

Transforming Indian Agriculture: A Strategic Briefing on the Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY)

A comprehensive overview of the framework, objectives, and implementation of a new flagship national scheme.



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Agriculture is the Backbone of the Indian Economy



18-20%

Contribution to National GDP.



>50%

Percentage of the population for whom it provides a livelihood.

Despite being a leading global agricultural producer, India's most vital sector faces persistent challenges that limit its full potential and the prosperity of its farmers.

The Persistent Challenges Hindering Farmer Prosperity



Low Incomes

Farmer earnings remain significantly lower compared to other sectors, limiting economic mobility.



Outdated Methods

Widespread dependence on traditional, low-yield farming techniques hampers productivity and efficiency.



Market Exploitation

The prevalence of middlemen often prevents farmers from receiving fair prices for their produce.



Climate Risks

Increasing unpredictability of weather patterns and natural disasters pose a constant threat to crops and livelihoods.

A Strategic Response: The Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY)

Launched in 2025, PMDDKY is a new flagship initiative by the Government of India designed to modernize the agricultural ecosystem. It aims to empower farmers through a convergence of financial aid, advanced technology training, and direct market access to enhance both productivity and income.

Vision Statement: To build a sustainable, profitable, and self-reliant farming sector for a prosperous rural India.

The Core Objectives: A Blueprint for Agricultural Transformation

- 1.**  **Increase Agricultural Productivity:**
Focus on improving yields in low-performing districts.
- 2.**  **Promote Sustainable and Diversified Farming:**
Encourage crop diversification, natural farming, and organic practices to improve soil health and resilience.
- 3.**  **Expand Post-Harvest Infrastructure:**
Enhance storage capacity at the panchayat and block levels to minimize wastage.
- 4.**  **Improve Water Management:**
Bolster irrigation facilities for more efficient and reliable water use.
- 5.**  **Ensure Access to Credit:**
Guarantee the availability of both short-term and long-term credit for farmers.

Key Pillars of Support for India's Farmers

Financial Assistance

Access to low-interest loans and subsidies for modern farming tools and technology.

Technical Training & Skill Development

Comprehensive guidance and workshops on advanced methods like precision farming and drip irrigation to boost productivity.

Direct Market Linkages

Systems to connect farmers directly with markets, ensuring fair pricing and eliminating exploitative middlemen.

Comprehensive Insurance Coverage

Crop insurance to protect farmers against financial losses from natural disasters and crop failure.

Promotion of Sustainable Agriculture

Support for adopting eco-friendly practices ensure long-term profitability and environmental health.

Defining the Beneficiaries of the PMDDKY



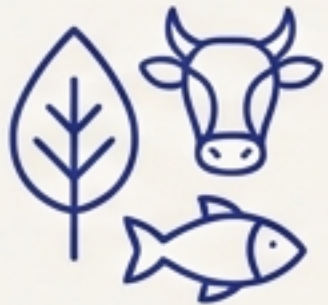
Primary Beneficiaries

Small and Marginal Farmers (owning less than 2 hectares of land).



Inclusivity Focus

Special benefits and provisions to promote and empower women farmers.



Sectoral Scope

Open to those engaged in crops, horticulture, animal husbandry, and fisheries.

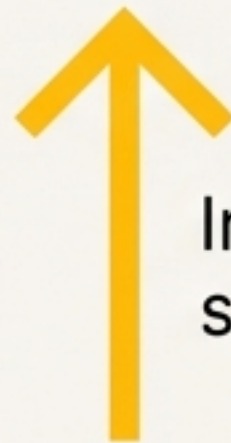


Geographic Reach

A nationwide scheme covering farmers across all states and Union Territories.

A Strategic Rollout Modeled on Proven Success

Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhaanya
Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY)



Inspired by a
successful model

Aspirational Districts
Programme (ADP)

The PMDDKY's implementation is inspired by the successful **Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP)**, which transformed key development indicators in India's most backward districts.

Key Approach:

- **Targeted Focus:** The program will concentrate on **100 identified low-productivity agricultural districts**.
- **Convergence Model:** It emphasizes the convergence of multiple schemes, better district-level planning, and efficient resource utilization to maximize impact.

The Scale of Ambition: Investment and Scope



**₹24,000
crore**

Annual Outlay



6 Years

Program Duration
(starting from
FY 2025-26)



100

Agricultural
Districts



**36 schemes /
11 ministries**

Scheme Convergence



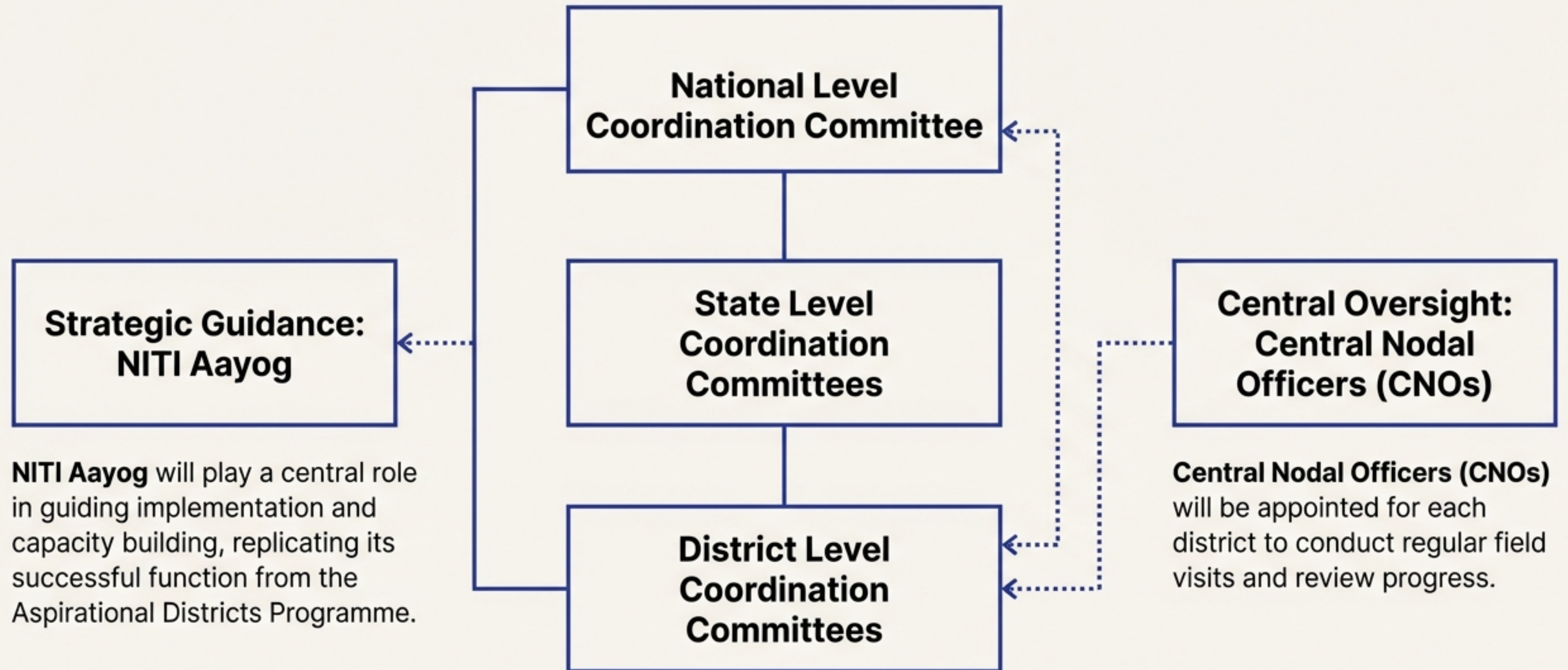
Holistic Focus

Encompassing agriculture
and allied activities

Empowering Districts Through Localized Planning



A Robust Institutional Framework for Seamless Execution



NITI Aayog will play a central role in guiding implementation and capacity building, replicating its successful function from the Aspirational Districts Programme.

Central Nodal Officers (CNOs) will be appointed for each district to conduct regular field visits and review progress.

The Accountability Engine: Data-Driven Monitoring and Performance



Performance Metrics

Performance will be tracked across **117 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)**.



Competitive Federalism

Districts will be ranked periodically to encourage healthy competition and drive improvement.



Real-Time Tracking

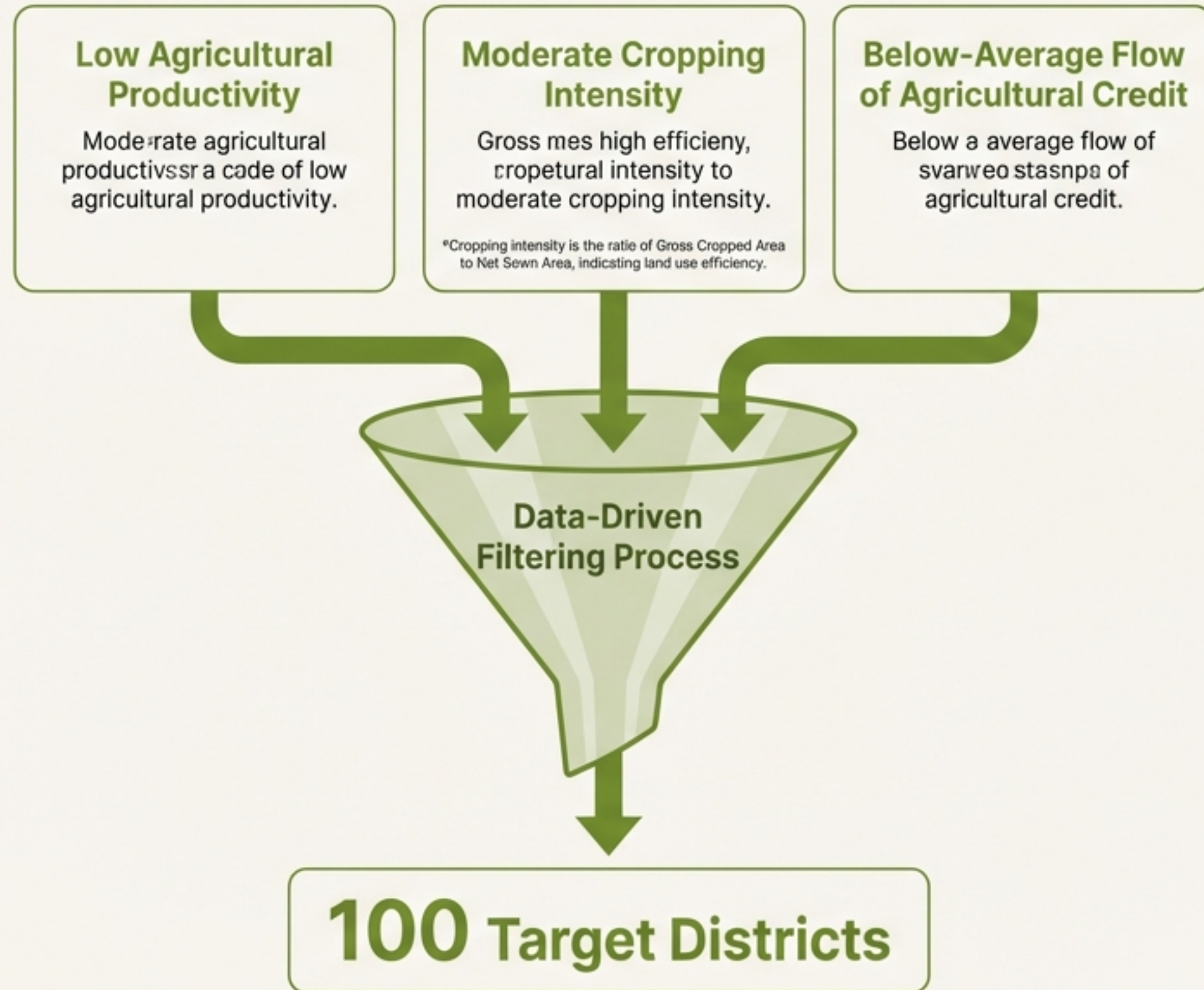
A dedicated **real-time portal/dashboard** will be developed for transparent monitoring of progress against KPIs.



Regular Reviews

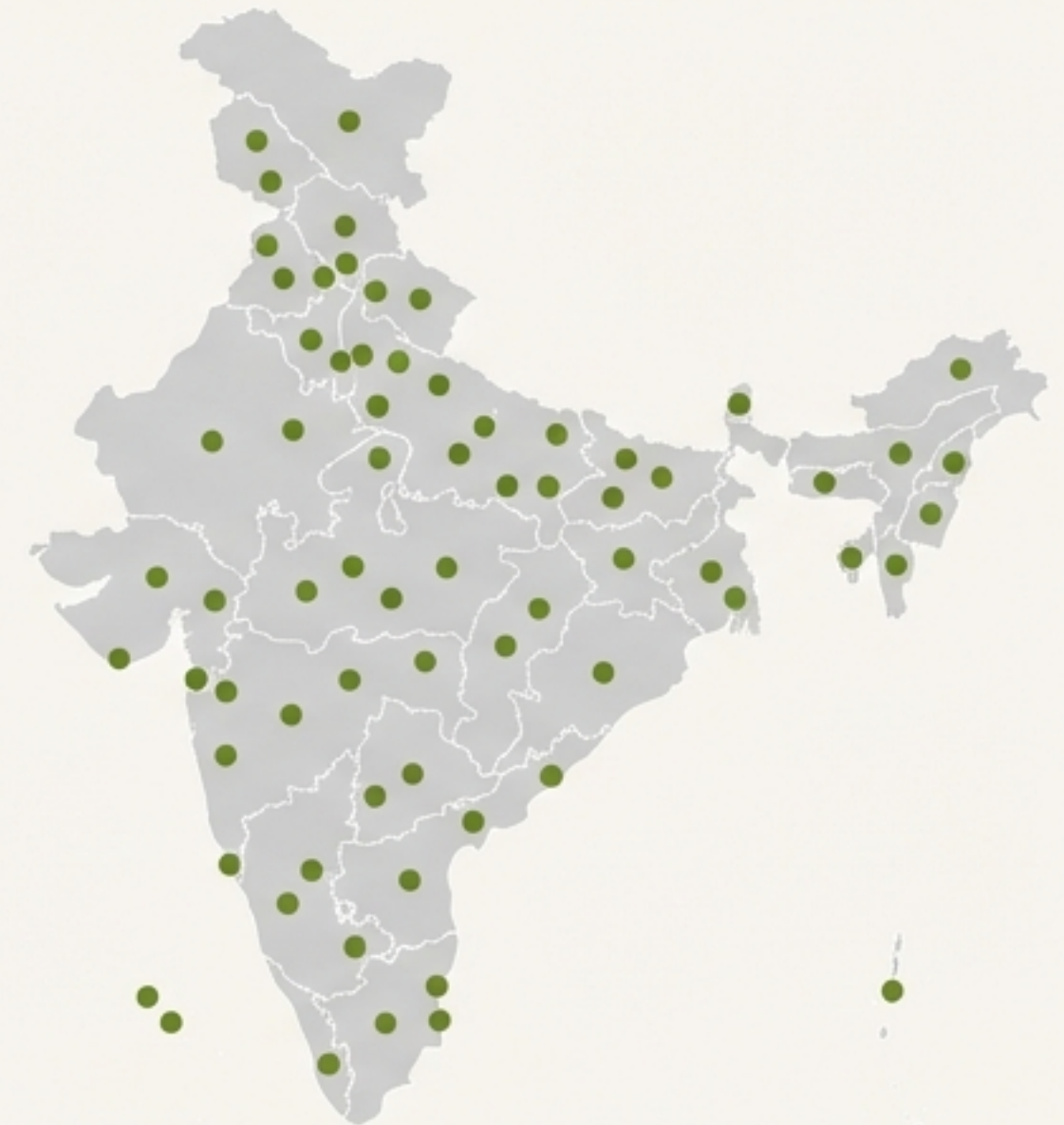
District performance will be formally reviewed on a monthly basis.

The Science of Selection: Identifying the 100 Target Districts



Equitable Allocation

Districts will be allocated to States and UTs in proportion to their share of net cropped area and operational holdings, ensuring every State and UT has at least one district covered.



Overcoming Hurdles on the Path to Implementation

Challenge

- ✘ Low Farmer Awareness
- ✘ Technical Barriers
- ✘ Infrastructure Gaps
- ✘ Monitoring Execution


Strategy

- ✔ Targeted Awareness Campaigns to educate farmers on scheme benefits and application processes.
- ✔ State Collaboration and Training Programs to partner with state governments and conduct workshops on modern practices.
- ✔ Focused Investment in post-harvest storage and transport as a core objective of the district plans.
- ✔ Use of Technology via digital platforms for applications and the real-time monitoring dashboard.

Beyond Productivity: Building a Self-Reliant Agricultural Future

By strategically targeting low-productivity regions with a convergent, data-driven, and locally-planned approach, the PMDDKY aims to systematically address the core challenges of income stagnation, market inefficiency, and climate vulnerability.

The success of this scheme will not only boost national farm productivity averages and generate local employment but will be a cornerstone in achieving the vision of an

 **Atmanirbhar Bharat (Self-Reliant India).**

