Sahakar Kisan Kalyan Yojana

Why in News?

Recently, the **Rajasthan government** introduced the **Sahakar Kisan Kalyan Yojana, first-ever** <u>interest subvention scheme</u> for **long-term cooperative agricultural and non-agricultural loans.**

This scheme aims to boost farm output and increase farmers' incomes.

Key Points

- About the Scheme:
 - Under the Sahakar Kisan Kalyan Yojana, farmers secure loans from primary cooperative land development banks and Central cooperative banks in Rajasthan.
 - The scheme incentivizes timely loan repayments, offering **lower interest rates through** <u>subsidies.</u>
- Interest Subsidies:
 - Farmers will receive a 7% interest subsidy on agricultural loans if they repay on time.
 - A 5% subsidy will be provided for timely repayment of non-agricultural loans.
- Purpose:
 - Farmers often take cooperative loans for deepening tube wells, <u>drip irrigation</u>, land levelling, greenhouse setup, <u>solar installations</u>, <u>vermicompost production</u>, <u>silkworm</u> rearing, and <u>beekeeping</u>.
- Financial Provisions and Interest Rates:
 - Rs 39.75 crore has been allocated for the interest subsidy.
 - With the subsidy, **farmers will pay a reduced interest rate of 4%** on agricultural loans and 3.5% on non-agricultural loans.

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