

## GORAKHPUR RALLY

# PM may Kick Off Kisan Scheme on February 24

First instalment of ₹2,000 to be sent

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**Lucknow:** Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath has said Prime Minister Narendra Modi could, on February 24, inaugurate the Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana from Gorakhpur, with a first instalment of ₹2,000 transferred electronically to some farmers at the click of a button.

The BJP Kisan Morcha is holding a two-day national conclave in Gorakhpur. Modi will also address a massive farmer rally while BJP president Amit Shah will address the convention on February 23. The venue would be “ideal,” with almost the entire party leadership in attendance, said a party leader.



**Uttar Pradesh agriculture minister says beneficiary farmers' data is being uploaded**

ET had earlier reported that the Uttar Pradesh government had issued orders seeking details of all eligible farmers to be uploaded on Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana portal on a “war footing” by February 22 and some by February 12 itself.

Some of the farmers receiving the money on February 24 could be from Uttar Pradesh, which has the highest number of eligible beneficiaries — over 2 crore of the total 12 crore small and marginal farmers. The Centre has told all states to upload names of beneficiary farmers on the central scheme portal by February 25, for easy implementation.

“It is possible that the scheme could be started from Gorakhpur by the Prime Minister on February 24. We are uploading farmer data on the central portal at the earliest,” Uttar Pradesh agriculture minister Surya Pratap Shahi told ET.