



Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare



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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi released 8th instalment of financial benefit of Rs 2,06,67,75,66,000 to 9,50,67,601 beneficiary farmers under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme today via video conferencing. Prime Minister also interacted with farmer beneficiaries during the event. Union Agriculture Minister was also present on the occasion.



f While interacting with beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme via video conferencing, Prime Minister appreciated Arvind from Unnao in Uttar Pradesh for providing training to young farmers of his region on organic farming and new farming techniques. He lauded Patrick from Car Nicobar in Andaman and Nicobar Islands for doing large-scale organic farming. He **🐦** praised the efforts made by N Vennurama from Anantapur in Andhra Pradesh for guiding more than 170 adivasi farmers of her region. PM appreciated Revistar from Meghalaya for producing spices like Ginger **🗨️** powder, turmeric, cinnamon, etc in the hilly areas of Meghalaya. He also interacted with Khurshid Ahmed from Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir who cultivates vegetables like capsicum, green chillies and cucumber organically. Sharing his experience, Balasaheb Narare from Latur, Maharashtra told PM that **✉️** How Kisan Credit Card helped him to avail credit from bank and how it helped him to increase his farm production.

in Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said for the first time, the farmers of West Bengal would be getting the benefit of this scheme. He lauded the efforts of the farmers who have made record produce in food grains and horticulture amidst the difficulties during this pandemic. He said Government is also setting new records in procurement at MSP every year. Paddy procurement at MSP had set new records and now wheat procurement at MSP is also setting new records. He added that so far this year, about 10 percent more wheat has been procured at MSP, compared to last year. So far, about Rs. 58,000 crores for wheat procurement has reached the farmers' account directly.

Prime Minister remarked that the Government is constantly trying to provide new solutions and new options in farming. Promoting organic farming is also one of such effort. Organic farming delivers more profit and is now being practiced across the nation by young farmers. He said that now organic farming is being practised on both banks of Ganga and within a radius of about 5 kilometers, so that the Ganga remains clean.

Prime Minister stressed that during this COVID-19 pandemic, Kisan Credit Card's deadline has been extended and instalments can now be renewed by 30 June. He said more than 2 crore Kisan Credit Cards have been issued in recent years.

Prime Minister said that this once in a century pandemic is challenging the world, as it is an invisible enemy in front of us. He said the Government is fighting COVID-19 with all its might and ensuring that every government department is working day & night to ease the pain of the nation.

Prime Minister remarked that Central Government and all the State Governments together, are making continuous efforts to enable more and more countrymen to get vaccinated at a rapid pace. He said so far, around 18 crore vaccine doses have been given across the country. Free vaccination is being done in government hospitals across the country. Prime Minister urged everyone to register for the vaccine when their turn comes and ensure COVID appropriate behaviour at all times. He added that this vaccine is an important means of protection against corona and will reduce the risk of serious illness.

Prime Minister said Armed forces are working with full strength to ensure oxygen supply in these tough times. Railways are also running oxygen express trains. The pharma sector of the country is manufacturing and delivering medicines at a large scale. He requested the State Governments to ensure strict laws to counter black marketing of medicines and medical supplies.

Prime Minister remarked that India is not a nation that loses hope in tough times and hoped that this challenge would be overcome with strength & dedication. He warned about the spread of COVID-19 in rural areas as well and urged the village panchayats to ensure proper awareness and sanitation in their respective areas.



On the occasion, Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar said Prime Minister's efforts are always in the direction of good governance, improving life style and doubling farmers' income. He added that under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi income-centric policies are being framed for the agriculture sector. Describing PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana as the most comprehensive scheme, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the focus on Gaon, Garib and Kisan and also for transferring more than Rs. 20 thousand crores to bank accounts of nearly 9.5 crore farmers under PM Kisan. The Minister also added that the Agriculture Ministry is putting all-around efforts to achieve 100% saturation under the PM Kisan scheme.

State-wise farmer beneficiaries and amount transferred are as follows:



State-UT Name	Number of farmers	Amount transferred (in Rs.)
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	15857	32642000
ANDHRA PRADESH	4301882	9437854000
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	91811	189014000
ASSAM	1246277	4048380000
BIHAR	7758514	15795196000
CHHATTISGARH	2460478	5174490000
DELHI	12226	25584000
GOA	8584	18302000
GUJARAT	5479600	11559276000
HARYANA	1729311	3561590000
HIMACHAL PRADESH	901777	1832414000
JAMMU AND KASHMIR	855835	1793784000
JHARKHAND	1388264	2861544000
KARNATAKA	5167535	10652594000
KERALA	3339880	6849242000
LADAKH	16535	33726000
MADHYA PRADESH	8095544	16753310000
MAHARASHTRA	9160108	18920402000
MANIPUR	282506	574982000
MEGHALAYA	8967	18078000
MIZORAM	85662	180476000
NAGALAND	174564	351162000
ODISHA	2590315	7204622000
PUDUCHERRY	10154	20360000
PUNJAB	1756246	3537126000
RAJASTHAN	6615374	14024320000
TAMIL NADU	3715536	7519080000
TELANGANA	3542673	7244320000
THE DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN	9666	19986000
TRIPURA	208075	423616000
UTTAR PRADESH	22508275	51505252000
UTTARAKHAND	825615	1699022000
WEST BENGAL	703955	2815820000
Total	95067601	206677566000

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