

Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDKY)

Why in News?

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharman while presenting the Union Budget announced the launch of the Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDKY).

- **Aim** - To enhance irrigation and land fertility by providing quality seeds and fertilizers to farmers in infertile, barren, and undeveloped agricultural land.
- **Launched in** - 2025.
- It will cover **100 districts** based on 3 broad parameters- low productivity, moderate crop intensity, and below-average credit parameters.
- It draws inspiration from the **Aspirational Districts Program**.

The Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP), launched in 2018, aims to transform 112 under-developed districts across 28 states.

- **Implemented by** - Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, and the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

Cropping intensity is a measure of how efficiently land is used, and it is defined as the percentage of the gross cropped area to the net area sown.

- **Objectives**
 - Enhancing agricultural productivity
 - Adopting crop diversification and sustainable agriculture practices
 - Augmenting post-harvest storage at the panchayat and block level
 - Improving irrigation facilities and
 - Facilitating availability of long-term and short-term credit.

At the all-India level, the cropping intensity was recorded at 155% in 2021-22, while the Cropping intensity was only 111% in 1950-51.

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