

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

Zonal Coordinating Unit VIII of Transfer of Technology Projects was established in September 1979 as a Cess Fund Scheme at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore to monitor the activities of **Lab to Land Programme**. Subsequently, the unit was transferred to Southern Regional Station of National Dairy Research Institute Campus, Bangalore in September 1981. Since 1987, this unit was given the additional responsibility to monitor all the ICAR supported TOT Projects located in the zone.

The mandates of the Zonal Coordinating Unit are as follows:

- To formulate, implement, monitor and evaluate the Transfer of Technology Projects especially Krishi Vigyan Kendras.
- To coordinate the work relating to Transfer of Technology Projects of various agencies such as State Agricultural Universities (SAUs), ICAR Institutes, Voluntary Agencies and Development Departments.
- To coordinate with State/Central Government Agencies, credit institutions and any other organization for successful implementation of programmes.
- To serve as feedback mechanism from the projects to research and extension systems.
- To help in implementation of other projects on oilseeds, pulses, popularising improved implements and cotton etc. assigned by ICAR headquarters.
- To have a very close liaison with ICAR headquarters particularly with Deputy Director General (Agricultural Extension) and his staff and prepare reports/write-up for their use.

KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRAS OF THE ZONE

At present the Zonal Coordinating Unit monitors activities of 73 KVKs in four states namely Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Goa and two Union Territories namely Pondicherry and Lakshadweep. During the year three KVKs have been established in two districts namely Kolar, Bangalore Rural (Karnataka) and Virudhunagar (Tamil Nadu).

State wise Status of Krishi Vigyan Kendras

Name of the State	No. of Districts	Details of KVK				TOTAL
		SAU	NGO	ICAR	Others	
Karnataka	27	21	04	01	-	26
Kerala	14	07	03	04	-	14
Tamil Nadu	30	16	10	-	* 02	28
Pondicherry	04	-	-	-	**02	02
Goa	02	-	-	01	** 01	02
Lakshadweep	01					