PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PM-DDKY) completes a year; top districts named

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The 'PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana' (PM-DDKY), which aims to lift 100 low-productivity farm districts, completed one year on 11 Oct 2026. At a review led by Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on 12 Oct, Gaya (Bihar), Nagaur (Rajasthan) and Umaria (Madhya Pradesh) were named the top three districts. A 'Khet Bachao Abhiyan' on soil health and balanced fertiliser use will run from 22 Oct to 30 Nov 2026.

Key facts

Launch	11 Oct 2025 – PM Modi, IARI Pusa (Cabinet approval 16 July 2025)
Scale	₹24,000 crore a year; 6 years; 100 districts (at least one per State)
Convergence	36 schemes of 11 ministries; about 1.7 crore farmers
Selection	Low productivity, low cropping intensity, low farm credit
Top three (2026)	Gaya (Bihar), Nagaur (Rajasthan), Umaria (Madhya Pradesh)

Background

- Model: NITI Aayog's Aspirational Districts Programme (2018). Six objectives – productivity, crop diversification, post-harvest storage, irrigation, credit and governance; 121 indicators, monthly

ranking.

- Committees: chaired by the Collector at district level, the Chief Secretary at State level and the Union Agriculture Minister nationally.
- Related schemes: PM-KISAN (2019, ₹6,000 a year), Soil Health Card (2015, Suratgarh, Rajasthan), PM Fasal Bima Yojana (2016).

Tamil Nadu link: four Tamil Nadu districts are in the scheme – Ramanathapuram, Sivaganga, Thoothukudi and Virudhunagar (mostly rain-fed, dry southern districts). No Tamil Nadu district was among the 2026 award winners.

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