Nowadays Government of India is giving more priority for the welfare of farmers. In this regard it is implementing several farmers welfare schemes to re-vitalize agriculture sector and to improve their economic conditions. Therefore, the government has rolled out new initiatives, schemes, programmes and plans to benefit all the farmers.

### National Agriculture Market (eNAM)

**National Agriculture Market (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.

#### Vision

- To promote uniformity in agriculture marketing by streamlining of procedures across the integrated markets,
- Removing information asymmetry between buyers and sellers promoting real time price discovery based on actual demand and supply.

   
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<p><b>National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA)</b></p> <p>(<a href="https://www.insightsonindia.com">https://www.insightsonindia.com</a>)</p>	<p>National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) has been formulated for enhancing agricultural productivity especially in rainfed areas focusing on integrated farming, water use efficiency, soil health management and synergizing resource conservation.</p> <p><b>Schemes under NMSA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rainfed Area Development (RAD): RAD is being implemented by RFS Division</li><li>• Soil Health Management (SHM): SHM is being implemented by INM Division</li><li>• Sub Mission on Agro Forestry (SMAF): SMAF is being implemented by NRM Division</li><li>• Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY): PKVY is being implemented by INM Division</li><li>• Soil and Land Use Survey of India (SLUSI): Being implemented by RFS Division</li><li>• National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA): Being implemented by RFS Division</li><li>• Mission Organic Value Chain Development in North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER): Being implemented by INM Division</li><li>• National Centre of Organic Farming (NCOF): Being implemented by INM Division</li><li>• Central Fertilizer Quality Control and Training Institute (CFQC&amp;TI): implemented by INM Division</li></ul>
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### *Har Khet ko Pani "Prime Minister Krishi Sinchayee Yojana"*

Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) has been formulated with the vision of extending the coverage of irrigation 'Har Khet ko pani' and improving water use efficiency 'More crop per drop' in a focused manner with end-to-end solution on source creation, distribution, management, field application and extension activities.

#### **Objectives:**

- Achieve convergence of investments in irrigation at the field level (preparation of district level and, if required, sub district level water use plans).
- Enhance the physical access of water on the farm and expand cultivable area under assured irrigation (Har Khet ko pani).
- Integration of water source, distribution and its efficient use, to make best use of water through appropriate technologies and practices.
- Improve on – farm water use efficiency to reduce wastage and increase availability both in duration and extent.
- Enhance the adoption of precision – irrigation and other water saving technologies (More crop per drop).
- Enhance recharge of aquifers and introduce sustainable water conservation practices.

	<p>The Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY), an initiative to promote organic farming in the country, was launched by the NDA government in 2015.</p> <p>According to the scheme, farmers will be encouraged to form groups or clusters and take to organic farming methods over large areas in the country.</p> <p><a href="https://www.insightsonindia.com">(https://www.insightsonindia.com)</a></p>
<b>Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY)</b>	<p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promotion of commercial organic production through certified organic farming.</li> <li>• The produce will be pesticide residue free and will contribute to improve the health of consumer.</li> <li>• It will raise farmer's income and create potential market for traders.</li> <li>• It will motivate the farmers for natural resource mobilization for input production.</li> </ul>

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<b>Gramin Bhandaran Yojana</b>  <a href="https://www.insightsonindia.com">https://www.insightsonindia.com</a>	<p>Gramin Bhandaran Yojana, or Rural Godown Scheme, is an Indian government initiative to offer subsidies to individuals or organizations which build or repair rural godowns.</p> <p><b>Objective of this Scheme:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Create scientific storage capacity with allied facilities in rural areas.</li><li>• To meet the requirements of farmers for storing farm produce, processed farm produce and agricultural inputs.</li><li>• Promotion of grading, standardization and quality control of agricultural produce to improve their marketability.</li><li>• Prevent distress sale immediately after harvest by providing the facility of pledge financing and marketing credit by strengthening agricultural marketing infrastructure in the country.</li></ul>
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	<p>This scheme aims to provide protection mechanism to the farmers and cattle rearers against any eventual loss of their animals due to death and to demonstrate the benefit of the insurance of livestock to the people and popularize it with the ultimate goal of attaining qualitative improvement in livestock and their products.</p> <p><b>Benefits:</b></p> <p>(<a href="https://www.insightsonindia.com">https://www.insightsonindia.com</a>) The rural insurance policy is designed to offer insurance cover to indigenous cattle owned by farmers, cooperative societies, dairy farms and the like.</p>
Livestock insurance Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Security in case of death of cattle shall be provided for the following: -</li> <li>• Natural accidents. (Flood, famine, earthquake, etc.)</li> <li>• Unpredictable circumstances. (Accidental in Origin.)</li> <li>• Surgical Operations.</li> <li>• Terrorist Act.</li> <li>• Strikes and Riots</li> <li>• Civil Commotion risk</li> </ul>
Micro Irrigation Fund (MIF)	<p>The government approved a dedicated Rs5,000 crore fund to bring more land area under micro-irrigation as part of its objective to boost agriculture production and farmers income.</p> <p>The fund has been set up under NABARD, which will provide this amount to states on concessional rate of interest to promote micro-irrigation, which currently has a coverage of only 10 million hectares as against the potential of 70 million hectares.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launched in 2015</li> <li>• the scheme has been introduced to assist State Governments to issue Soil Health Cards to all farmers in the country.</li> </ul> <p><b>Soil Health Card Scheme</b>  <a href="https://www.insightsonindia.com">https://www.insightsonindia.com</a></p> <p>The Soil Health Cards provide information to farmers on nutrient status of their soil along with recommendation on appropriate dosage of nutrients to be applied for improving soil health and its fertility.</p>
<p><b>Neem Coated Urea (NCU)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This scheme is initiated to regulate use of urea, enhance availability of nitrogen to the crop and reduce cost of fertilizer application.</li> <li>• NCU slows down the release of fertilizer and makes it available to the crop in an effective manner.</li> <li>• The entire quantity of domestically manufactured and imported urea is now neem coated.</li> <li>• It reduces the cost of cultivation and improves soil health management.</li> </ul>

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<b>Rainfed Area Development Programme (RADP)</b>	<p>Rainfed Area Development Programme (RADP) was implemented as a sub-scheme under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY).</p> <p><b>Aim</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To improve quality of life of farmers' especially, small and marginal farmers by offering a complete package of activities to maximize farm returns.</li><li>• Increasing agricultural productivity of rainfed areas in a sustainable manner by adopting appropriate farming system based approaches.</li><li>• To minimise the adverse impact of possible crop failure due to drought, flood or un-even rainfall distribution through diversified and composite farming system.</li><li>• Restoration of confidence in rainfed agriculture by creating sustained employment opportunities through improved on-farm technologies and cultivation practices</li><li>• Enhancement of farmer's income and livelihood support for reduction of poverty in rainfed areas</li></ul>
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	<p>The scheme of National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA) was launched in 1990-91 based on twin concepts of integrated watershed management and sustainable farming systems.</p> <p><b>Aims:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conservation, development and sustainable management of natural resources.</li><li>• Enhancement of agricultural production and productivity in a sustainable manner.</li><li>• Restoration of ecological balance in the degraded and fragile rainfed eco-systems by greening these areas through appropriate mix of trees, shrubs and grasses.</li><li>• Reduction in regional disparity between irrigated and rainfed areas and;</li><li>• Creation of sustained employment opportunities for the rural community including the landless.</li></ul>
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	<p><b>Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• expands the scope of trade areas of farmers' produce from select areas to "any place of production, collection, aggregation".</li></ul> <p>(<a href="https://www.insightsonindia.com">https://www.insightsonindia.com</a>) allows electronic trading and e-commerce of scheduled farmers' produce.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• prohibits state governments from levying any market fee, cess, or levy on farmers, traders, and electronic trading platforms for the trade of farmers' produce conducted in an 'outside trade area'.</li></ul>
<b>Farm Bills</b>	<p><b>Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• provides a legal framework for farmers to enter into pre-arranged contracts with buyers including mention of pricing.</li><li>• defines a dispute resolution mechanism.</li></ul> <p><b>Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• removes foodstuff such as cereals, pulses, potato, onions, edible oilseeds, and oils, from the list of essential commodities, removing stockholding limits on agricultural items produced by Horticulture techniques except under "extraordinary circumstances"</li></ul> <p>requires that imposition of any stock limit on agricultural produce only occur if there is a steep price rise.</p>

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