



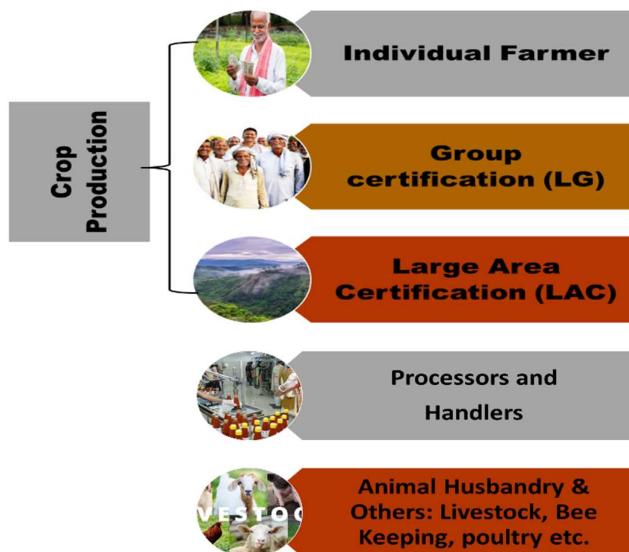
Participatory Guarantee System-India (PGS India)

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In order to promote domestic organic market growth and also to enable small and marginal farmer to have easy access to organic certification, a decentralized organic farming certification system called Participatory Guarantee System-India (PGS-India) launched by Government of India. It is cost effective, farmer-friendly and hassle-free.

"Participatory Guarantee Systems are locally focused quality assurance systems. Producers are certified based on active participation of stakeholders and are built on a foundation of trust, social networks and knowledge exchange". In the case of organic agriculture, PGS is a process in which people in similar situations (in this case producers) assess, inspect and verify the production practices of each other and collectively declare the entire holding of the group as organic.



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Government of India Initiative to Promote Organic Farming

- Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY)
- Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North East Regions (MOVCD-NER)
- Bhartiya Prakratik Krishi Padhati (BPKP)
- Rastriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)
- National Mission of Clean Ganga (NMCG): Organic cultivation on either side of River Ganga.
- National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP)
- Participatory Guarantee System for India (PGS-India)

Advantages of PGS-India Certification

- Procedures are simple, documents are basic, & farmers understand the local language used.
- As all members are practising organic farmers themselves, they understand the processes well.
- Because peer appraisers live in the same village, they have better access to surveillance & the costs are low.
- Mutual recognition between regional PGS groups ensures better networking for marketing.
- Unlike the grower group certification system, PGS offers every farmer individual certificate, & the farmer is free to market his own produce independent of the group
- PGS ensures traceability until the product is in the custody of the PGS group, which makes PGS ideal for local direct sales & direct trade between producers & consumers.

About Getcert Private Limited

- GetCert Pvt. Ltd. is a third-party inspection and certification body also authorized Regional Council (RC) under PGS India Programme, established in 2017 with a vision to promote sustainable agriculture and allied industries and to offer a mark of recognition to the produce coming out from such sustainable business.
- Accreditations available: National Program for Organic Production (NPOP), Canada Organic Regime (COR), Participatory Guarantee System for India (PGS-India)
- Also accredited under ISO/IEC 17065 by IOAS (International Organic Accreditation Services).

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