

# Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Unnat Krishi Shiksha Yojana (PDDUUKSY)

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## In news

108 training programmes were organized for the awareness of the farmers during the period of operation under this scheme.

## About PDDUUKSY scheme

- It was **launched in 2016 to develop human resources** in organic farming, natural farming and cow based economy for environmental sustenance and soil health.
- The scheme was **launched under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** and implemented by the Education Division of ICAR.
- It was started with the establishment of 100 centres.
- The initiative is envisioned to transform rural development processes by partnering with knowledge institutions.

## The scheme has the following objectives:

- To build skilled Human Resource at village level relevant to national needs towards organic farming and sustainable agriculture.
- Provide rural India with professional support in the field of Organic Farming/Natural Farming/Rural Economy/Sustainable Agriculture.
- To extend other activities of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Unnat Krishi Shiksha Yojana at village level through these established centres.

## Criteria for Selecting Farmers

The designated Centers may select the farmers for this initiative, subject to the conditions that:

- The farmers must be assessed in terms of their interest in organic farming, natural farming and cow-based economy prior to their selection.
- Priority must be attached to the farmers who are currently practising organic farming, natural farming or cow-based economy.
- Farmers of all communities must be given fair representation.
- The selection shouldn't involve any gender discrimination.