

Building a Developed India: Agricultural Pathways to Viksit Bharat 2047

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Abstract

The vision of *Viksit Bharat 2047* represents India's collective aspiration to transform into a fully developed and self-reliant nation by the centenary of independence. Anchored on the pillars of *Yuva (Youth)*, *Garib (Poor)*, *Mahilayen (Women)* and *Annadata (Farmers)*, the initiative focuses on inclusive and sustainable growth. Recent government schemes such as the PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY), the National Mission on Natural Farming and the Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses aim to strengthen the agricultural foundation of India, enhancing productivity, promoting eco-friendly practices and ensuring income security for farmers. Together, these interventions mark a decisive shift toward self-reliance (*Aatmanirbharta*), climate resilience and equitable prosperity. This article discusses these flagship schemes, their objectives and their role in realizing the vision of *Viksit Bharat* by 2047.

Key words: *Viksit Bharat*, PMDDKY, National Mission and Aatmanirbharta.

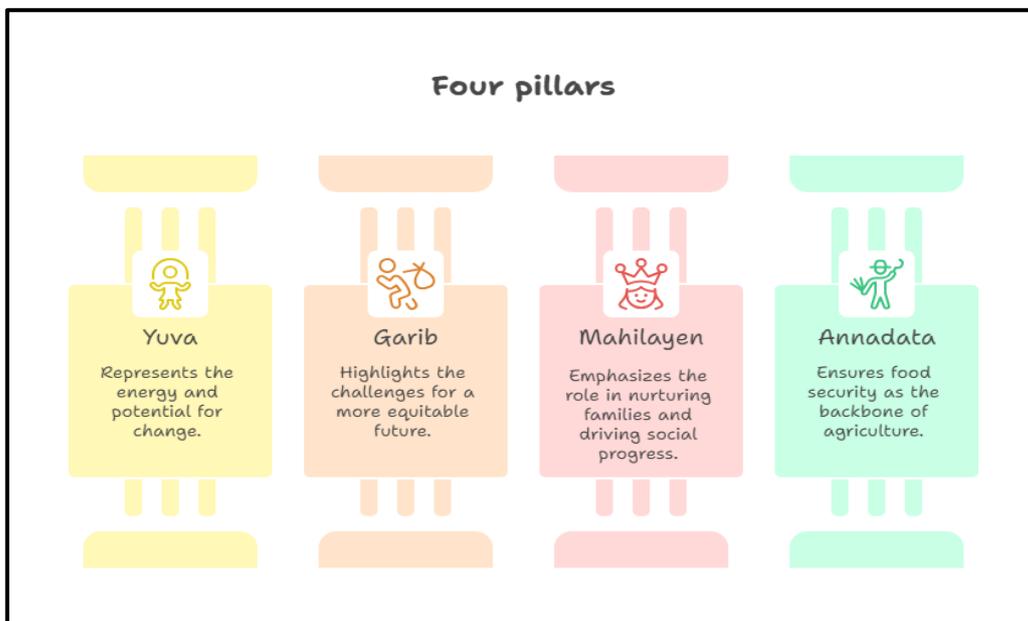
Introduction

India's journey toward becoming a developed nation is guided by the transformative vision of *Viksit Bharat 2047*, an ambitious roadmap unveiled to commemorate 100 years of independence. The initiative aspires to build a nation characterized by economic strength, technological advancement, infrastructural growth, social inclusivity, and environmental sustainability. The Union Budget 2025-26 provided key directions for implementing this vision, emphasizing the empowerment of youth, women, farmers, and marginalized groups. Agriculture, being the backbone of the Indian economy, remains central to achieving this developmental milestone. Recognizing this, the Government of India has launched several flagship programs to modernize the sector, enhance productivity, and ensure sustainable livelihoods. Among these, the PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana focuses on comprehensive rural agricultural transformation through district-level planning, convergence of schemes, and digital monitoring. The National Mission on Natural Farming promotes chemical-free,

ecosystem-based agriculture, strengthening the link between traditional wisdom and modern practices. Similarly, the Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses aims to achieve self-reliance in pulse production, ensuring nutritional and economic security. Together, these initiatives underscore the government's commitment to transforming Indian agriculture into a resilient, sustainable, and globally competitive sector, contributing to the larger goal of *Viksit Bharat*.

Viksit Bharat

Viksit Bharat 2047 is the Government of India's visionary mission to transform the nation into a self-reliant and prosperous economy by 2047, marking 100 years of independence. The initiative emphasizes comprehensive progress through economic growth, technological advancement, infrastructure development, social empowerment, and environmental sustainability. Reflecting this vision, the Union Budget 2025-26 presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman outlined key priorities aimed at fostering innovation, creating opportunities, and promoting inclusive development in alignment with the goals set out in the interim budget. The vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 is built upon four fundamental pillars e.g. *Yuva* (Youth), *Garib* (Poor), *Mahilayen* (Women) and *Annadata* (Farmers), to ensure empowerment, equity, and sustainable growth for every section of society, paving the way for a truly developed India.



Major Schemes for Viksit Bharat

1. PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY)

In a historic step toward strengthening India's agricultural landscape, the Hon'ble Prime Minister has participated in a special Krishi programme at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi, on 11th October 2025. During this event, the Prime Minister has been launched, inaugurated

and laid the foundation stone and dedicated to the nation a series of major projects and schemes collectively worth over Rs. 42,000 crores, aimed at accelerating growth and innovation in agriculture and allied sectors.

The PM Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY), an ambitious initiative with an annual outlay of Rs. 24,000 crore for six years. This transformative scheme seeks to revitalize 100 low-performing agricultural districts, turning them into growth engines of rural prosperity. The programme focuses on enhancing agricultural productivity, promoting crop diversification, improving irrigation efficiency, strengthening post-harvest management, and facilitating easier access to agricultural credit. A unique feature of this Yojana is its convergence model, which integrates 36 existing schemes from 11 different ministries to ensure holistic development of agriculture and allied sectors. The initiative aims to benefit around 1.7 crore farmers directly, fostering inclusive and sustainable growth. District-level plans will be prepared by the respective collectors in collaboration with agricultural universities and NITI Aayog, ensuring localized planning and effective implementation. To ensure transparency and accountability, a robust digital ecosystem will be developed, featuring a real-time monitoring dashboard, a farmer-centric mobile application and a district performance ranking system. These digital tools will support data-driven decision-making and improve coordination among implementing agencies.

2. National Mission on Natural Farming

Natural Farming (NF) is a chemical-free, sustainable agricultural approach that integrates livestock (especially local cow breeds) with diversified cropping systems rooted in India's traditional knowledge. Recognizing the interdependence of soil, water, microbes, plants, animals, climate, and human needs, the National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF), launched in November 2024 as a standalone Centrally Sponsored Scheme, aims to promote ecosystem-based farming practices across 7.5 lakh hectares through 15,000 clusters, with a total outlay of Rs. 2,481 crores to benefit one crore farmers. The mission envisions setting up 10,000 Bio-input Resource Centres (BRC) and has deployed over 70,000 trained Krishi Sakhis to ensure timely input delivery and farmer support. To incentivize adoption, Rs. 4,000 per acre per year is provided for two years, and by July 2025, over 10 lakh farmers had enrolled, 1,100 model farms were established, and 806 training institutes actively engaged in capacity building.

3. Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses

The Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses (Dalhan Aatmanirbharta Mission) with a total outlay of Rs. 11,440 crores for the period 2025-26 to 2030-31. The mission aims to scale up domestic pulses

production to 350 lakh tonnes and expand the cultivation area to 310 lakh hectares by 2030-31. To strengthen farmer confidence and income security, the government has assured 100 percent procurement of key pulses; Tur (Arhar), Urad and Masoor at Minimum Support Prices for four years. The initiative also includes the distribution of 88 lakh free seed kits and 126 lakh quintals of certified seeds, benefiting nearly two crore farmers through improved seed access, assured procurement, and stronger value chain linkages.

Conclusion:

The path to *Viksit Bharat 2047* is deeply rooted in strengthening India's agrarian foundation through innovation, inclusivity, and sustainability. The PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY) addresses structural challenges in agriculture by fostering convergence, decentralization, and accountability, while the National Mission on Natural Farming revives eco-friendly and low-input farming systems aligned with traditional knowledge. Complementing these efforts, the Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses ensures nutritional and economic self-sufficiency through technological intervention, assured procurement, and quality seed distribution. Collectively, these schemes embody the spirit of *Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas*, enabling rural prosperity and environmental harmony. By empowering farmers, strengthening food systems and promoting sustainable growth, these initiatives lay a solid foundation for a resilient, equitable and developed India, truly realizing the vision of *Viksit Bharat* by 2047.