

# Agricultural Extension

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The major activities of Agricultural Extension Division are technology assessment, demonstration and capacity development through a network of 11 Agricultural Technology Application Research Institutes (ATARIs) and 731 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs). These ATARIs located at Ludhiana, Jodhpur, Kanpur, Patna, Kolkata, Guwahati, Umiam, Pune, Jabalpur, Hyderabad and Bengaluru coordinate and monitor the extension activities being carried by KVKs in their respective zones under the directions of the Subject Matter Division (SMD) of Agricultural Extension Division, ICAR, New Delhi. The mandates of ATARIs are:

1. Coordination and monitoring of technology application and frontline extension education programmes.
2. Strengthening agricultural extension research and knowledge management.

The Agricultural Extension Division at National level is headed by Deputy Director-General (Agricultural Extension) and supported by two Assistant Director-Generals, four Principal Scientists, Director, Deputy Secretary and Under Secretary.