



Kashi to Open Agri Junction Centres

Why in News?

According to the officials, 20 **agri junction centres** for **trained youth agrarians** are to be opened in **Kashi**.

Key Points

- The district has been given a target of opening **20 agri junction centres for trained youth agrarians in the current financial year**.
- This **scheme was launched by the state government in 2016-17**. Between 2016-17 and 2023-24, a total of 104 centers were opened, with **71 currently active**.
 - Any agriculture or agribusiness management graduates who hold degrees in agriculture and allied subjects such as [horticulture](#), [animal husbandry](#), [forestry](#), [dairy](#), [veterinary](#), [poultry](#) and similar activities from any state or central university or any other university recognised by [Indian Council of Agricultural Research \(ICAR\)](#) or [University Grants Commission \(UGC\)](#) will be eligible to apply for establishment of agri junction centres.
- Apart from this, experienced diploma holders, intermediate qualified candidates in agriculture will be considered.
- After selection beneficiaries will also be given a 13-day training in **Rural Business Development Scheme (RIDP)**.
 - RIDP **provides grant funding through local development corporations** to support business relocation and expansion efforts.

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)

- It was **established on 16 July 1929** as a **registered society** under the [Societies Registration Act, 1860](#).
- It is an **autonomous organisation** under the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), **Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare**, Government of India.
- It is headquartered at **New Delhi**.

University Grants Commission

- It came into existence on 28th December, 1953 and became a **statutory Organization of the Government of India by the [University Grants Commission Act, 1956](#)**, for the coordination, determination and maintenance of standards of teaching, examination and research in university education.
- The UGC operates under the **Ministry of Education**, the Central Government appoints a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and ten other members to the UGC.
 - The Chairman is chosen from people **who are not officers of the Central Government or any State Government**.

