

PM Modi Launches “Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana” to Boost Farming in 100 Districts



In a major push to transform agriculture in India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a cabinet meeting today has launched the “**Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana**”, a six-year initiative starting in FY2025-26. The scheme targets 100 underperforming districts to improve farm productivity, promote sustainability and empower rural communities.

This is the government’s first dedicated initiative exclusively targeting agriculture, inspired by the successful NITI Aayog Aspirational District Programme. It aims to tackle low productivity, limited cropping intensity and poor access to credit in selected districts.

Key Goals:

- Increase overall **agricultural output**
- Encourage **crop diversification** and **eco-friendly farming**
- Build better **post-harvest storage** facilities
- Strengthen **irrigation systems**
- Improve access to **short- and long-term credit**

The scheme will bring together 36 central government programs across 11 departments, along with state initiatives and private sector support, creating a unified, collaborative approach.

Selection of 100 Districts

Districts will be chosen based on three indicators given below:

1. Low farm productivity
2. Low cropping intensity
3. Poor credit disbursement

Implementation and Monitoring of the Scheme

Committees at district, state and national levels will oversee planning and execution. Every district will create its own action plan aligned with national goals like organic farming, soil and water conservation and local food self-sufficiency. The progress will be tracked using **117 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)** via a central dashboard, with regular reviews by NITI Aayog and Central Officers.

Impact: Toward a Self-Reliant Farming Future

The scheme is expected to:

- Boost **productivity and income** for farmers
- Create **rural jobs**
- Strengthen India's **agricultural resilience**
- Support the goal of **Atmanirbhar Bharat** (self-reliant India)

With this ambitious plan, the government aims to transform the rural economy and make farming more profitable, sustainable & future-ready.