

UPSC Preparation

KALIA Scheme – UPSC Notes

The Odisha government took an initiative in January 2019 for the small farmers, cultivators and landless agricultural labourers through a scheme called Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation (KALIA Scheme.) [UPSC syllabus](#) has a topic, ‘Government policies and interventions for the development of various sectors,’ in Mains GS-II, and KALIA scheme can be covered under it.

The KALIA scheme has been in the news recently when the talks of its merger with Centre's [Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi \(PM-Kisan\) Yojana](#) were out. The merger has yet not taken place.

| KALIA Scheme - Quick Facts for IAS | |
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| Full-Form of KALIA scheme | KALIA stands for Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation |
| What state government has launched the KALIA scheme? | Odisha Government has flagged-off the KALIA Yojana |
| Who is eligible for the KALIA scheme? | Small farmers, cultivators and landless agricultural labourers are the beneficiaries of the Kalia Yojana |
| When was the KALIA scheme launched? | January 2019 |
| Official Website | https://kalia.odisha.gov.in/ |

Facts about KALIA Scheme for UPSC

The table below mentions the relevant facts about KALIA scheme for the [IAS Exam](#) preparation:

| Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation - KALIA Scheme |
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| The objective of KALIA scheme is to finance the agriculture and insure the cultivators with an aim to accelerate agricultural prosperity. |
| The total cost of the KALIA yojana is estimated to be Rs. 10000 crores |
| Mission of the KALIA scheme is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To relieve debt-ridden farmers from the debt-trap To provide financial assistance to agriculture households, landless labourers as well as marginal cultivators of the state of Odisha |
| 92 percent of the state’s cultivators and almost all needy landless cultivators are brought under the umbrella of the Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation Yojana |
| The mode used to assist the farmers financially is Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) |
| The KALIA Yojana started from Rabi season of 2018-19 |
| Department of Agriculture and Farmers’ Empowerment has the responsibility of filtering out the beneficiaries for KALIA yojana. |

The beneficiary farmer has to be a permanent resident of the state and him/her or his/her spouse cannot be a government-employee

On the death of the beneficiary, the assistance formally ends and does not continue.

KALIA Scheme - Features

The following points list down the features of the Odisha's Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation Yojana:

- Financial Assistance for Cultivation** - Each small and marginal farmers' farm family (members who share a common ration number) will receive financial assistance of Rs. 25000/farm over five seasons
 - The objective is to financially assist the cultivation needs
 - Farmers can purchase inputs like seeds, fertilizers, pesticides
- Financial Assistance for Livelihood** - Each landless Agricultural Household will receive financial assistance of Rs. 12500 for Agricultural allied activities:
 - Small goat rearing unit
 - Mini-layer unit
 - Duckery units
 - Fishery kits for fisherman
 - Mushroom cultivation and,
 - Bee-keeping, etc.
- Financial Assistance for Vulnerable Agricultural Households** - Each family of vulnerable cultivators/landless agricultural labourers will receive the financial assistance of Rs. 10000/year for their sustenance.
 - Old-Age, physical disabilities and/or other vulnerable reasons will define the vulnerable agricultural households.
- Life Insurance for Cultivators and Landless Agricultural Labourers** - All cultivators and landless agricultural labourers who have savings bank accounts and are in the age group of 18-50 will receive life insurance cover of Rs. 2 lakhs at the premium cost of Rs. 330; personal accident cover of Rs. 2 lakh (Premium - Rs. 12)
 - The Odisha government will pay farmers' share of premiums of Rs.165 for life insurance and Rs. 6 (farmers' share) for accident cover.
 - The cultivators and landless labourers who are in the age group of 51-70; their accidental cover premium of Rs 12. Will entirely be borne by the state government.
- Interest Free Crop Loan** - Crops loans of up to Rs. 50000 will be provided to defined farmers recognized by the gram panchayat.

KALIA Yojana & Important Terms

Aspirants can be asked about the terms that are relevant to the KALIA scheme. The list below mentions some important terms:

- Farm Family** - All the members of the family who use the same ration number are put under one farm family.
- Landless Labourer** - A person who has no land and is engaged in agriculture for more than six months.

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