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- In a Recently unearthed misuse of a central government scheme, RS 110 crores were fraudulently credited to over 5.5 lakhs ineligible farmers spared across 13 districts of Tamil Nadu, over the last couples of month.
- Agriculture Secretary Gagandeep Singh Bedi said that the state government has recovered up to RS. 32 crore so far, adding that many government officials have been suspended and other individuals have been arrested.
- Th PM-Kisan Scheme, also known as Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi, is aimed at providing three installments of RS. 2000 to the eligible farmers, by directly crediting it to their bank account.
- There are over 40 lakh farmers eligible under this scheme in Tamil Nadu.
- Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi is an initiative by the government of India in which all farmers will get up to Rs. 6,000 per year as minimum income support
- The initiative was announced by Piyush Goyal during the 2019 Interim Union Budget of India on 1 February 2019

## Food Ministry Seeks 5,600 crores to pay export subsidy dues of Sugar Mills.

- The Food Ministry has sought RS. 5,600 crores to clear export subsidy dues of sugar mills. The Government Gives a subsidy of Rs. 10448 for the export of every tonne of sugar.
- Exports in the current season are estimated to be 5.7 million tonnes, but officials said very little subsidy has been paid out so far.
- Senior Food Ministry official said that "So far subsidy of only 600 crores has been disbursed. We need to 5,600 crores more to clear dues. The money will help millers clears can arrears to farmers which have been mounted to around Rs 16,000 crores.
- The Government expects the production of sugar to be around 32.5 million tonnes in the next season (October 2020 September 2021) as against the annual domestic demand of 26 million tonnes.

## Farmers block national highway Pipli, Haryana holds a rally against Centre's farm ordinance

- Bhartiya Kisan Union (BKU) and other farmer organizations blocked the national highway at Pipli in Haryana's Kurukshetra district for almost two hours after police did not allow them to move to their rally venue to protest against the Centre's three Agri ordinances, which they claim are "anti-farmers".
- Police resorted to force on the agitating farmers when they forcibly tried to move to the rally venue by breaking a barricade.
- The Farmers then blocked the National Highway that connects Delhi to Ambala near Kurukshetra. The confrontation between police and farmers went on from 11 am to 2 pm before the latter was finally allowed to hold the rally at Pipli.
- The farmer organization are demanding legislation to ensure Minimum Support Price(MSP) in the wake of three ordinances introduced by the central government.
- The Farmers' produce Trade and Commerce(Promotion and facilitation) Ordinance and The Farmers (Empowerment and protection) Agreement on Price Assurance farm service Ordinance, 2020, and an amendment in the essential Commodities Act, 1955. The ruling party BJP has launched a campaign in support of the ordinance, calling them reforms in the agriculture sector.