

INCREASING INCOME OF FARMERS

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The programmes and schemes of Government of India, under implementation, are in line with the strategy that focuses on higher incomes for the farmers, including in the state of Odisha besides the State run schemes such as Odisha Millet Mission, KALIA, Jalanidhi, Farm Pond, Input Management, Corpus funds for seeds and fertilisers and Mukshyamantri Krushi Udyog Yojana.

The three Farm Acts viz, “The Farmers’ Produce Trade and Commerce(Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020”, “The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection)Agreement On Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020” and “The Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020, were intended to provide an ecosystem where the farmers can enjoy the freedom of choice relating to sale of farmers’ produce which facilitates remunerative prices to farmers through competitive alternative channels for selling their produce. These three Acts however have been repealed through, “The Farm Laws Repeal Act, 2021” on 01st December, 2021.

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