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The Union government plans to unveil a framework to promote climate-resilient agriculture in 50,000 villages located in climatically-vulnerable districts, The Indian Express has learnt.

The initiative is part of a national programme on climate-resilient agriculture, which the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare plans to launch as part of a 100-day agenda. A proposal to this effect will likely to be approved by the Union Cabinet soon, said a source.

The ministry plans to promote climate-resilient crop varieties in these 50,000 villages, the source said, adding that the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has developed more than 2,000 such varieties for improving food production. These include both abiotic stress-tolerant varieties and biotic stress-tolerant varieties.

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“The focus will be on these 310 districts,” the source said. As per the source, the initiative will run for five years and most of its funding will come through convergence with existing schemes.



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