

Modi vows farmers' welfare



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Prime Minister [Narendra Modi](#) on Friday vowed to uplift the farming [community](#) saying that by 2022, these people would be able to double their income.

Laying the foundation stone of the Indian Agricultural Research Institute at Gogamukh, the Prime Minister said the IARI had the potential to impact the entire region in a positive way in the future.

He said [agriculture](#) needs to be developed in line with the requirements of the 21st century adding that the farmers must benefit from the changing technology.

Modi stressed the need of modern [agriculture](#) and technological interventions, keeping in mind the specific needs of the region.

He said doubling farmers' incomes by 2022 his vision when the country would be celebrating the platinum jubilee of its independence.

He said the Centre had taken a number of steps for farmers' [welfare](#) in the last three years. In this context he said the soil health cards, the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana, and the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana.

He spoke of the vast network of soil health laboratories being set up across the country, and the popularity of the Fasal Bima Yojana among farmers.

The Prime Minister spoke of "Panch Tatva" - five elements to boost connectivity in the North-East: Railways, Highways, Airways, Waterways, and i-ways. He said his Government is working towards boosting prosperity and [welfare](#) of the people in the North-East through this "panch-tatva."

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