



**ICSSR FUNDED DISSEMINATION WORKSHOP**  
**ON**  
**PRADAHAN MANTRI KISAN SAMMAN NIDHI: AN EVALUATION OF**  
**SELECTED RURAL HOUSEHOLDS IN ASSAM, BIHAR, JHARKHAND**  
**AND**  
**WEST BENGAL**

**Department of Economics, Presidency University**

**2.15 PM on 21 February 2024**



The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi is a Central Government scheme introduced in 2019. Its objective is to provide a safety net to farmers, revive their interest in farming and revive the rural economy through a multiplier action. Accordingly, farmers are paid Rs. 2,000 every four months.

The Department of Economics, Presidency University, has undertaken an evaluation study of this scheme in four states—Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal—in December 2023 & January 2024. The study is in collaboration with Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata and Assam University, Silchar. The workshop will disseminate the results of this study.

# Programme

- 2.15 PM Registration**
- 2.30 PM Welcome address**  
Gagari Chakrabarti, Professor & Head, Department of Economics, Presidency University
- 2.35 PM Setting the background**  
*Reflections on Agricultural policy in India*  
Soumyen Sikdar, (Rtd.) Professor, Indian Institute of Management Calcutta  
*MSP: Some issues*  
Zakir Husain, Department of Economics, Presidency University, Kolkata & PMKISAN Project Director
- 3.10 PM Agricultural Policy Reform and its Discontents**  
Achin Chakraborty, Professor & (former) Director, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata
- 3.50 PM PMKISAN: An evaluation**  
Mousumi Dutta, Department of Economics, Presidency University, Kolkata PMKSN Project Coordinator  
Zakir Husain, Department of Economics, Presidency University, Kolkata & PMKISAN Project Director
- 4.40 PM Economic policies and farmers' welfare**  
Diganta Mukherjee, Sampling & Official Statistics Unit, Indian Statistical Institute Kolkata & PMKISAN Project Director
- 4.50 PM Interaction and feedback**
- 5.10 PM Tea & nibbles**

