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Uttar Pradesh: Biggest beneficiary under PM-GKAY

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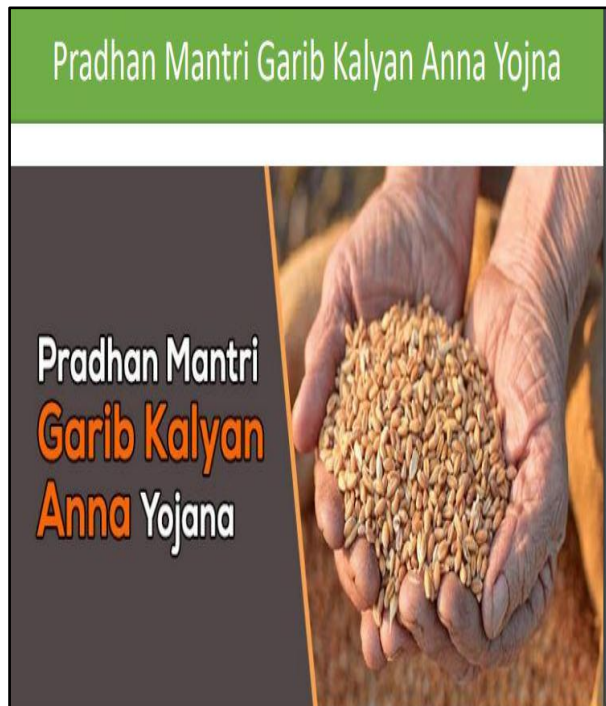
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“No poor will sleep hungry. Beneficiaries getting almost double the earlier amount of ration after Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana started.”

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi¹

Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana: At a Glance

India has faced the Covid-19 situation with resilience and a spirit of self-reliance, that is evident from the fact that since lockdown the Government has assured that no one will sleep hungry. And to ameliorate the hardships faced by the poor and needy due to economic disruptions caused by Covid-19, the Central Government, through Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY), almost doubled the quantity of monthly food grains being distributed normally to around **80 crore beneficiaries**² in the country, who are covered under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), by providing them an **additional quantity of five kilograms of food grains per person per month, free-of-cost**, over and above the normal NFSA entitlement of their Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY)/ Priority Householders (PHH) ration cards (i.e., 35 Kg per AAY family and 5 Kg per PHH person per month respectively). The scale of this welfare scheme makes it one of the largest food security programmes in the world.

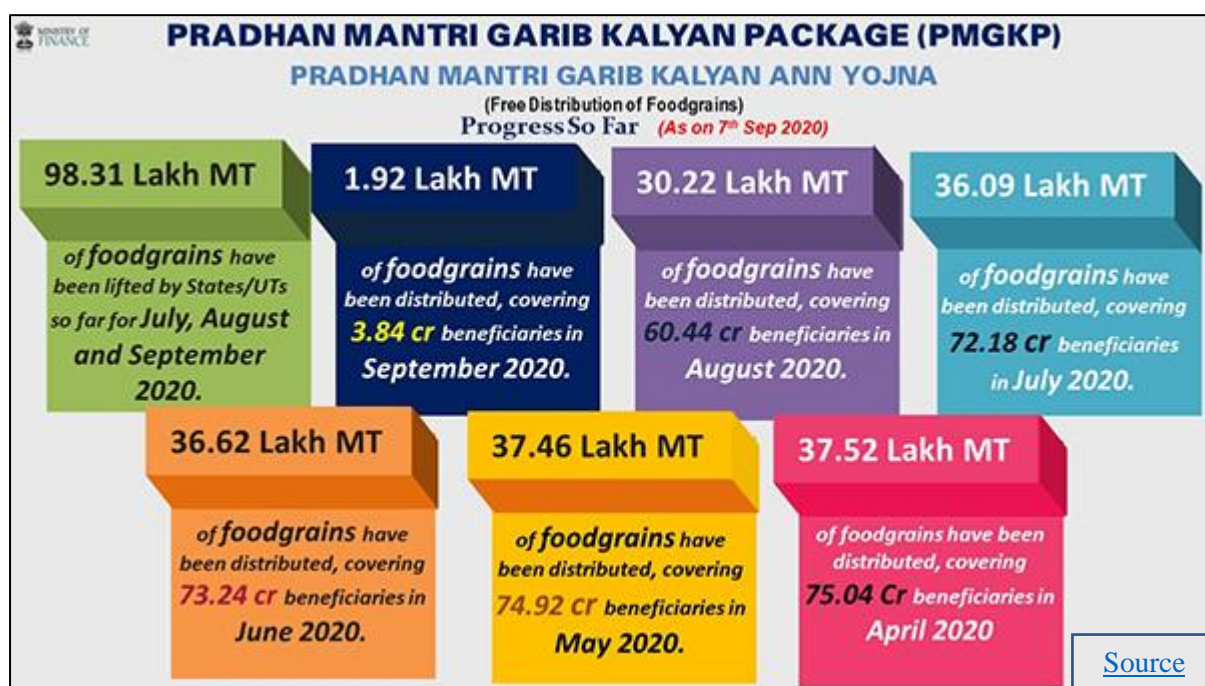


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² [Ibid](#)

Scheme has been launched in various phases:

- First Phase of the scheme was from April-June, 2020.
- Second phase of the scheme was from July-November, 2020.
- Third phase of the scheme was from May-June, 2021.
- Fourth phase of the scheme was from July-November, 2021.
- Fifth phase of the scheme will be implemented from December, 2021 to March 2022.



Uttar Pradesh – Biggest beneficiary under PM-GKAY

The State of Uttar Pradesh has established a technologically robust Public Distribution System with an automated supply chain management & Aadhaar seeding of around 100 per cent of the NFSA ration cards in the state. The State has maintained a high level of transparency in the distribution of PDS food grains even during the COVID-19 period with an average of 98.5 per cent of monthly e-PoS transactions being distributed after Aadhaar authentication through a robust network of around 79,612 e-PoS enabled Fair Price Shops during the last six months.³



³ <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseIframePage.aspx?PRID=1742772>



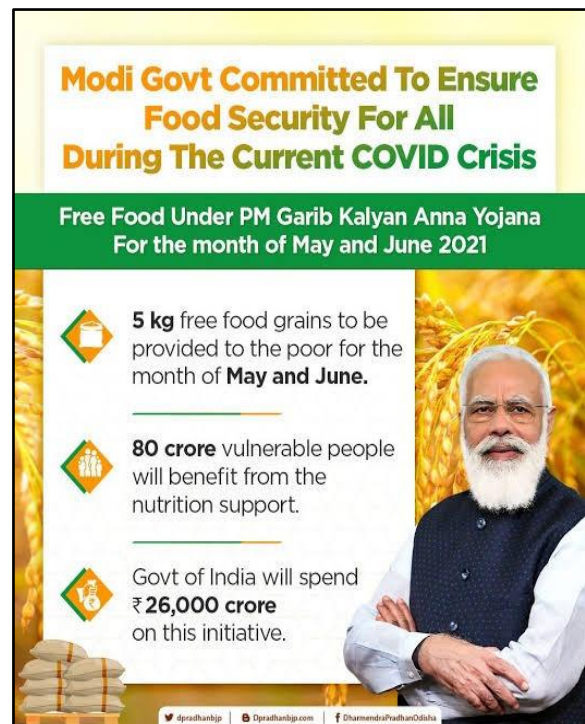
The Prime Minister himself has lauded the efforts of Uttar Pradesh for implementing the schemes made for the poor, downtrodden, backward and tribals. He further said that in Uttar Pradesh the number of farmers benefitting from MSP has doubled during the past year. In UP, more than 24000 crore rupees were deposited directly in the account of 13 lakh farmer families as price of their produce. In Uttar Pradesh, 17 lakh families have been allotted houses, lakhs of poor families got toilets, one half free gas, lakhs of electricity connections and 27 lakh households have received piped water in the state.⁴

Performance of PM-GKAY in Uttar Pradesh

In state of Uttar Pradesh, about 14.72 Crores National Food Security Act (NFSA) beneficiaries are covered under the PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY). So far, under the PM-GKAY scheme, the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution had allocated a total of **almost 139.14 LMT**⁵ food grains (Rice/Wheat) to the State (i.e. total allocation from Phase I to Phase V) incurring an estimated total subsidy of Rs.43,335 crores.

(i) **Phase-I & II during 2020-21:** The Phase-I and Phase-II of the scheme were implemented from April to June 2020 and from July to November 2020 respectively, wherein the Central government had allocated a total quantity of 58.19 LMT food grains to state of Uttar Pradesh for the 8-month period with a subsidy layout of about Rs. 18,922 Crore, of which a total of about 56.20 LMT food grains (around 96.6 per cent of the allocated quantity) were distributed by the State to an average of about 96.5% NFSA population (14.2 Crore beneficiaries) per month.

(ii) **Phase-III during 2021-22:** With the COVID-19 crisis continuing in the current year, the Central government had initially allocated about 14.71 LMT food grains with a subsidy layout of Rs. 4,438 Crore for distribution during the two months of May and June 2021 in Uttar Pradesh to the NFSA beneficiaries on same pattern as implemented earlier in 2020, of which the State has



⁴ <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseIframePage.aspx?PRID=1742772>

⁵ Ibid

reported the distribution of 14.14 LMT (96.1 per cent) food grains to an average of about 95.7 per cent NFSA population (14.1 Crore beneficiaries) per month.

- (iii) **Phase-IV during 2021-22 (ongoing):** With the extension of PM-GKAY up to November 2021, the Central government allocated another 36.79 LMT food grains with a subsidy layout of about Rs. 11,096 Crore to Uttar Pradesh for the 5-month period from July to November 2021 (Phase-IV). The distribution under PM-GKAY IV is presently ongoing and as per the reports available from State so far, 35.95 LMT (97.7 per cent) food grains have been lifted and distributed to about 14.00 Crore beneficiaries. The performance of PM-GKAY IV is expected to be on the same high level as achieved in earlier phases.
- (iv) **Phase-V during 2021-22:** The PM-GKAY has now been extended for a period of another four months from December 2021 to March 2022. The allocation of Phase -V for Uttar Pradesh would be about 29.43 LMT with a subsidy layout of about Rs. 8,877 Crore.

Other Food Security Programmes and Initiatives

With a five-fold increase in food grain production from [50 million tonnes in 1950-51 to about 250 million tonnes in 2014-15](#)⁶, India has moved away from dependence on food aid to become a net food exporter. In 2016, the government launched a number of programmes to double farmers' incomes by 2022. These seek to remove bottlenecks for greater agricultural productivity, especially in rural areas. They include: [National Food Security Mission](#)⁷, [Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana \(RKVY\)](#)⁸, the [Integrated Schemes on Oilseeds⁹, Pulses, Palm oil and Maize \(ISOPOM\)](#), [Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana](#)¹⁰, [e-NAM](#)¹¹, as well as a massive irrigation and water harvesting programmes to increase the country's gross irrigated area from [90 million hectares to 103 million hectares by 2017](#)¹².

The government has also taken significant steps to combat malnutrition, such as introducing [mid-day-meals at schools](#)¹³, *anganwadi* systems to provide rations to pregnant and lactating mothers, and subsidized grains for those living below the poverty line through a public distribution system.

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⁶ [UN Priority areas in India, Nutrition And Food Security](#)

⁷ [National Food Security Mission](#)

⁸ [Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana](#)

⁹ [Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize](#)

¹⁰ [Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana](#)

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