

KRISHI UDAN 2.0 FOCUSES ON TRANSPORTING PERISHABLE FOOD PRODUCTS FROM THE HILLY AREAS, NORTHEASTERN STATES AND TRIBAL AREAS

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Krishi UDAN Scheme was launched in August 2020, on international and national routes to assist farmers in transporting agricultural products so that it improves their value realisation. The scope of the Krishi Udaan Scheme was expanded by including more districts/airports across the country with an aim to extend benefit to the farmers. The Krishi UDAN is ongoing Scheme and agriculture products have been transported from the various destinations in the country. The Scheme is reviewed from time to time in consultation with stakeholders and appropriate course corrections, are made accordingly.

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