



## **Launch of Web Portal and Krishi Katha blog site for faster bank settlements and to amplify the voice of Indian farmers**

The Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare (DA&FW) and NABARD have jointly developed a web portal to automate and speed up the process of settlement of interest subvention claims of banks submitted under the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF). The web portal was launched by Hon'ble Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

The investments worth ₹72,000 crore have been mobilised with ₹43,000 crore already sanctioned for 67,871 projects under Agriculture Infrastructure Fund. The portal shall be used by banks, Central Project Management Unit (CPMU) of DA&FW and NABARD. The automation of the interest subvention claim and credit guarantee fee claim processing will help the government in releasing accurate interest subvention, reduce the turn-around time and in turn help the farmers and agri entrepreneurs financially and encourage them to take up more such projects for development of agriculture in the country.

A blog site "Krishi Katha" meant to serve as a digital platform to showcase the voice of the Indian farmers, dedicated to amplifying the experiences, insights and success stories of farmers across the country was also launched by Hon'ble Union Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

The minister highlighted that the launch of Krishi Katha is a significant move towards acknowledging and amplifying the voice of our farmers. The objectives behind this initiative will be helpful in raising awareness, facilitating exchange of knowledge, fostering collaboration and empowering farmers.

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