

PM- RKVY- Rainfed Area Development (RAD) 2025-26

1. **Introduction:** To mainstream development of rainfed areas in a sustainable manner, Rainfed Area Development (RAD) Scheme was made operational from 2014-15 in the country as a component of National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA).
From 2023-24, the RAD scheme was included as a component of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of RKVY.
Rainfed Area Development (RAD) aims at promoting sustainable agriculture production through adaptation of agricultural climatic zone wise Integrated Farming System (IFS) models developed by Indian Council of Agriculture research (ICAR).
A cluster based approach of 20 ha (contiguous or non-contiguous in difficult terrain with a close proximity in a village/adjoining villages) would be developed to derive noticeable impact of convergence encouraging local participation and for future replication of the model in larger areas.
2. **Objectives of the scheme:**
 - To undertake location specific and landscape-based approach to dry-land areas to ensure natural resources conservation and sustainable use, strengthening of agriculture production systems and livelihood development through integration/convergence of schemes in an area based approach.
 - To make agriculture more productive, sustainable, remunerative and climate resilient by promoting location specific Integrated/Composite Farming Systems;
 - To conserve natural resources through appropriate soil and moisture conservation measures.
3. **Financial pattern:** The financial pattern for implementation of RAD program is shared at 60:40 between Central and State Government.
4. **Implementation:** The scheme is being implemented in 9 rainfed districts of the state where the Rainfed agriculture is more prevalent viz., 8 Rayalaseema districts Kurnool, Nandyal, Anantapuram, Sri SatyaSai, Kadapa, Annamayya, Chittoor, Tirupathi and Prakasam districts in cluster mode approach.
5. **Criteria for selection of clusters:**
 - While selection of clusters, due importance should be given to watershed projects
 - Convergence of ongoing government schemes to explore optimal investment
 - Schemes like WDC- PMKSY/MGNREGA/ other schemes of Ministry of Rural Development, Areas/Commodities being developed under NFNSM, NMEO-OS, Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), National Mission on Natural Farming, SMAE etc. should be considered.
 - To ensure effective convergence, initially should focus on the convergence of activities among the components of RKVY
 - It should facilitate the beneficiary of RAD scheme to avail 'Soil Health Card' and 'Kisan Credit Card'.
 - Preference should be given to NICRA (National Innovations on Climate Resilient Agriculture) villages in selection of clusters
 - The IFS models suitable for rainfed situation proposed by ANGRAU should be taken up
 - While implementing the scheme, emphasis should be given to involvement of SHGs, User Groups, FPOs, Watershed committee, village panchayat etc.

- As a part of implementation of “Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DA-JGUA)” by Ministry of Tribal Welfare, GoI, adopting saturation coverage of tribal families in tribal majority villages and aspirational districts focusing on improving the socio-economic condition of tribal communities.
6. **Subsidy pattern:** As per the revised guidelines 2023-24, an amount of Rs. 30,000/- will be provided to each farming family for taking up Integrated farming system along with at least two supplementary activities i.e. Fishery units, Apiculture, Silage units, Vermi-compost units/ Organic input production unit.

The activities proposed and Action Plan for the year 2025-26 as per the new guidelines are as follows:

Proposed Annual Action Plan - RAD under RKVY for the Year 2025-26					
SL. No	Activity	Unit	Eligible Assistance in Rs. lakhs	Targets	
				Phy	Fin (in Rs.lakhs)
1	Integrated Farming System(IFS): Crops (Millet crops /Oilseeds/Pulses- Vegetable / Fodder) + trees (Horticulture / Agro forestry)+ Live stock (Milch cows / buffaloes / Small ruminants / 50 birds (Duck/ Poultry)	Ha	0.3	5840	1752.00
2	Fishery (Fingerlings) Units	No			
3	Apiculture (No)	No			
4	Silage units (No)	No			
5	Vermi-compost units/ Organic input production unit, Green manuring (No)	Ha	0.1	262	26.20
6	Capacity building (No)	No			
7.	Admin component & Contingent Expenditure				45.50
	Grand Total				1823.70
