

# 10 August 2019: PIB Summary & Analysis

## Mukhya Mantri Krishi Ashirwad Yojna

### Context

- The Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu has called for introducing structural reforms in the agricultural sector along with financial assistance schemes like Direct Benefit Transfer to make agriculture profitable and sustainable.
- He inaugurated the Mukhya Mantri Krishi Ashirwad Yojna of the Jharkhand Government,

### About the scheme

- Under the scheme, all the small and marginal farmers of the state, who have arable land up to a maximum of 5 acres, will be given a grant-in-aid at the rate of Rs. 5000 / - per acre per year, which will also reduce their dependence on loans.
- This amount would be given in two installments through Direct Benefit Transfer to the beneficiary's bank account.
- This is in addition to PM Kisan Nidhi Yojana under which each small & marginal farmer's family having combined landholding/ ownership of up to two hectares is paid Rs. 6, 000 per year.
- Direct Benefit Transfer would eliminate middlemen and ensure that every penny of the financial assistance given by the government reaches the beneficiaries.
- Government of India has taken a firm resolve to double the income of farmers by 2022.

## GOI, Govt. of Tripura and NLFT- SD Sign MOS

### Context

- A Memorandum of Settlement was signed by the Government of India, Govt. of Tripura and National Liberation Front of Twipra led by Sabir Kumar Debbarma (NLFT-SD).

### About NLFT

- NLFT has been banned under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act since 1997 and has been involved in violence, operating from their camps across the international border.
- NLFT has been responsible for violent activities including 317 insurgency incidents in which 28 security forces and 62 civilians lost their lives during the period 2005-2015.
- Peace talks with NLFT were initiated in 2015 and there has been no violence by NLFT since 2016.

## About MOS

- NLFT (SD) has agreed to abjure the path of violence, join the mainstream and abide by the Constitution of India. It has agreed to the surrender of its 88 cadres with their weapons.
- The surrendered cadres will be given surrender benefits as per the Surrender-cum-Rehabilitation Scheme, 2018 of the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- The State Government of Tripura will help the surrendered cadres in housing, recruitment, education etc. Government of India will consider the proposals of Tripura State Government regarding economic development of tribal areas of Tripura.

