



## AGRICULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND : ECONOMY

**NEWS :** Cabinet accords approval for progressive expansion of Central Sector Scheme of 'Agriculture Infrastructure Fund'

### WHAT'S IN THE NEWS ?

#### Agricultural Infrastructure Fund (AIF)

- **Launch:** Introduced in 2020 to strengthen post-harvest infrastructure in the agricultural supply chain.
- **Objective:** Enhance productivity, sustainability, and efficiency in the agricultural sector.

#### Key Features

##### Credit Scheme:

- Subsidized interest rates for creating infrastructure like warehouses, cold storage, etc.
- Recent expansion includes support for community farming assets and integrated primary-secondary processing projects.

##### Eligibility Expansion:

- Now includes all eligible beneficiaries for creating viable community farming infrastructure.
- Credit available for integrated processing projects; standalone secondary projects excluded.

##### Convergence with PM-KUSUM:

- Supports farmers, FPOs, and cooperatives.

##### Credit Guarantee:

- Extends coverage to FPOs via NABSanrakshan Trustee Company, in addition to CGTMSE.

#### Impact and Achievements

- **Infrastructure Created:**
  - 6,623 warehouses, 688 cold storage facilities, 21 silos.
  - Additional 500 lakh tonnes storage capacity.
  - Saves ~18.6 lakh tonnes of food grains and 3.44 lakh tonnes of horticulture produce annually.

**Agri Infrastructure Fund**  
Enhancing & Strengthening the Agri Infrastructure

- Providing Investments for Viable Farming Assets
- Including Integrated Primary Secondary Processing Projects
- Convergence of Component-A of PM-KUSUM with AIF
- FPO Expansion of Credit Guarantee Coverage of FPOs through NABSanrakshan

The infographic features images of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and NAB Sanrakshan Trustee Company Chairman, along with illustrations of agricultural infrastructure like silos and processing units.



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- **Investment:**

- ₹47,575 crore sanctioned for 74,508 projects.
- Mobilized ₹78,596 crore investment, with significant private sector involvement.

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