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Please find attached a self-explanatory letter from the Director General, ICAR. Accordingly, all Scientists and Technical Officers of the Institute are requested to assemble in the Director's Committee Room on **Saturday, October 11, 2025**. The Officers in Charge of the Regional Station, Madikeri, and the Experimental Farm & KVK, Peruvannamuzhi, are requested to arrange the meeting at their respective stations. The meeting link will be shared once it is received from the Council.

This is issued with the approval of the Director.

Sd/-

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Government of India

Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

D.O. No. 8-11/2025-AMD-PM-Part(2)

Dated: 04th October, 2025

Dear Mangi Lal ji

Kindly refer to my letter of even number dated 24th September 2025 related to Prime Minister Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY). You are aware, the scheme is planned to be implemented in 100 Aspirational Agricultural Districts through convergence of Schemes of Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and other allied Ministries/Departments. The relevant schemes of your Department is also part of the convergence. The detailed guidelines with schemes to be converged have already been shared with you in my earlier letter as mentioned above (**copy enclosed**). In addition, the Union Cabinet on 01st October, 2025 has also approved a mission to achieve Atmanirbharata in Pulses.

I would like to bring to your kind notice that the PMDDKY, Pulses Mission along with some other schemes is scheduled to be formally launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on **11th October 2025 in Delhi at NASC complex**. The detailed programme will be shared in due course.

On this occasion, I would request your kind presence to grace the event. I would also be grateful, if you could direct all ICAR institutions and KVKs to organize event for creating awareness amongst farmers on various schemes of agriculture and allied sectors, new technologies etc. which special emphasis on PMDDKY, Natural Farming Mission and recently launched Pulses Mission and also the live screening of the event presided over by Hon'ble Prime Minister may also organize at the venue. The necessary event link will be shared in due course.

A line in confirmation is highly appreciated.

with regards

Yours sincerely,

(Dr. Devesh Chaturvedi)

Encl.: as above,

Dr. Mangi Lal Jat,

Secretary (DARE)/DG(ICAR),

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110001

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Dated 24th September, 2025

Dear Mangi Bahari

As you are aware that, the Government of India, in its Union Budget 2025- 26, has announced to develop 100 Aspirational Agricultural Districts under Prime Minister Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY)" for a period of six years, beginning with 2025-26 to cover 100 districts with low productivity, moderate crop intensity and below average credit parameters. Accordingly, the Union Cabinet has approved PMDDKY on 16th July, 2025. The scheme draws inspiration from NITI Aayog's Aspirational District Programme. The PMDDKY is expected to be formally launched in the month of October, 2025 and details in this regard will be shared separately.

2. PMDDKY aims to enhance agricultural productivity, increase adoption of crop diversification and sustainable agricultural practices, augment post-harvest storage at the panchayat and block levels, improve irrigation facilities and facilitate availability of long-term and short-term credit. The scheme will proactively address all the gaps identified in selected districts by converging the existing schemes of Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) and other allied Ministries/Departments and also in partnership with the States. The targeted outcome is that these 100 districts will rise above national/state average against key performance indicators; thereby improving the national parameters considerable and ensuring raising the income of the farmers significantly.

3. The 100 agriculture aspirational districts have been identified based on three key indicators of low productivity, low cropping intensity, and less credit disbursement. The number of districts in each State is based on the share of net cropped area and number of operational holdings. However, a minimum of 1 district has been selected from each State. **The list of 100 districts selected to be covered under PMDDKY is annexed.**

4. There will be committees formed at District, State and National level for effective planning, implementation and monitoring. The District Committee is the key as it will prepare district action plan in consultation with stakeholders and implementation of the scheme. To track the performance of PMDDKY districts, a dashboard similar to that being used for the Aspirational Districts Program is being developed by NITI Aayog. The Districts will be ranked on monthly basis for progress and outcomes. Ranking (delta) of progress will be against defined Key Performance Indicators (Output-Outcome) on annual basis.

5. To track the performance of PMDDKY districts, a dashboard similar to that being used for the Aspirational Districts Program is being developed by NITI Aayog. The Districts will be ranked on monthly basis for progress and outcomes. Ranking (delta) of progress will be against defined Key Performance Indicators (Output-Outcome) on annual basis.

6. Detailed operational guidelines along with indicative list of Key Performance Indicators (Scheme-wise- Output/Outcome indicators) is enclosed for ready reference.

7. I would be grateful if you could direct the concerned senior officers handling the

schemes of your Department which are being converged in PMDDKY for effective monitoring of the scheme implementation at the District level. I would also request to nominate a nodal officer (Director/DS level & above) from your Department for regular coordination & facilitation of timely data sharing to NITI Aayog for PMDDKY Dashboard. The nodal officer from NITI Aayog in this regard is Dr. Neelam Patel, Senior Advisor, Agri-Tech (neelam.patel@gov.in) and from DA&FW the nodal officer is Sh. Kaviarasan K, Additional Economic Advisor, Marketing Division (kaviarasan13@nic.in). The details of the officer nominated from your Ministry/Department may be informed to the afore-mentioned nodal officers from NITI Aayog and DA&FW on priority please.

An early action in this regard will be highly appreciated.

Encl.: as above.

With regards,

[Signature]
Yours sincerely,

(Dr. Devesh Chaturvedi)

Dr. Mangi Lal Jat
Secretary (DARE) & DG (ICAR)
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

Annexure

List of 100 Districts to be covered under PM-DDKY

| Sl. No. | State | District |
|----------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | Sri Sathya Sai |
| 2 | Andhra Pradesh | Anantapur (Ananthapuramu) |
| 3 | Andhra Pradesh | Alluri Sitharama Raju |
| 4 | Andhra Pradesh | Annamayya |
| 5 | Arunachal Pradesh | Anjaw |
| 6 | Assam | Sribhumi (Karimganj) |
| 7 | Assam | Charaideo |
| 8 | Assam | Dima Hasao |
| 9 | Bihar | Madhubani |
| 10 | Bihar | Darbhanga |
| 11 | Bihar | Banka |
| 12 | Bihar | Gaya |
| 13 | Bihar | Siwan |
| 14 | Bihar | Kishanganj |
| 15 | Bihar | Nawada |
| 16 | Chhattisgarh | Dantewada |
| 17 | Chhattisgarh | Jashpur |
| 18 | Chhattisgarh | Korba |
| 19 | Goa | South Goa |
| 20 | Gujarat | Kachchh |
| 21 | Gujarat | Dohad/Dahod |
| 22 | Gujarat | Chhotaudepur |
| 23 | Gujarat | Panch Mahals |
| 24 | Haryana | Nuh |
| 25 | Himachal Pradesh | Bilaspur |
| 26 | Jammu & Kashmir | Kishtwar |
| 27 | Jammu & Kashmir | Baramulla |
| 28 | Jharkhand | Simdega |
| 29 | Jharkhand | West Singhbhum |
| 30 | Karnataka | Tumakuru |
| 31 | Karnataka | Chitradurga |
| 32 | Karnataka | Koppal |
| 33 | Karnataka | Gadag |
| 34 | Karnataka | Haveri |
| 35 | Karnataka | Chikkaballapura |
| 36 | Kerala | Kozhikode |

| Sl. No. | State | District |
|----------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| 37 | Kerala | Kasaragod |
| 38 | Kerala | Kannur |
| 39 | Madhya Pradesh | Anuppur |
| 40 | Madhya Pradesh | Dindori |
| 41 | Madhya Pradesh | Alirajpur |
| 42 | Madhya Pradesh | Shahdol |
| 43 | Madhya Pradesh | Umaria |
| 44 | Madhya Pradesh | Sidhi |
| 45 | Madhya Pradesh | Niwari |
| 46 | Madhya Pradesh | Tikamgarh |
| 47 | Maharashtra | Palghar |
| 48 | Maharashtra | Yavatmal |
| 49 | Maharashtra | Gadchiroli |
| 50 | Maharashtra | Dhule |
| 51 | Maharashtra | Raigad |
| 52 | Maharashtra | Chandrapur |
| 53 | Maharashtra | Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar (Aurangabad) |
| 54 | Maharashtra | Nanded |
| 55 | Maharashtra | Beed |
| 56 | Manipur | Tamenglong |
| 57 | Meghalaya | West Jaintia Hills |
| 58 | Mizoram | Mamit |
| 59 | Nagaland | Mon |
| 60 | Odisha | Kandhamal |
| 61 | Odisha | Malkangiri |
| 62 | Odisha | Sundargarh |
| 63 | Odisha | Nuapada |
| 64 | Punjab | Fazilka |
| 65 | Rajasthan | Barmer |
| 66 | Rajasthan | Jaisalmer |
| 67 | Rajasthan | Pali |
| 68 | Rajasthan | Nagaur |
| 69 | Rajasthan | Jodhpur |
| 70 | Rajasthan | Bikaner |
| 71 | Rajasthan | Churu |
| 72 | Rajasthan | Jalore |
| 73 | Sikkim | Geyzing (formerly West District) |
| 74 | Tamil Nadu | Ramanathapuram |
| 75 | Tamil Nadu | Thoothukudi (Tuticorin) |
| 76 | Tamil Nadu | Sivaganga |

| Sl. No. | State | District |
|----------------|---------------|------------------|
| 77 | Tamil Nadu | Virudhunagar |
| 78 | Telangana | Narayanpet |
| 79 | Telangana | Jogulamba Gadwal |
| 80 | Telangana | Jangoan |
| 81 | Telangana | Nagarkurnool |
| 82 | Tripura | North Tripura |
| 83 | Uttar Pradesh | Mahoba |
| 84 | Uttar Pradesh | Sonbhadra |
| 85 | Uttar Pradesh | Hamirpur |
| 86 | Uttar Pradesh | Banda |
| 87 | Uttar Pradesh | Jalaun |
| 88 | Uttar Pradesh | Jhansi |
| 89 | Uttar Pradesh | Unnao |
| 90 | Uttar Pradesh | Prayagraj |
| 91 | Uttar Pradesh | Chitrakoot |
| 92 | Uttar Pradesh | Pratapgarh |
| 93 | Uttar Pradesh | Shravasti |
| 94 | Uttar Pradesh | Lalitpur |
| 95 | Uttarakhand | Almora |
| 96 | Uttarakhand | Chamoli |
| 97 | West Bengal | Purulia |
| 98 | West Bengal | Darjeeling |
| 99 | West Bengal | Alipurduar |
| 100 | West Bengal | Jhargram |
