Krishi Vigyan Kendras (Farm Science Centre)

Why in News?

Government makes continuous efforts to upgrade the infrastructure of KVKs across the Country for better services to the farmers.

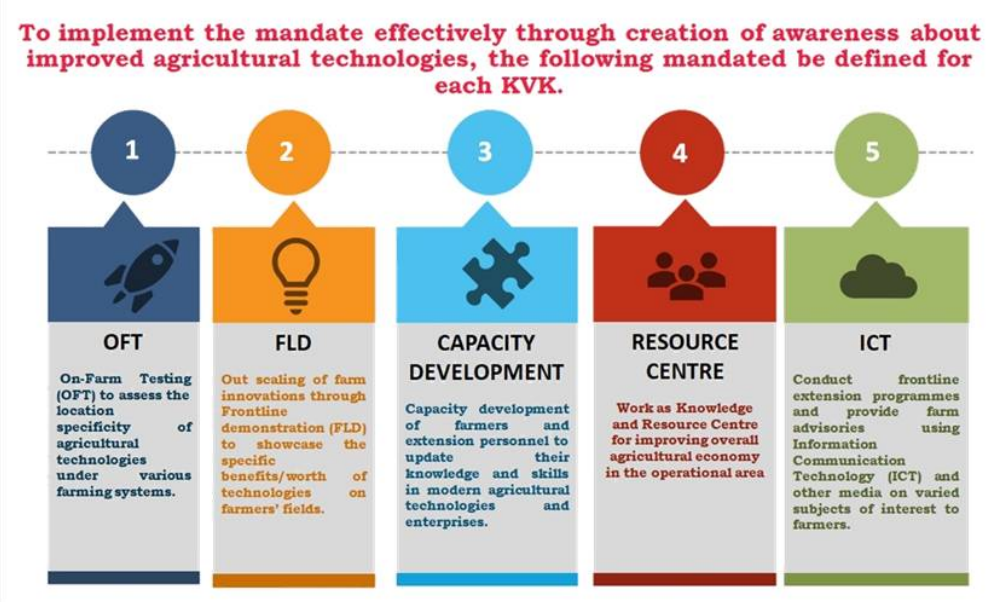
- **KRISHI** – Knowledge based Resource Information System Hub for Innovation in agriculture
- **Establishment** – Based on the recommendation of the Education Commission (1964-66), Planning commission and by ***Dr. Mohan Singh Mehta committee (1973).***

1st KVK, on a pilot basis, was established in 1974 at Pondicherry under the administrative control of the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore. Currently, there are about 731 KVKs.

- It is *100% financed by Government of India*.

Number of Krishi Vikas Kendras	
Body/Institution	**Numbers**
State Government	38
ICAR	66
NGO	101
Agricultural Universities	509

- **Mandate** – They are an integral part of the National Agricultural Research System (NARS).
  - **On-farm testing**
  - **Frontline demonstrations**
  - **Capacity development**
  - **Knowledge and Resource Centre**
  - **Farm advisories**



- **Activities** – They *assess technologies and conduct technology demonstration* in farmers' fields for their adoption by the farmers.
- They *produce quality technological products* (seed, planting material, bio-agents, livestock) and make it available to farmers.
- They identify and document selected farm innovations and converge with ongoing schemes and programs within the mandate of KVK.
- **Monitoring and review** – It is done regularly at
    - **National level** – Indian Council of Agricultural Research
    - **Zonal level** – Agricultural Technology Application Research Institutes
    - **University level** – Agricultural Universities
    - **District level** – Scientific Advisory Committee
- They are also reviewed by the Government periodically through Quinquennial Review Teams and 3rd Party.

Reference

1. PIB| Upgrading Infrastructure of Krishi Vigyan Kendras
2. KVK| Krishi Vigyan Kendras

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