

PM transfers Rs 4,720 crore for 2.36 crore Uttar Pradesh farmers

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Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and other ministers attended the programme virtually. (File Photo)

LUCKNOW: As part of the government's massive public outreach programme ahead of the 2022 UP assembly elections, Prime Minister Narendra [Modi](#) transferred Rs 4,720 crore to 2.36 crore farmers of [Uttar Pradesh](#) under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana (PMKSY) on Monday. Overall, Rs 19,500 crore was transferred to over 9.75 crore beneficiary farmers across the country.

The funds included Rs 2,000 to each farmer for the period of August-November. Modi had announced the scheme ahead of the 2019 general elections under which Rs 2,000 per quarter would be given to all eligible farmers.

The PM interacted with five beneficiaries, which included Shyamcharan [Upadhyay](#) from UP's Kasganj. Upadhyay is the chairperson of a farmer producer organisation and spoke to the PM about an ice and chilling plant in the area which has helped in increasing farmers' incomes.

"I have 517 members in my [FPO](#). With aid from the agriculture infrastructure fund, an ice and chilling plant was set up in our district and we store our produce there till we get a good price for it. It has helped in retaining quality of the produce and increasing our income," Upadhyay informed the PM.

After speaking to him, the PM said that FPOs are highly beneficial and that over the past 6-7 years his government was helping in creating eco systems like the chiller plant which would help in doubling farmers' incomes.

A UP government spokesperson said that around 18 lakh farmers have been given Rs 32,500 crore since the time the scheme started. This included farmers who have received funds for the first time. The funds released by the PM on Monday were the ninth instalment. Similarly, more than 2 crore farmers are associated with the Pradhan Mantri Phasal Bima Yojana and a compensation of Rs 2,208 crore has been given to more than 25.6 lakh farmers under this scheme.

Chief Minister [Yogi Adityanath](#) and other ministers attended the programme virtually.