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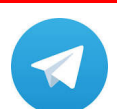
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- இயற்கை இடர்பாடுகளால் ஏற்படும் பயிர் பாதிப்பிலிருந்து விவசாயிகளின் வாழ்வாதாரத்தைப் பாதுகாக்க, பயிர்க் காப்பீட்டுத் திட்டம் செயல்படுத்தப்பட்டு வருகிறது.
- வறட்சி, வெள்ளம், புயல், பருவம் தவறிய மழை போன்ற பல்வேறு இயற்கை இடர்பாடுகளால் பாதிக்கப்படும் விவசாயிகளுக்கு பயிர்க் காப்பீட்டுத் திட்டத்தின் கீழ் இழப்பீடுகள் வழங்கப்பட்டு வருகின்றன.

### பிரதான் மந்திரி ஃபசல் பீமா திட்டம்

- தொடக்கம் - 2016
- பிரதான் மந்திரி ஃபசல் பீமா யோஜனா விவசாயத்தில் உற்பத்தியை ஆதரிக்கும் நோக்கத்துடன், விவசாயிகளின் பயிர்களுக்கு விரிவான இடர் காப்பீட்டை உறுதி செய்வதற்காக, விதைப்பதற்கு முன், அறுவடைக்கு பிந்தைய நிலை வரை, தடுக்க முடியாத அனைத்து இயற்கை அபாயங்களுக்கும் எதிராக பகுதி அணுகுமுறை அடிப்படையில் இத்திட்டம் செயல்படுத்தப்படுகிறது.

### பங்குதாரர்கள்

- மத்திய அரசு, மாநில அரசுகள், வங்கிகள், காப்பீட்டு நிறுவனங்கள், மற்றும் விவசாயிகள்
- இந்த பயிர்காப்பீட்டுத் திட்டத்தின்கீழ், அறிவிக்கை செய்யப்பட்ட மாவட்டங்களில் இயற்கை இடர்பாடுகளால் 7 லட்சம் ஏக்கர் பரப்பளவில் ஏற்பட்ட மகசூல் இழப்பிற்காக 560 கோடி ரூபாய் இழப்பீட்டுத் தொகை வழங்கப்படுவதாக மாநில அரசின் செய்திக்குறிப்பு தெரிவித்துள்ளது.

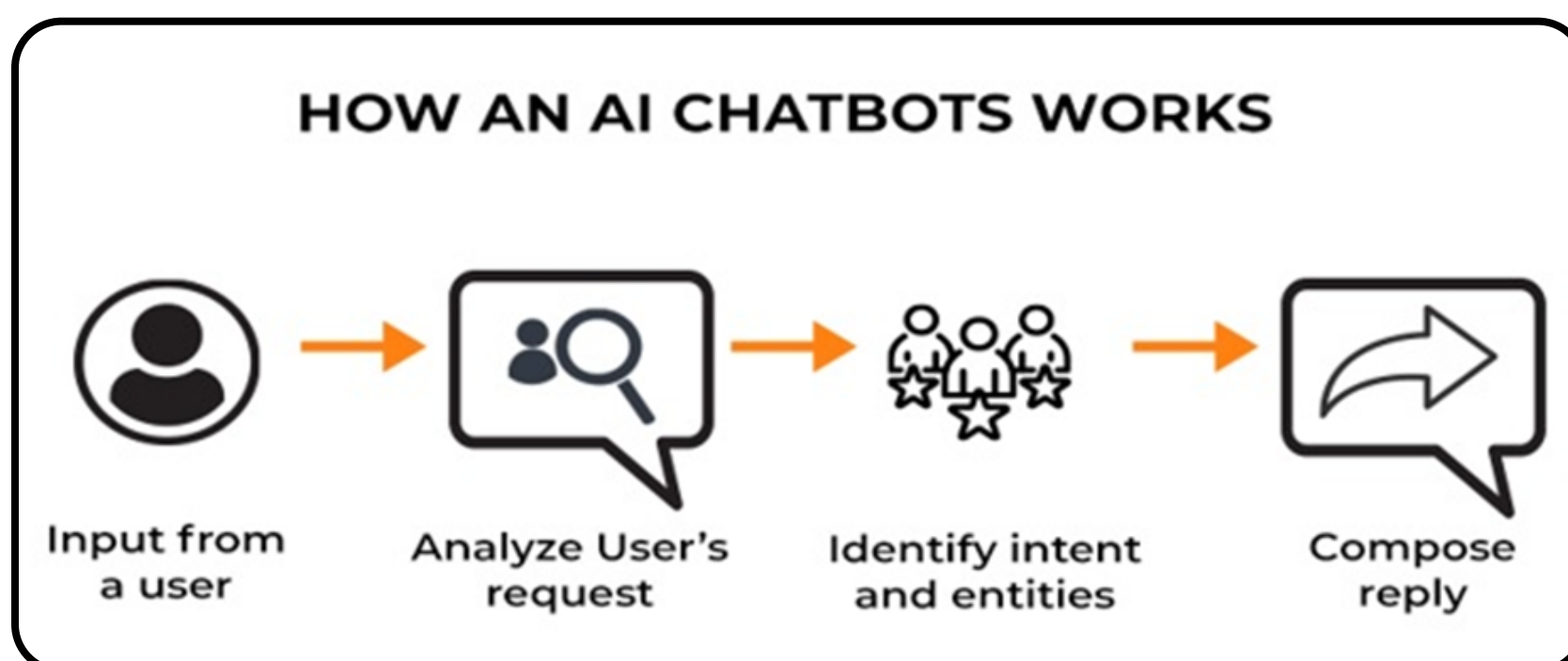


## Artificial Intelligence (AI) Chatbot For PM-KISAN Scheme

- This is **the first AI Chatbot integrated with a major flagship scheme of the Union government**
- AI Chatbot launch marks a significant step towards enhancing efficiency and reach of PM-KISAN Scheme
- AI Chatbot will also provide farmers prompt, clear & accurate responses to their queries
- Through this initiative, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare aims to provide seamless assistance and support to farmers across the country
- There is a need to widen the service to link it with other related issues like weather information, soil conditions and bank payments etc.
- It will ease the burden for agriculture officials at the Centre and states.
- The AI Chatbot, accessible through the **PM KISAN mobile app integrated with Bhashini**, which offers **multilingual support, catering to the linguistic and regional diversity of the PM KISAN beneficiaries.**
- This integration of advanced technology will not only enhance transparency but will also **empower farmers to make informed decisions.**

## OTHER CHATBOTS

- **“Umang”** - The chatbot can **assist users with popular services like the EPFO, Blood bank, Passport, PAN card, and Driving license.**
- **“Aadhaar Mitra”** - An AI-based chatbot developed to **answer questions from residents, was launched by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).**
- **PAi,”** an AI-based chatbot developed by **the National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI), was launched to raise awareness of digital payment platforms like UPI.**



## New Mobile Application and Web Portal for General Crop Estimation Survey (GCES)

- Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare launches Innovative Mobile Application and Web Portal for General Crop Estimation Survey (GCES) to Revolutionize Farming Practices.

In-line with the Prime Minister's vision towards maximizing digital technology for social benefit, Shri Manoj Ahuja, Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) launched the mobile application and the web portal for GCES (General Crop Estimation Survey) here today.

### Key Challenges Addressed by GCES Web Portal and Mobile Application

- Delay in Reporting** - Till date data collection, compilation and yield estimation is completely manual process which cause delay in reporting by states.
- Transparency** - GPS enabled devices provide precise latitude and longitude coordinates for data collection points.

### Key Features of the GCES Web Portal and Mobile Application

- Comprehensive Information** - The portal and the app provide a comprehensive repository of yield estimation.
- Geo-referencing** - Geo-referencing is one of the key features of the mobile application.





## “Nadi Utsav” On Riverine Culture

- The fourth 'Nadi Utsav' is being organized by the **National Mission on Cultural Mapping (NMCM)** of IGNCA and the Janapada Sampada Division, scheduled from September 22nd to September 24th, 2023.
- This year, it will be hosted in **Delhi** situated on the banks of River Yamuna.
- **The Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA)**, an institution dedicated to art and culture, under the Ministry of Culture has been organizing the 'Nadi Utsav' on a grand scale for the last few years.
- The 'Nadi Utsav' **commenced in 2018**, with its inaugural event **held in Nashik (Maharashtra)** city situated on the banks of River Godavri.
- The second 'Nadi Utsav' took place in Vijayawada (Andhra Pradesh) city situated on the banks of river Krishna, and the third in Munger (Bihar) city situated on the banks of river Ganga.
- 'Nadi Utsav' is an attempt to document riverine culture, its tradition, rituals and water wisdom.

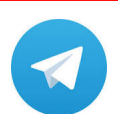


## Nuakhai Festival

- The Prime Minister of India recently greeted the people on the auspicious occasion of Nuakhai.

### About:

- Nuakhai is also called **Nuakhai Parab or Nuakhai Bhetghat**. It is also known as Navakhai Parv in Chhattisgarh.
- Nuakhai is an agricultural festival mainly observed by tribal people as well as Hindus of Western Odisha. It is also celebrated in the adjoining areas of Simdega in Jharkhand, where the culture of Western Odisha is much predominant.
- Nuakhai is **observed to welcome the new rice of the season**. The word nua means new and khai means food, so the name means the farmers are in possession of the newly harvested rice.
- It is observed on **Panchami Tithi** (The Fifth day) of the lunar fortnight of the month of Bhadrapada (August–September), the day after the Ganesh Chaturthi festival.
- **History:** Nuakhai is of fairly ancient origin, originating from Pralambana yajna (which involves cutting of the first crop and reverent offering of the same to the mother goddess).
- In its current form, **the festival dates back to the the time of the first Chauhan King Ramai Deva of Patnagarh in west Odisha**.





### IRCON (Indian Railway Construction International Limited)

- Sri Lanka's Transport Ministry signs contract with India's **IRCON International Limited** for **Signalling system**.
- To Design, Installation, Testing, and Commissioning of a Signalling system along **the Sri Lanka Railways' Maho to Anuradhapura route**, spanning 66 Kilometers.
- The project which will be executed under an Indian Line of Credit of 318 million USD, is **set to bolster transportation links and foster economic growth**.
- It was also pointed out that Sri Lankan railway projects have received support in the form of LOCs in recent times only from India.
- IRCON, started its operations in Sri Lanka in March 2009, has completed several projects in Sri Lanka with Indian assistance and has contributed significantly towards rehabilitation and modernization of Sri Lanka Railways, capacity building, and employment generation

#### Significance

##### **Infrastructure development**

1. In 2022, India signed an agreement to set up hybrid power projects on northern Sri Lanka islands.
2. Various development projects have been started by India at Kankesanthurai port on the northern tip of Sri Lanka, very close to India, and at Trincomalee port on its north eastern coast.

##### **Defence and security cooperation**

Defense exercises: **India and Sri Lanka conduct joint Military (Mitra Shakti) and Naval exercises (SLINEX).**

##### **Multilateral cooperation**

1. Both are members of organizations such as SAARC, BIMSTEC, and the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA).
2. Both are part of international organizations such as the United Nations, World Trade Organization, World Health Organization, International Monetary Fund, World Bank etc.

