

## **Rs. 23,300 Crore Boost for Farmers: PM Modi Launches Various Agricultural Initiatives in Maharashtra**

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on Saturday (5<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024) launched a series of initiatives aimed at enhancing the agricultural and animal husbandry sectors, totaling approximately Rs 23,300 crore in Washim, Maharashtra. The initiatives include the disbursement of the 18th installment of the PM-



KISAN Samman Nidhi Yojana, the launch of 5th installment of the NaMo Shetkari Mahasanman Nidhi Yojana, the dedication of over 7,500 projects under the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) and the establishment of 9,200 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs). Additionally, five solar parks with a combined capacity of 19 MW were inaugurated, along with the launch of a Unified Genomic Chip for cattle and innovative indigenous sex-sorted semen technology.

Emphasizing the release of the 18th installment of the PM-KISAN Samman Nidhi, which amounts to around Rs 20,000 crore benefiting approximately 9.5 crore farmers, the Prime Minister noted the state government's commitment towards the growth and development of farming community. He also highlighted the NaMo Shetkari Mahasanman Nidhi Yojana, through which around 90 lakh farmers in Maharashtra have received financial aid totaling approximately Rs 1,900 crore. Modi underscored the dedication of multiple projects related to Farmer Producer Organizations, valued in the hundreds of crores.

While discussing the significant measures taken to empower Indian farmers, the Prime Minister pointed to the establishment of 9,200 Farmer Producer Organizations and several key agricultural

infrastructure projects designed to enhance storage, processing and management capabilities for agricultural products, ultimately aiming to increase farmers' incomes.

Meanwhile, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, affirmed that Prime Minister Modi has transferred Rs 20,400 crore through PM Kisan Samman Nidhi directly into farmers' accounts. He emphasized that the Prime Minister's approach is farmer-friendly, with continuous decisions made in favour of the agricultural community in every cabinet meeting.