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## Vikshit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan, Rabi 2025–26: Objectives and Targets for Agricultural and Rural Prosperity

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Agriculture continues to remain the backbone of the Indian economy, providing livelihood, food security, and employment to a majority of the rural population. However, the sector faces persistent challenges such as climate change, water scarcity, declining soil fertility, rising input costs, and uncertain markets. In response, the Government of India has launched several initiatives to strengthen the farming system, among which the *Vikshit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan* holds significant importance. Following its implementation in Kharif 2025, the campaign is being extended to the Rabi 2025–26 season with a mission to empower farmers, enhance productivity, and ensure sustainable agricultural growth. The program emphasizes the themes of “One Nation, One Agriculture, One Team” and focuses on production enhancement, farmer welfare schemes, technological adoption, and rural employment generation. This article highlights the objectives, production targets, features, and potential impacts of the campaign, while also discussing its relevance in strengthening national food and nutritional security and reducing import dependency. The Abhiyan represents not merely a government program but a collective step towards farmer prosperity and rural development.

### Introduction

India is an agrarian country where the majority of the population depends on agriculture for their livelihood and resources. Agriculture forms the backbone of the nation's food security, nutritional security, and rural development. Over time, farming has faced increasing challenges such as climate change, water scarcity, declining soil fertility, and market volatility. In such a scenario, government agencies, scientists, agricultural experts, and administrators are working together to empower farmers and make agriculture more profitable. In this context, the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Government of India, is implementing the *Vikshit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan*. Following the successful execution in Kharif 2025, the campaign for Rabi 2025–26 aims to add new hope and self-reliance among farmers. The campaign will run from 3rd October 2025 to 18th October 2025, during which teams of over 2,000 scientists, agricultural experts, and officials will visit villages across the country to provide practical solutions to farmers' problems. The campaign will work under the theme “One Nation, One Agriculture, One Team.”

### Key Objectives of the *Vikshit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan*

The campaign aims not only to achieve production targets but also to make agriculture sustainable, profitable, and modern.

#### 1. Steps Towards Modern Agriculture

- Adoption of climate-based farming and scientific forecasting.
- Use of improved seeds that ensure higher yield with lower water and input costs.
- Soil health testing and balanced fertilizer application.
- Expansion of drones and sensor-based technologies in agriculture.

## 2. Increase in Production and Income

- Promotion of diverse crop rotations to reduce dependence on a single crop.
- Expansion of irrigation facilities, including drip and sprinkler systems.
- Scientific management of fertilizers and pesticides.

## 3. Farmer-Friendly Schemes

- Easy access to loans via the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) scheme.
- Financial assistance under the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme.
- Wider coverage of crop insurance schemes.
- Additional income opportunities through processing and value addition.

## 4. Rural Employment Generation

- Promotion of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs).
- Development of agro-processing units to provide employment opportunities for rural youth.
- Special support and training for women farmers.

## 5. Special Incentives

- Yield improvement per hectare.
- Promotion of pulses and oilseeds production to enhance national nutritional security and reduce dependency on imports.

## 6. Making note of rural innovations/success stories

- During the visits of team, the important rural success stories and innovations should also be documented and spread in other areas for adoption on wider scale.

## 7. Exploration of researchable issues.

- The team members should also explore the important researchable issues that need urgent solution and priority should be given to solve such issue first in institute projects.



Honorable Agricultural Minister and DG ICAR during their interaction with farmers in Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan 29 May to 12 June 2025

## Targets for Agricultural Production in Rabi 2025–26

Coordinated efforts are underway to make the country self-reliant in crop production. The production targets under the **Vikshit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan** for Rabi 2025–26 are as follows:

- **Total foodgrain production (2025–26):** 362.5 million tons (2.4% higher than previous year)
- **Total Rabi foodgrain production:** 171.14 million tons (2.4% higher)
- **Wheat:** 119.0 million tons (1.3% increase)
- **Maize:** 14.5 million tons (6.5% increase)

- **Millets:** 3.17 million tons (2.6% increase)
- **Pulses:** 16.57 million tons (7% increase)
- **Oilseeds:** 15.07 million tons (11.1% increase)
- **Chickpea:** 11.8 million tons (4.1% increase)
- **Peanut:** 0.74 million tons (7.2% increase)
- **Mustard & rapeseed:** 13.9 million tons (10.3% increase)

To achieve these ambitious targets, the availability of **25 million tons of seeds** has already been ensured, which is more than the required quantity.

## Features of the Campaign

1. **Direct Participation of Scientists and Agri-Experts** – Field visits to interact with farmers directly.
2. **Problem-Solving Approach** – Providing practical solutions, not just sharing technology.
3. **Training and Awareness** – Training farmers to adopt new techniques.
4. **Promotion of Government Schemes** – Ensuring farmers directly benefit from existing programs.



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Guiding farmers in village Kaithwadi, Ghaziabad in May-June 2025 VKSA

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## Potential Benefits for Farmers

- **Reduced Costs and Higher Yields:** Advanced seeds, scientific fertilizer management, and drone technology will reduce input costs and increase productivity.
- **Stable Income:** Diverse cropping and processing will provide additional income.
- **Easy Market Access:** Through value addition and FPOs, farmers can reach markets directly.
- **Opportunities for Rural Youth:** Employment via agro-processing units at the local level.
- **Women Empowerment:** Special training and opportunities for female farmers.

## Wider Impact on Rural Development

It is expected that the impact of the campaign will go beyond agricultural production. It will provide support to all areas that enhance farmers' income and rural prosperity.

- It will improve the economic condition of farmers.
- It will enhance self-reliance in rural areas.
- It will strengthen nutritional security.
- It will reduce import dependency for pulses and oilseeds.
- It will provide new directions for rural development and employment generation.

## Conclusion

The Vikshit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan for Rabi 2025–26 is poised to provide a new direction for farmers. It represents not just a government initiative but a partnership between farmers, government, and scientists. Through modern technology, government schemes, better marketing, and training, farmers' income will increase, and rural India will move toward self-reliance. Continuous government efforts underline a clear objective: the prosperity of farmers is the prosperity of the nation.