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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

KRISHI UDAN YOJANA 2.0

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1. What is Krishi UDAN Yojana 2.0?

The <u>Krishi UDAN 2.0</u>¹ scheme proposes to facilitate and incentivize movement of agri-produce by air transportation. This scheme will open up new avenues of growth for the agriculture sector and help attain the goal of doubling farmers' income by removing barriers in supply chain, logistics and transportation of farm produce.

2. What are objectives of Krishi UDAN Yojana 2.0?

The scheme aims to ensure seamless, cost-effective, time-bound air transportation and associated logistics for all agri-produce originating especially from Northeast, hilly and tribal regions of the country. The objectives are to increase the share of air in the modal mix for transportation of agri-produce, which includes horticulture, fishery, livestock & processed products. It aims to achieve better convergence on various components catering to the development of sustainable and resilient agri-produce value chains across various schemes of the Central and State Governments, their associated agencies as well as the resources committed by the private sector, in order to improvesupply chain competitiveness.²

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¹https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1767005

²https://pib.gov.in/PressReleseDetailm.aspx?PRID=1777189

3. When was Krishi UDAN Yojana 2.0 launched?

Union Civil Aviation Minister ShriJyotiradityaScindia released Krishi UDAN 2.0 under the Ministry of Civil Aviation on <u>27 October 2021</u>.³

Earlier, Krishi UDAN Scheme had been launched in August 2020, on international and national routes to assist farmers in transporting agricultural products so that it improves their value realisation.⁴

4. What is the vision for Krishi UDAN 2.0?

KrishiUdan 2.0is based on the model of A2A (Agriculture to Aviation)⁵. It seeks to enable the convergence of Agriculture and Aviation due to three primary reasons - use of drones in the agricultural sector, possible use of biofuel for aircrafts in the future, and greater integration and value realization of agricultural products.

5. Is there any online portal to get information about Krishi UDAN 2.0?

Yes, an online portal called <u>E-KUSHAL</u>⁶ (Krishi Udaan for Sustainable Holistic Agri-Logistics) is proposed to be developed as part of Krishi UDAN 2.0. It will facilitate in information dissemination to all the stakeholders. This will be a single platform which will provide relevant information and will also assist in coordination, monitoring and evaluation of the scheme. There is a proposed convergence of E-Kushal with <u>National Agriculture Market (e-NAM)</u>.

6. How many airports are selected in the first phase of Krishi UDAN 2.0?

A total of <u>53 airports</u>⁷have been selected for the first phase of Krishi UDAN 2.0; the majority of them are operated by <u>Airports Authority of India (AAI)</u>. The strategic selection of the airports is primarily focused on Northeast Region (NER).

⁷ ibid

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⁶ibid

Additionally, the scheme covers North, entire western coast and southern India (including two islands).

7. What are the steps taken under the scheme to facilitate and incentivize movement of agri-produce by air transportation?

The scheme provides forfull waiver of Landing, Parking, Terminal Navigational Landing Charges (TNLC) andRoute Navigation Facility Charges(RNFC) charges⁸ for Indian freighters and P2C (Passenger to Cargo) at selected Airports of Airports Authority of India, primarily focusing on NER, hilly and tribal regions.

8. How will the scheme support cargo related infrastructure at airports and off airports?

The scheme will support <u>cargo related infrastructure</u> ⁹ byfacilitating the development of a hub and spoke model and a freight grid. Airside transit and trans-shipment infrastructure will be created at Bagdogra and Guwahati airports, and at Leh, Srinagar, Nagpur, Nashik, Ranchi, and Raipur airports as a part of focus on NER, tribal and hilly Districts.

9. What is the proposed time line and location for the development of the hub and spoke model and a freight grid under Krishi UDAN 2.0?

The proposed timeline and location¹⁰ for the development of a hub and spoke model and a freight grid in Krishi UDAN 2.0 are:

- 2021 2022 Agartala, Srinagar, Dibrugarh, Dimapur, Hubballi, Imphal, Jorhat, Lilabari, Lucknow, Silchar, Tezpur, Tirupati, Tuticorin
- 2022 2023 Ahmedabad, Bhavnagar, Jharsuguda, Kozhikode, Mysuru, Puducherry, Rajkot, Vijayawada
- 2023-2024 Agra, Darbhanga, Gaya, Gwalior, Pakyong, Pantnagar, Shillong, Shimla, Udaipur, Vadodara,
- 2024-2025 Holangi, Salem

⁸ ibid

⁹ ibid

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10. What are the identified seven domestic and international trade routes under the scheme?

The sevenidentified¹¹ domestic and international trade routes under the scheme, along with their corresponding products, are as follows:

- the Amritsar-Dubai route; to enable transportation of baby corn
- Darbhanga to the rest of India; to transport lichis
- Chennai, Visakhapatnam, Kolkata to the far East Asian countries; to transport seafood
- Sikkim to the rest of India; for organic produce
- Agartala to Delhi and Dubai; for transportation of pineapples
- Dibrugarh to Delhi and Dubai; for transportation of Mandarin oranges
- Guwahati to Hong Kong; for transporting pulses, fruits, and vegetables.

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¹¹ ibid