



# President Draupadi Murmu launched the Fourth Agricultural Roadmap of Bihar

## Why In News?

On October 18, 2023, President Draupadi Murmu inaugurated the Fourth Agriculture Roadmap of Bihar (2023-28) by unveiling the stone slab through remote at the Bapu Auditorium of the Samrat Ashoka Convention Centre.

## Key Points:

- Addressing the program organized on this occasion, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar said that the first agricultural roadmap of the state was started in the year 2008. The second agricultural roadmap was launched by the then President Pranab Mukherjee and the third agricultural road map was launched by President Ramnath Kovind.
- Farmers have benefited a lot from the agricultural roadmap in Bihar. The production and productivity of paddy, maize, wheat and potatoes has increased. From 2008 to 2012, work was done under the first agricultural roadmap. In the year 2011-12, a farmer from Nalanda left China behind by producing the highest amount of paddy per hectare. Earlier the record per hectare was in the name of China. A village in Nalanda district also made a world record in the production of potatoes.
- From 2012 to 2017, work was done under the second agricultural roadmap, as a result of which the production of fruits, vegetables, milk, eggs and fish has increased significantly. Farmers have benefited greatly from increased productivity.
- Work was scheduled under the third agricultural roadmap from 2017 to 2022, but its tenure was extended by one year to 2023. Fourth agricultural roadmap has been started for the remaining work and further work and expansion. Under this, work will be done quickly, so that farmers can get more benefits.
- Fish production in Bihar has increased two and a half times. Now Bihar has become self-sufficient in fish production. Bihar has received Krishi Karman Awards for the production of rice, wheat and maize. The production of potato, cabbage, brinjal and tomato has also increased significantly. The production of Makhana has also increased significantly in Bihar.
- The Chief Minister said that in the Fourth Agricultural Roadmap, along with agriculture, arrangements have also been made for proper care of animals. Animal hospitals are being opened in every 8 to 10 panchayats, so that animals can be properly cared for and treated. A large part of North Bihar is the Chaur region. There is water there for 9 months in a year. There is 9 lakh hectare land area. Under the agricultural roadmap, a scheme has been started for 6 such districts.
- To meet the goals of the Fourth Agriculture Roadmap, the Cabinet approved Rs 1 lakh 62 thousand crore. Agriculture is the basis of the livelihood of 75 percent people in the state. The Fourth Agriculture Roadmap has taken all things into consideration and has been made very comprehensive. This will not only increase production and productivity, but will also increase the income of farmers. The state will also benefit from this.



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