

# Kisan Sarathi

## Why in News

Recently, the <u>Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR)</u> celebrated its **93<sup>rd</sup> foundation day** and on the occasion, the **Kisan Sarthi** platform was launched.

## **Indian Council of Agriculture Research**

- It is an autonomous organisation under the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- It was established in July 1929 and was formerly known as the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research.
- It is headquartered at New Delhi.
- It is the apex body for coordinating, guiding and managing research and education in agriculture including horticulture, fisheries and animal sciences in the entire country.

## **Key Points**

#### About:

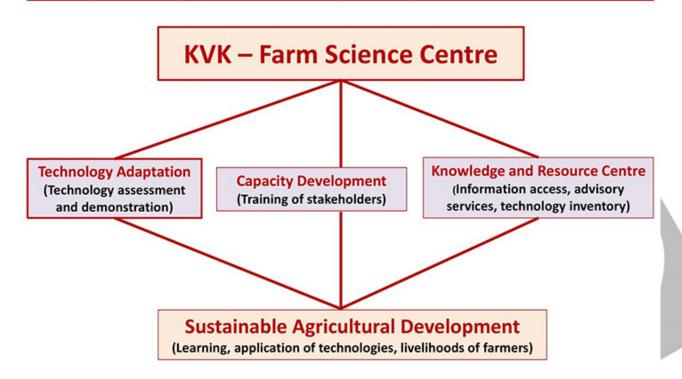
- It was jointly launched by the **Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare** and the **Union Minister of Electronics & Information Technology.**
- It is a digital platform to facilitate farmers to get 'right information at right time' in their desired language.
- It will help farmers to interact and avail personalised advisories on agriculture and allied areas directly from the respective scientists of <u>Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVKs)</u>.
  - Farmers can also learn new farming methods using it.
- Krishi Vigyan Kendra:
  - It is an agricultural extension center in India. Usually associated with a local agricultural university, these centers serve as the ultimate link between the ICAR and farmers, and aim to apply agricultural research in a practical, localized setting.
  - It is an integral part of the National Agricultural Research System (NARS).
    - The first KVK was established in 1974 at Puducherry.
  - The mandate of KVK is **technology assessment and demonstration** for its application and capacity development.
  - KVKs also produce quality technological products (seed, planting material, bio-agents, livestock) and make it available to farmers.
  - The KVK scheme is **100% financed by the Government of India** and the KVKs are sanctioned to Agricultural Universities, ICAR institutes, related Government Departments and Non Government Organizations (NGOs) working in Agriculture.
  - KVKs act as a bridge between the laboratories and farmland. According to the

Government, these are crucial to fulfilling the target of **doubling farmers' income by 2022.** 

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# Krishi Vigyan Kendra

**Design, Functional Structure and Strategies** 



#### Other Related Initiatives:

- · Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana
- Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)
- Soil health card
- Prampragat Krishi Vikas Yojana
- Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana
- PM Kisan Sampada Yojana
- National Agriculture Market (eNAM)

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