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New Delhi: Under the new initiative, 10,000 farmer producer organizations (FPOs) registered under the 'Formation & Promotion of 10,000 FPOs scheme' will be converted into Common Services Centres (CSCs) through an MoU signed between CSC SPV and the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare. This move aims to increase employment opportunities in rural areas by enabling FPOs to deliver citizen-centric services, a PIB press release stated.

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