

# **KALIA-Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation**

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## **Why is it in the News?**

- The Odisha government has decided to merge its KALIA Scheme with centre's PM-KISAN Scheme recently.

## **About**

- The scheme will provide financial, livelihood, cultivation support along with insurance support to small, marginal and the landless farmers.

## **Who are the beneficiaries?**

- All small and marginal farmers along with landless agricultural households, vulnerable agricultural household, landless agricultural labourers and sharecroppers/actual cultivators

## **Benefits:**

- Small and marginal farmers: Financial aid of Rs. 25,000 per farm family over five seasons will be provided to small and marginal farmers so that they can purchase seeds, fertilizers, pesticides and use assistance towards labour.
- Landless agricultural household: Financial assistance of Rs 12500/ will be provided to each landless agricultural household for agricultural allied activities such as goat rearing, small layer poultry units, duckery units, fishery kits for fishermen, mushroom cultivation, bee-keeping and so on.
- Vulnerable cultivators/landless agricultural laborers:

The vulnerable cultivators/landless agricultural laborers will get financial assistance of Rs 10,000 per family per year to enable them to take care of their sustenance.

- The cultivator/landless agricultural laborers who are in old age, having disability/ disease and are vulnerable for any other reason will benefit from the scheme. Five lakh families will be covered every year.
- Life Insurance Support to cultivators and Landless agricultural labourers as well as the interest free crop loan component are meant for all category of beneficiary under KALIA scheme.
- The KALIA scheme includes a life insurance cover of Rs 2 lakh and additional personal accident coverage of the same amount for 57 lakh households. Crop loans up to Rs 50,000 are interest-free.

#### **KALIA vs Rythu Bandhu vs PM-KISAN**

