



# ICAR Celebrated Golden Jubilee of Krishi Vigyan Kendras

## Why in News?

Recently, the [Indian Council of Agricultural Research \(ICAR\)](https://www.drishtiias.com/printpdf/icas-celebrated-golden-jubilee-of-krishi-vigyan-kendras) has celebrated the **Golden Jubilee of Krishi Vigyan Kendras in 2024.**

## Key Points

- The **first Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK)** was established by the ICAR **on 21st March 1974.**
  - At present India has a network of 731 KVKs, where each KVK serves more than 5000 farmers.
  - KVK network is spread across various states such as Haryana, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Punjab, West Bengal, etc.
- KVKs serve as a comprehensive hub for **technology transfer, capacity building, market information, and skill development** for farmers at the grassroots level.

## Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK)

- KVK is an integral part of the **National Agricultural Research System (NARS).**
- The **mandate** of KVK is technology assessment and demonstration for its application and capacity development.
- It aims at assessment of location specific technology modules in agriculture and allied enterprises, through technology assessment, refinement and demonstrations.
- 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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