# **Digital Agriculture Mission**

# **Transforming Indian Agriculture through Technology**

The Government of India has launched the **Digital Agriculture Mission** on **2nd September 2024**, with an ambitious outlay of **₹2,817 crore**. This initiative aims to revolutionize Indian agriculture by fostering a robust digital ecosystem, delivering farmer-centric solutions, and ensuring timely, accurate crop-related information for all farmers across the country.

# **Key Objectives of the Digital Agriculture Mission**

#### 1. Enable Digital Transformation:

 Build a comprehensive digital agriculture ecosystem to enhance agricultural productivity and decision-making.

#### 2. Promote Innovation:

 Drive innovative, farmer-centric digital solutions tailored to the unique needs of Indian agriculture.

#### 3. Empower Farmers with Data:

• Provide **timely and reliable crop-related information** to farmers, aiding better planning and management.

# **Digital Public Infrastructure for Agriculture**

The Mission envisions the development of critical infrastructure, including:

#### 1. Agristack:

A flagship project comprising three foundational registries:

- Farmers' Registry: A database of farmers for personalized services.
- Geo-referenced Village Maps: Mapping villages to support precise interventions.
- Crop Sown Registry: Tracking crops sown across the country for informed policy decisions.

#### 2. Krishi Decision Support System (Krishi DSS):

A platform for real-time agricultural data to guide farmers and policymakers.

#### 3. Comprehensive Soil Fertility & Profile Map:

A detailed mapping initiative to provide location-specific soil health data.

#### 4. IT Initiatives by Central and State Governments:

Integration of existing digital programs to streamline agricultural operations.

## **Progress Achieved as of December 2024**

- Farmer IDs Created: A total of 29,99,306 Farmer IDs have been generated under the Mission.
- **Digital Crop Survey:** Successfully conducted in **436 districts** during Kharif 2024, offering critical insights into crop patterns and productivity.
- Federated Structure:
  - Agristack operates as a federated system, with data ownership resting solely with State Governments and Union Territories.
  - Designed with robust privacy measures adhering to the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023.

### **Support for States and Union Territories**

The Central Government is committed to providing **administrative and technical support** to States and UTs for the successful implementation of the Digital Agriculture Mission. This ensures seamless integration of digital tools and efficient management of agricultural data.

# Significance of the Digital Agriculture Mission

#### 1. Enhanced Efficiency:

Digital tools and data-driven decision-making optimize resource use and agricultural processes.

#### 2. Empowered Farmers:

Farmers gain access to accurate, real-time information, enabling better crop management and higher yields.

#### 3. Data Privacy:

With the federated model and adherence to the DPDP Act, farmers' data is secure, fostering trust in the system.

#### 4. Sustainable Agriculture:

Insights from digital tools promote environmentally sustainable practices and resource conservation.

The **Digital Agriculture Mission** is a landmark initiative that aligns with India's vision

of transforming agriculture into a data-driven, technology-enabled sector. By empowering farmers and leveraging digital innovations, the Mission paves the way for a smarter, more resilient agricultural future.

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