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PM-KISAN-Prime Minister's Kisan Samman Nidhi

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Why is in news? States check, verify data of PM Kisan beneficiaries: Ministry

It was launched on **24th February, 2019** to supplement financial needs of land holding farmers.

Financial benefit of **Rs 6000/- per year in three equal installments**, every four month is transferred into the bank accounts of farmers' families across the country **through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode**.

The scheme was **initially meant for Small and Marginal Farmers (SMFs)** having landholding upto 2 hectares but scope of the scheme was **extended to cover all landholding farmers**.

It is a **Central Sector Scheme** with 100% funding from the Government of India.

It is being implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

The entire responsibility of **identification of beneficiary** farmer families rests with the State / UT Governments.

Objectives: To supplement the financial needs of the Small and Marginal Farmers in procuring various inputs to ensure proper crop health and appropriate yields, commensurate with the anticipated farm income at the end of each crop cycle.

To protect them from falling in the clutches of moneylenders for meeting such expenses and ensure their continuance in the farming activities.

PM-KISAN Mobile App: It was developed and designed by the National Informatics Centre in collaboration with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

Physical Verification Module: A mandatory physical verification of 5% beneficiary every year is being done as per the provisions laid down in the scheme.

Similar programmes by state governments:

Bhavantar Bhugtan Yojana in Madhya Pradesh was sought to provide relief to farmers by providing the differential between MSPs and market prices.

The **Rythu Bandhu scheme of the Telangana** government provides ₹4,000 per acre for every season to all the farmers of the state. Similar initiatives have also be framed in Jharkhand and Odisha.

In December 2018, **Odisha** launched the **Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income augmentation (KALIA)**. KALIA is more complicated in design and implementation. It commits to give Rs 5,000 per SMF, twice a year, that is Rs 10,000 a year.

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