



AgriStack

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- The Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, **entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Microsoft Corporation** to start a pilot project in 100 villages of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh. The MoU requires Microsoft **to create a 'Unified Farmer Service Interface' through its cloud computing services.**
- The **AgriStack is a collection of technologies and digital databases** proposed by the Central Government **focusing on India's farmers and the agricultural sector.** The central government has claimed that these new databases are being built to primarily tackle issues such as poor access to credit and wastage in the agricultural supply chain.
- Under AgriStack', the government aims to provide 'required data sets' of farmers' personal information to Microsoft to develop a farmer interface for 'smart and well-organized agriculture'. The digital repository will aid precise targeting of subsidies, services and policies, the officials added.
- Under the programme, each farmer of the country will get what is being called an FID, or a farmers' ID, linked to land records to uniquely identify them.
- Alongside, the government is also developing a unified farmer service platform that will help digitise agricultural services delivery by the public and private sectors.

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