



# Hike in Kisan Samman Nidhi Assistance to Farmers

## Why in News?

The **Rajasthan government** announced an **increase in the annual honorarium paid to farmers** under the Union government's [Kisan Samman Nidhi](#).

- The **amount** given to each farm household has been **enhanced from ₹6,000 to ₹8,000 per year**.

## Key Points

- Overall, **5.7 million farmers** in **Rajasthan are receiving assistance** through the Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme, initiated by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2019**.
- The state's [interim budget](#) has allocated Rs. 1,400 crore to increase the financial aid.

## Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)

- **About:**
  - It was launched on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 to supplement financial needs of land holding farmers.
- **Financial Benefits:**
  - Financial benefit of **Rs 6000/- per year in three equal installments**, every four months is transferred into the bank accounts of farmers' families across the country through [Direct Benefit Transfer \(DBT\) mode](#).
- **Scope of the Scheme:**
  - The scheme was initially meant for **Small and Marginal Farmers (SMFs) having landholding upto 2 hectares** but scope of the scheme was **extended to cover all landholding farmers**.
- **Funding and Implementation:**
  - It is a **Central Sector Scheme** with 100% funding from the Government of India.
  - It is being implemented by the **Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare**.
- **Objectives:**
  - To supplement the financial needs of the Small and Marginal Farmers in procuring various inputs to **ensure proper crop health and appropriate yields, commensurate with the anticipated farm income** at the end of each crop cycle.
  - To protect them from falling in the clutches of moneylenders for meeting such expenses and ensure their continuance in the farming activities.
- **PM-KISAN Mobile App:**
  - It was developed and designed by the [National Informatics Centre](#) in collaboration with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- **Physical Verification Module:**
  - A mandatory physical verification of **5% beneficiary every year is being done as per the provisions** laid down in the scheme.

