



# Rajasthan Farmers Festival

## Why in News?

On June 18, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot concluded the ongoing three-day Rajasthan Kisan Mahotsav in Jaipur.

## Key Points:

- Through events like Rajasthan Kisan Mahotsav, farmers will get information about new farming techniques and agricultural equipment and their products will be widely publicised.
- On this occasion, 10 progressive farmers and animal herders, who made innovations in the field of agriculture and animal husbandry, were honoured with state-level farmer awards under 'Aatma Yojana'. Each farmer was given an amount of Rs 50,000 as a prize.
- Among them were Rukma Devi from Jaipur district, Bhuri Devi Meena from Tonk, Dharmaram from Barmer, Narayan from Dungarpur, Kamla Devi from Bhilwara, Puneet Chaudhary from Sriganganagar, Khushalaram from Jaisalmer, Balusinh from Rajsamand, Neeraj Kumar Tyagi from Dhaulpur and Bharatram from Tonk.
- During this, short films based on the theme '4 years dedicated to farmer welfare' and Rajasthan Kisan App were screened.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that the state government has formulated policies and programs giving priority to agriculture and farmers. To fulfill the objective of making the farmers and animal herders prosperous and happy, 12 agricultural missions have been started and planning is being done at each point.
- He said that the loan of 15 thousand crore rupees of 21 lakh farmers of the state was waived off. A separate agriculture budget was presented for the first time in the country for the farmers. The budget for agriculture has almost doubled as compared to 2018-19.
- They have got great relief from the state government providing electricity to the farmers at the rate of 90 paise per unit and free electricity up to 2000 units. In the agro and food processing sector, a subsidy of up to Rs 2 crore is being given by the state government.
- MSME Act has been brought for the young entrepreneurs of the state. In this, a relaxation of 5 years has been given in the necessary permissions given by the government for setting up industries.
- The Chief Minister said that the state government has given financial assistance of Rs 175 crore to more than 40 thousand cattle herders suffering from lumpy disease. Rajasthan is the only state in the country to take such a decision.
- He said that two milch animals are being insured for Rs 40 thousand each. Milk producers are being given a subsidy of Rs 5 per liter of milk. Now Rajasthan has come first in milk production in the country.





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