



# PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana

## *Transforming Agri-Districts Through Convergence*

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### Key Takeaways

- Approved on July 16, 2025, the scheme targets **100 low-performing agri-districts** with an annual outlay of **₹24,000 crore** for **6 years**.
- It aims to **enhance productivity, promote crop diversification, improve irrigation and storage, and ensure credit access**. The focus will be exclusively on agriculture and allied activities.
- The scheme ensures **saturation-based convergence** of **36 schemes** from **11 ministries**, benefiting **1.7 crore farmers** directly.
- **District-level plans** will be prepared by district collectors with support from agricultural universities and **NITI Aayog**.
- A **digital dashboard, farmer app, and district ranking system** will ensure transparency, access, and accountability.

### Introduction

On 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025, the Union Cabinet approved the Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY) — a landmark initiative for transforming India's agricultural landscape. First announced in the Union Budget 2025–26, the scheme is designed to catalyse growth in **100 agri-districts** through **saturation-based convergence** of **36 Central schemes** across **11 Ministries**, with an **annual outlay of ₹24,000 crore** for a period of **six years** starting FY 2025–26. The convergence will also include **state schemes** and **local partnerships** with the **private sector**. Rather than introducing new schemes, PMDDKY ensures **coordinated delivery** of existing programmes to the **last-mile farmer**, avoiding duplication and enhancing impact.

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- 1 First announced in the **Union Budget 2025–26**.
- 2 Focus on **100 agri-districts**.
- 3 Saturation-based Convergence of **36 Central Schemes** across **11 Ministries**.
- 4 Annual outlay of **₹24,000 crore** for a **6 years**.
- 5 Implementation begins from **FY 2025–26**.
- 6 Projected to benefit **1.7 crore farmers** directly.

Source: PIB



The scheme draws on insights from the successful **Aspirational District Programme** and is projected to benefit **1.7 crore farmers** directly.

Launched in **January 2018**, the Aspirational Districts Programme aimed to quickly and **effectively transform 112 most under-developed districts** across the country.

## Objectives of PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana

The PMDDKY aims to serve as a **multi-dimensional rural development intervention**. Its five core objectives are:

**Enhancing agricultural productivity.**

**Encouraging crop diversification and sustainable agricultural practices.**

**Augmenting post-harvest storage capacity at panchayat and block levels.**

**Improving irrigation infrastructure for reliable water access.**

**Enabling greater access to short-term and long-term agricultural credit for farmers.**

These objectives aim not only to improve farm incomes but also to ensure climate-resilient and market-oriented farming systems.

## Targeted Districts: Criteria and Selection

The scheme identifies **100 districts** based on:

- **Low productivity**
- **Low cropping intensity**
- **Less credit disbursement**

The number of districts in each state/UT will be based on the share of **Net Cropped Area** and operational holdings. However, a **minimum of one district from each state** is to be selected, ensuring balanced geographic inclusion. These districts will be the focal points of convergence-driven agricultural reform, tailored to their **agro-climatic conditions and cropping patterns**.

The **Net Cropped Area** refers to the **total area of land that is sown with crops in a given agricultural year, counted only once**, even if multiple crops are grown on the same land during that year.

## Structural Design and Institutional Mechanism

### District-Level Planning and Implementation

Each selected district under PMDDKY will establish a **District Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (DDKY) Samiti**, chaired by the **District Collector or Gram Panchayat**. This committee will include progressive farmers and departmental officers to ensure a broader representation. The DDKY Samiti will prepare a **District Agriculture & Allied Activities Plan** through:

- **Extensive stakeholder consultations**
- **Understanding the cropping pattern and allied activities**
- **Analysis of local agro-ecological conditions**
- **Alignment with national priorities such as:**
  - **Crop diversification**
  - **Soil and water conservation**
  - **Expansion of natural and organic farming**

- Self-sufficiency in agriculture and allied sectors

These plans will guide the **coordinated implementation** of all converging schemes in the district. The **progress of each Dhan-Dhaanya district** will be tracked using **117 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)** on a central **monitoring dashboard**, reviewed **monthly** to assess performance, highlight gaps, and promote accountability.

## Multi-Tier Governance

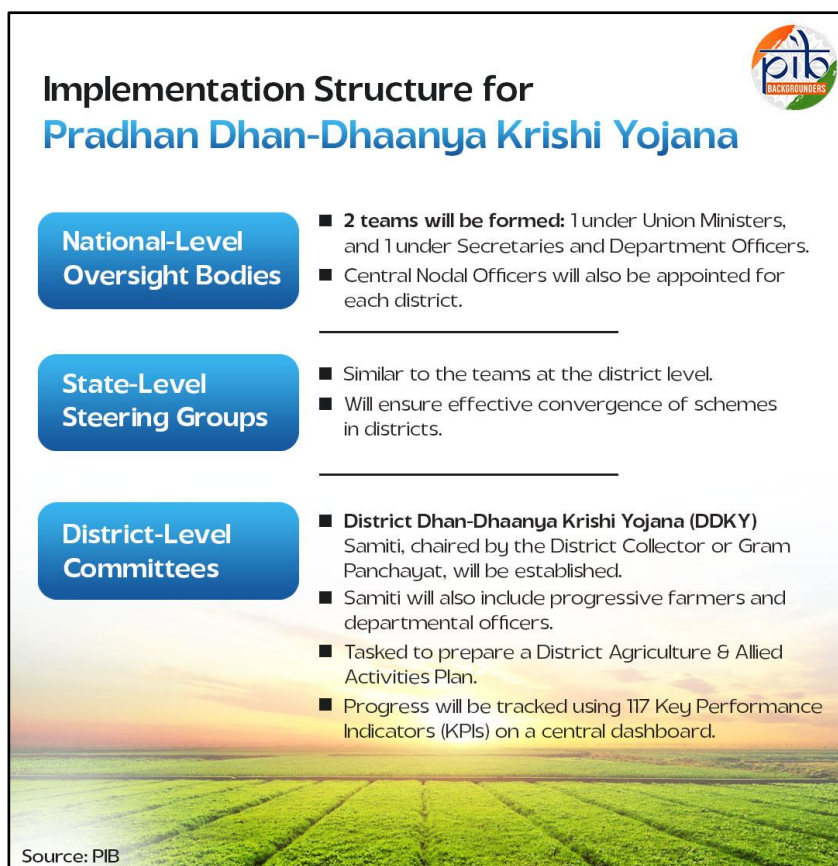
The scheme will be governed through a **three-tier implementation structure**:

- **District-level committees**
- **State-level steering groups**
- **National-level oversight bodies**

Teams **similar to the ones at the district level** will also be formed at the **state level**, with the responsibility of **ensuring effective convergence** of schemes in districts. **Two teams will be formed at the central level**: one under **Union Ministers**, and another under **Secretaries and department officers**. Each level will ensure strategic planning, execution, and issue resolution.

To bolster on-ground oversight, **Central Nodal Officers** will be appointed for each district to conduct **regular field visits**, monitor progress, and coordinate with local teams.

Nodal officers and selected districts will be **finalized by end of July 2025**, with **training sessions beginning in August**. The **campaign rollout** is aligned with **Rabi season in October**.



## Institutional and Knowledge Support

For effective implementation, PMDDKY will also integrate support from key institutions:

- **NITI Aayog** will play a central role in:
  - **Strategic guidance**

- **Capacity-building** for state and district-level functionaries
- **Tracking district-level progress**
- **Creating a dashboard** to monitor the progress
- **Reviewing and guiding** district-level plans
- Each district will also be paired with a **Central or State Agricultural University** to act as a **technical knowledge partner**.
- This collaboration between governance, academic, and field institutions ensures that the scheme is **locally grounded, scientifically informed, and outcome-driven**.

## Digital Ecosystem for Monitoring and Farmer Support

PMDDKY is supported by a strong digital backbone for transparency, participation, and real-time oversight:

A **dedicated mobile app** will be developed for farmers, offering multilingual content in **regional languages**.

A comprehensive **dashboard/portal** will be created for monitoring progress

A **district ranking mechanism** will be introduced to:

- Foster **healthy competition**
- Motivate timely, efficient implementation.

## Expected Outcomes

A major point to note is that this scheme will focus on **fruits, fisheries, beekeeping, animal husbandry, and agroforestry**, not just crop agriculture. By leveraging scale, technology, and institutional strength, the scheme is poised to be a **game changer in rural transformation**. The scheme will result in:

- **higher productivity**,
- **value addition** in agriculture and allied sector,
- **local livelihood creation**,
- **increase in domestic production**,
- and achieving **self-reliance (Atmanirbhar Bharat)**.

## Conclusion

The **Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana** brings together the **power of convergence, decentralised planning, and real-time monitoring** to tackle some of the most persistent structural challenges in Indian agriculture. With a robust financial commitment of **₹24,000 crore per year for 6 years**, and support from NITI Aayog, agricultural universities, and 11 ministries, the scheme aims to uplift **100 districts** with low productivity, moderate crop density and below average credit parameters, to create **resilient rural livelihoods**, and deliver on the promise of "**Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas**" in agriculture.

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