



Punjab's Strategic Push Against Stubble Burning

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Punjab is intensifying efforts to address [stubble burning](#) by deploying **subsidised crop residue management (CRM) machines** and facilitating the import of [Baler Machines](#).

- Punjab aims to manage **20 million metric tonnes of paddy residue** by expanding both [in-situ and ex-situ CRM practices](#). Last year's stubble burning incidents decreased to **35,000, down from pre-Covid levels**.
- The state will distribute 22,000 subsidised CRM machines this season, adding to the 130,000 already provided since 2018. Individual farmers receive a **50% subsidy on CRM equipment**, while **80% subsidy is available for cooperative societies, [Farmer Producer Organizations](#), and panchayats**.
- Post-[Supreme Court](#) directives in November 2023, the state government enforced strict measures with disciplinary action against police officers and fines for violations.
 - The Supreme Court strongly urged Delhi's neighbouring states (Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan) to immediately act against stubble burning.
 - The Court directed the **state governments to stop crop burning immediately**, noting that the fight against stubble burning should not be political and should be viewed from the perspectives of public health, ecology and sustainable agriculture.

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