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Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY)

*“One Year of Focused Agricultural Development Across 100
Districts”*

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Transforming Agriculture Through District-Level Action

India's agriculture sector has significant potential across diverse regions and farming communities. However, despite rich potential, many areas face challenges like low productivity, inadequate irrigation, limited access to credit, and lack of post-harvest infrastructure. As a result, these areas are not able to attain their full agricultural potential and lag behind in economic development.

PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY) seeks to address these gaps, and develop 100 Aspirational Agricultural Districts through focused intervention. By addressing district-specific needs the scheme can help unlock opportunities in productivity, irrigation, credit access, and post-harvest infrastructure. PMDDKY was approved by the Union Cabinet on 16th July, 2025 for a period of six years, and was formally launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 11th October, 2025. It celebrates its first anniversary on 11th October this year.

The six-year initiative, beginning with 2025-26, focuses on transforming agriculture and allied activities across **100 Aspirational Agricultural Districts**. These districts were identified using three key indicators: **low productivity, low cropping intensity, and less agricultural credit disbursement**. The selection also considered the share of **net cropped area and operational holdings** in each State and Union Territory. Each State has at least one selected district.

The scheme is being implemented through the convergence of **36 Central schemes across 11 Ministries and Departments, State schemes and private sector participation**, enabling interventions suited to local agricultural priorities.

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The scheme focusses on transforming agriculture & allied activities across **100 Aspirational Agricultural Districts** with low productivity, low cropping intensity and less credit disbursement

Key Focus Areas



Administrative Structure for Implementation

The PMDDKY scheme follows a **three-tier implementation structure**-

- **District Level:** The **District Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana Samiti**, headed by the **District Collector/DM**, prepares and implements the **District Action Plan**.
- **State Level:** The **State Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana Samiti**, headed by the **Chief Secretary of the State**, reviews and monitors the **District Plans**.
- **National Level:** Two committees oversee the scheme. The **National Executive Committee** is headed by the **Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare**. The **National Monitoring Committee** is headed by the **Secretary, DA&FW**.

District Action Plans

- **District Action Plans (DAPs)** are prepared based on the baseline and diagnostic analysis. The plans identify local agricultural needs and address them by converging relevant Central and State schemes. DAPs sets outcome-based targets, annual milestones, and interventions linked to relevant schemes.
- DAPs are sent to the concerned State departments for incorporation into the respective annual action plans. This enables necessary approvals and fund release.
- Progress is tracked through **121 indicators** across 36 schemes, comprising **74 output and 47 outcome indicators**. District performance on output indicators is ranked monthly through the PM-DDKY dashboard-<https://pmddky.niti.gov.in/>.

A Year of Implementation and Progress

The PMDDKY dashboard became operational in the **last week of October 2025**. Monthly output-indicator rankings began in November 2025, providing a mechanism for monitoring progress across the 100 districts.

- All the 100 DDKY districts have prepared DAPs and it is under implementation.
- Committees were constituted at the **State, District, and national levels** for review and monitoring.
- All 100 districts submitted data against output indicators up to August 2026. All 100 districts also submitted outcome indicator data for the financial year 2025-26.
- Central Nodal Officers are regularly reviewing the progress and guiding the districts.
- Department of Public Enterprises has included adoption of DDKY districts for **CSR** activity by **CPSEs** for the **FY 2026-27 and 2027-28**.
- The average score of the 100 districts across the six objectives increased from **18.85 in April 2026** to **46.89 in August 2026**, an improvement of **28.04 points**.
- **Objective-wise average scores** also recorded improvement during the same period-
 - Enhancing Agricultural productivity: **1.50 to 8.08**
 - Encouraging Crop diversification and sustainable agricultural practices: **4.08 to 10.18**
 - Augmenting post-harvest storage capacity: **2.14 to 5.19**
 - Improving irrigation infrastructure: **1.38 to 4.91**
 - Enabling greater access to short-term and long-term agricultural credit: **2.40 to 6.53**
 - Better governance & service delivery: **7.41 to 12.05**

*The first year also created platforms for farmers and Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) to exchange experiences and explore new opportunities. The **PM-DDKY FPO Sangam**, held in **December 2025**, brought together over **72 FPOs from 15 States and 33 PM-DDKY districts**. The event featured experiences on productivity, market access and income enhancement. It also covered natural farming, oilseeds, beekeeping, protected cultivation, micro irrigation, institutional finance and digital agriculture.*

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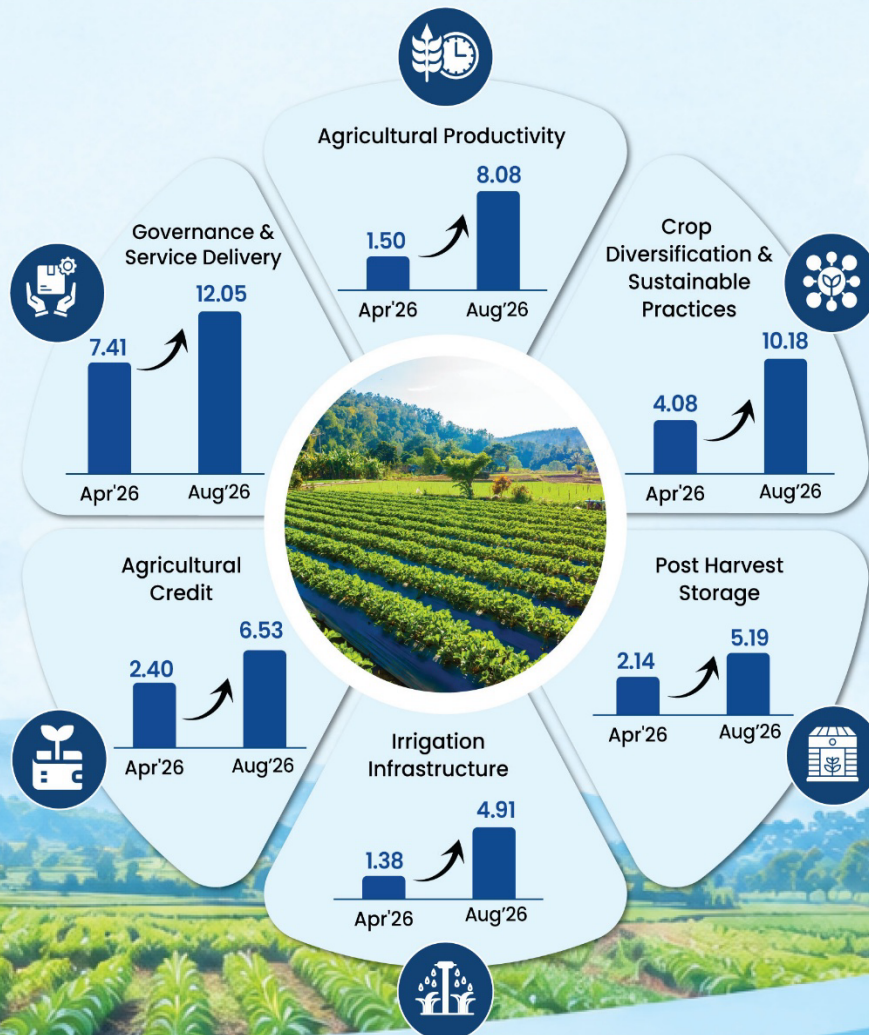


Progress Across Districts

Average Score of 100 districts



Objective-Wise Improvement



Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

As of 01 Sep 2026

Best Practices from Dhan-Dhaanya districts

Local Processing, Better Price Realisation

In **Gadchiroli, Maharashtra**, a **PMDDKY district**, **Desaiganj Farmers Producer Co. Ltd. (FPO)**, has **800 farmer members**. It has established a rice processing unit with **3 tonnes per hour capacity** and a **900 metric tonne (MT) warehouse**. The post-harvest infrastructure of its prized **Jay Sri Ram rice** variety enables local value addition and better price realisation. The FPO recorded a **turnover of Rs.1.24 crore** in **FY 2025-26**.



Better Markets, Better Returns



In **Tumakuru, Karnataka**, a **PMDDKY district**, **Tiptur Farmer Producer Co. Ltd. FPO**, has **750 farmer members**. It supplies ball copra to a French multinational company, enabling superior prices and market access for FPO farmers. The FPO recorded a **turnover of Rs.1.60 crore** in **FY 2025-26** and has aggregated **more than 138 tonnes of copra** worth over **Rs.1.9 crore** as of **12 September 2026**.

Smart Irrigation, Better Farm Productivity

In **Jaisalmer, Rajasthan**, a **PMDDKY district**, **Jaisalmer Krishi Fed Producer Co. Ltd.** has **1,236 farmer members**. The FPO practices Integrated Pest Management (IPM)-based **cumin cultivation** across **2,000 acres**. It uses **solar-powered sprinkler irrigation** across **500 acres**. The initiative promotes **efficient water use, renewable energy** and **improved farm productivity**.



Building Agricultural Momentum Across Districts

PMDDKY completes its first year on **11 October 2026**, marking a year of focused district-level action. Across 100 districts, District Action Plans and indicator-based monitoring are now in place. District-specific interventions are supporting agricultural development on the ground. The progress achieved provides a foundation for stronger convergence and sustained agricultural development in the years ahead.

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