

# Rythu Bharosa Kendras (RBKs)

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**In news**– An Ethiopian delegation led by the country's Agricultural Minister visited Andhra Pradesh (AP) to study the first-of-its kind Rythu Bharosa Kendras (RBKs), which have been set up by the state government.

## **About Rythu Bharosa Kendras-**

- **Set up for the first time in the country**, the RBKs are **unique seeds-to-sales, single-window service centres for farmers** that have been set up across the state.
- They are a **one-stop solution to all farmers' needs and grievances**.
- RBKs **sell pre-tested quality seeds, certified fertilisers and animal feed**.
- **Farmers can purchase or hire farm equipment, and even sell their produce** at the prevailing MSP in the RBKs.
- Touted as role models for the country, agriculture and horticulture officials manning the RBKs also provide **services like soil testing and make recommendations** on which crops to sow, and quantity and type of fertiliser to be used.
- The state government also pays **crop insurance, procures grains** and makes payments to farmers through the RBKs.
- RBKs **facilitate interaction between farmers, agriculture scientists**, and agriculture extension officers right at the village level. Apart from providing services and items for sale, RBK officials **demonstrate new farm equipment and provide training to farmers**.
- Over 10,700 RBKs – multi-functional kiosks with digital Aadhar authentication equipment – have been set up across the state.
- They also assist in selling their produce at MSPs, through supporting systems of e-cropping, geo-tagging, and the CM App through which payments are made to farmers.

- **The Centre has recently nominated the RBK concept for the Food and Agriculture Organisation's "Champion" award.**