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Towards Atmanirbharta in Agriculture

"Empowering Farmers, Strengthening India"

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi at his Independence Day address on 15th August, 2025:

- Backbone of the nation's journey from dependency to self-reliance.
- Recalled how colonial rule had left the country impoverished, but it was the tireless efforts of farmers that filled Bharat's granaries and secured the nation's food sovereignty.
- India stands Number 1 globally in milk, pulses, and jute production and Number 2 in rice, wheat, cotton, fruits, and vegetables.
- Agriculture exports have now crossed ₹4 lakh crore.
- "For farmers, fishermen, and livestock rearers, Modi will always stand as a wall of protection."
- To further bridge regional gaps, the Prime Minister announced the PM Dhan Dhanya Krishi Yojana, targeting the 100 most backwards farming districts.

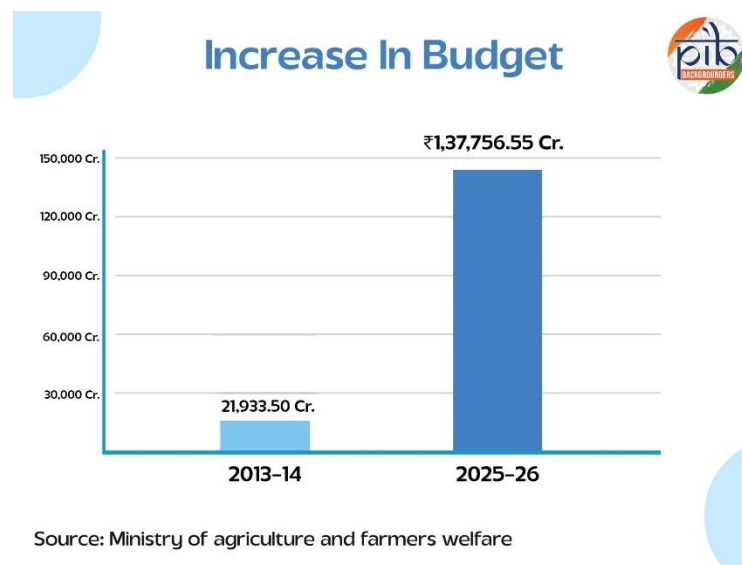
Introduction

Agriculture is the soul of India's economy and culture. It sustains millions of families and shapes the nation's identity. In the past eleven years, India is steadily moving towards *Atmanirbharta* in agriculture, reducing import dependence, expanding domestic production, and building capacity across the value chain.

Most importantly, the perception of the farmer has changed. They are now recognised as vital partners in nation-building and as drivers of India's growth. As the country enters *Amrit Kaal*, empowered farmers stand ready to lead India from food security to self-reliance and onwards to global leadership in food production.

Budget Allocation

As on August 2025, The Budget Estimates for the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare have risen sharply from ₹21,933.50 crore in 2013-14 to ₹1,37,756.55 crore in 2025-26.



Increased Food Grain Production

As on Aug 2025, the food grain production has risen significantly, from **246.42 million tonnes** in 2013-14 to **353.96 million tonnes** in 2024-25 (third advanced estimates).

MSP Enhancement

Government had increased MSPs for all mandated Kharif, Rabi and other Commercial crops with a minimum return of 50% over all India weighted average cost of production from year 2018-19 onwards.

In 2021-22, the MSP for paddy (common) was fixed at **₹1940 per quintal**, that rose to **₹2369 per quintal** in 2025-26 and the MSP for wheat was raised to **₹2425 per quintal** in 2025-26 from **₹1975** in 2021-22.

Minimum Support Prices For All Kharif Crops For Marketing Season 2025-26



S.No.	Crop	MSP 2013-14 (₹/quintal)	MSP 2025-26 (₹/quintal)	% Growth from 2013-14
1	Paddy (Common)	1310	2369	81%
2	Paddy (Grade A)	1345	2389	78%
3	Jowar (Hybrid)	1500	3699	147%
4	Jowar (Maldandi)	1520	3749	147%
5	Bajra	1250	2775	122%
6	Ragi	1500	4886	226%
7	Maize	1310	2400	83%
8	Tur / Arhar	4300	8000	86%
9	Moong	4500	8768	95%
10	Urad	4300	7800	81%
11	Groundnut	4000	7263	82%
12	Sunflower Seed	3700	7721	109%
13	Soybean (Yellow)	2560	5328	108%
14	Sesamum	4500	9846	119%
15	Nigerseed	3500	9537	172%
16	Cotton (Medium Staple)	3700	7710	108%
17	Cotton (Long Staple)	4000	8110	103%

Source: Ministry of agriculture and farmers welfare

Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)

- Launch of PM-KISAN in 2019 -an income support scheme providing Rs. 6000 per year in 3 equal installments.
- As of August 2025, the Government of India has disbursed over Rs 3.90 lakh Cr. through 20 installments since inception of the Scheme.

Pradhan Mantri Kisan Mandhan Yojana (PMKMY)

As on July 2025, 24.88 lakh farmers have been enrolled under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Mandhan Yojana (PM-KMY).

Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)

- 78.41 crore applications insured and ₹1.83 lakh crore claims paid under PMFBY since 2016.

- Farmer enrolment rose by **32%** from **3.17 crore** (2022–23) to **4.19 crore** (2024–25), the highest since launch.
- Non-loanee farmer applications grew from **20 lakh** (2014–15) to **522 lakh** (2024–25), reflecting wider adoption.

Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY)

As of now **₹93,000+ crore** allocated for 2021–26. **112 irrigation projects** implemented, reducing dependence on monsoons.

Kisan Credit Card Scheme (KCC)

- As of now **₹10 lakh crore** credit provided to **7.71 crore** farmers.
- Loan limit under KCC enhanced from **₹3 lakh** to **₹5 lakh** for 2025–26.

Soil Health Card

- **25.17 Crore** Soil Health Cards have been issued since inception of Soil Health & Fertility Scheme (as on 24.07.2025) to farmers.
- **₹1,706.18 crore** released to States/UTs for implementation. **8,272** Soil Testing Labs established nationwide.

Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)

As of July 2025, **₹66,310 crore** sanctioned for **1,13,419** projects. These projects have successfully mobilized an investment of **Rs 1,07,502 crore** in the agriculture sector. Major projects sanctioned under AIF include **30,202 Custom Hiring Centres**, **22,827 Processing Units**, **15,982 Warehouses**, **3,703 Sorting & Grading Units**, **2,454 Cold Storage Projects**, and around **38,251 Post-Harvest Management & Viable Farming Asset Projects**.

Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samriddhi Kendras

As of May 2025, **1.8 lakh Kendras** established as one-stop shops offering inputs and information to farmers.

Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY)

Under the Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY), financial assistance of **Rs. 31,500 per hectare** is provided over three years for organic farming in designated clusters. Since its launch in 2015–16, the scheme has brought **14.99 lakh hectares** under organic farming by forming **52,289** clusters, benefiting around **25.30 lakh** farmers.

National Agriculture Market (e-NAM)

1,522 mandis have been integrated with the National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) portal with trade volume of **12.03 crore metric tonnes (MT)** of various agricultural commodities

and **49.15 crore units** of countable commodities such as coconut, betel leaf, sweet corn, lemon, and bamboo traded on the platform till 30.06.2025. The trade of **₹4,39,941 crores** has been recorded on e-NAM platform. As of July 2025, more than **1.79 crore farmers** and **4,518 FPOs** are registered on e-NAM.

National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF)

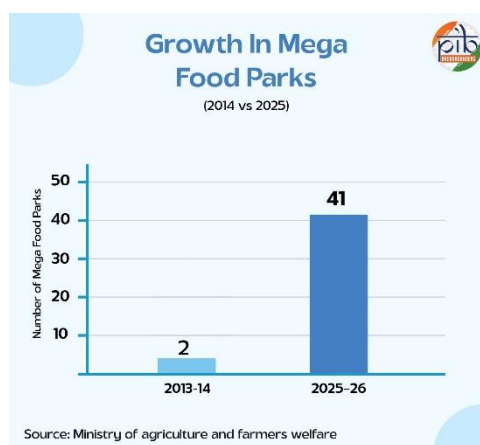
The National Mission on Natural Farming was launched on **November 26, 2024**. The mission aims to promote chemical-free farming among one crore farmers and **establish 10,000 Bio-Input Resource Centers**, with a financial outlay of **₹2481 crore**.

Millets

Shree Anna -India is the **largest producer of millets in the world**, contributing **38.4% of global production output**. As of now production rose from **15.99 million tonnes (2021–22)** to **18.02 million tonnes (2024-25)**.

Mega Food Parks

Mega Food Parks increased from **2 in 2014** to **41 in 2025** under the Mega Food Park Scheme, **24 are operational** and **17 under implementation**, strengthening **farm-to-market infrastructure**.



Innovation & Entrepreneurship in Agriculture-

- **Namo Drone Didi** - The Government has approved 'Namo Drone Didi' as Central Sector Scheme for providing **15,000 drones** to the Women Self Help Groups (SHGs) with an outlay of **Rs. 1261 Crores** for the period from 2023-24 to 2025-26. Under this scheme, Central Financial Assistance (CFA) @ **80%** of the cost of drone package up to a maximum of **Rs. 8.00 lakh** is provided to the selected women SHGs.
- **AgriSURE (Agri Fund for Start-Ups & Rural Enterprises)** – **1,943 agri-startups** have received financial and technical support under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) between **FY 2019–20** and **FY 2024–25**. **Over 7,000 agri** and allied startups have been registered, marking a new era of innovation and entrepreneurship in India's agricultural sector.

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