CGCERT

TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH ORGANIC CERTIFICATION

INTRODUCTION

- Chhattisgarh Certification Society India for Forestry & Agriculture (CGCERT) is an autonomous and independent Society registered under the Chhattisgarh Society Registration Act 1973 (S.no. 44 of year 1973). It is located in State Forest Research & Training Institute (SFRTI) campus , Near Old Vidhan Sabha on Baloda Bazar road in Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

- It is a state-government-promoted certification body working under directions issued through APEDA. Presently scope of CGCERT includes certification in crop production, organic food processing, handling and trading, input approval and imported agricultural products.

- It has been accredited (NPOP/NAB/0018) by National Accreditation Body (NAB), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, New Delhi under National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) 2024 8th Edition.

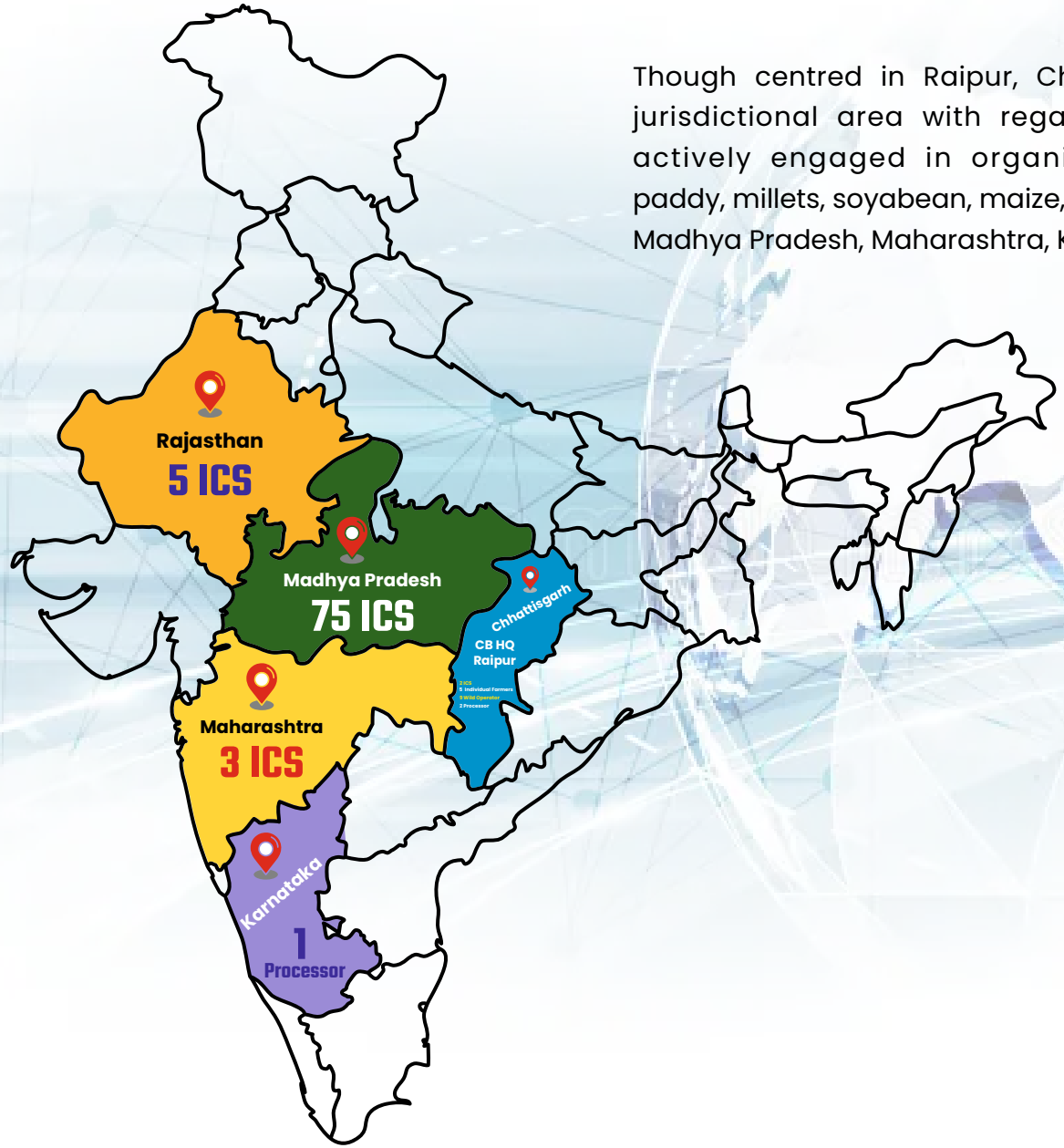
- Presently it is catering to 37960 farmers in organic certification spread over an area of 76715 Ha in Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Karnataka. It is proactively serving local tribals in MFP organic certification over an area of 475955 Ha in Chhattisgarh.

- The staff at CGCERT are highly competent and have completed trainings on NPOP 8th Edition 2024 Regulation and Procedure, ISO/ IEC 17065:2012, QMS, ISO 19011, Audit Procedure, Sampling and other Certification requirement, Tracebility System and Mass Balance, FSSAI Organic Regulation 2017 and Labeling Requirements.





PRESENCE OF CGCERT IN INDIA



Though centred in Raipur, Chhattisgarh, CGCERT has wide scope in its jurisdictional area with regard to organic certification. Currently it is actively engaged in organic certification of MFP products, cotton, paddy, millets, soyabean, maize, psyllium seed, etc spread across Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Rajasthan.

NUMBER OF ACTIVE OPERATORS		FARMERS
MP – MADHYA PRADESH	75	33928
MH – MAHARASHTRA	03	881
RJ – RAJASTHAN	05	2798
CG – CHHATTISGARH	02 + 05 (Individual farmer)	347 +05
MFP COLLECTORS Under Minor Forest Produce Federation	09	1068

PROCESSOR	
KARNATAKA	01
CHHATTISGARH	02

Success Stories!

Krushi Tirth- a paradigm in organic farming





Gayatri herbal Agriculture Farm, Chichgaon managed by

"SHRI SONU RAM DHRUV"

(spread around 3.28 Ha. in Antagarh Block, Bastar region) has been associated with CGCERT since last three years. After conversion from conventional to organic farming, rise in income has been significant (around 185%) with active support from the Certification Body. Sonu Ram's organic Non-Basmati Chhinaur rice grown in his farm named Krushi Tirth has high demand even from urban centres in Chhattisgarh.


किसान ने जैविक खेती से लिखी सफलता की नई इबारत







"VAISHALI YOGESH BARAPATRE"

Cultivating Biodiversity, Harvesting Sustainability

Vaishali Yogesh Barapatre Navapara Dist. Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh has been registered as an individual Farmer (area 2.87 Ha.) under CGCERT since last three years and has been practicing organic farming. Over the single farm, non-basmati paddy, turmeric, sugarcane, mango, dragon fruit, sunflower, groundnut, brown gram, coriander, lentil of different varieties are being cultivated and harvested in a sustainable manner. His income after shift from conventional to organic farming has almost doubled with active support from Certification Body.



EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH ORGANIC CERTIFICATION



Wild Honey Processing Unit, Bilaspur (associated with CGCERT in organic certification) is successfully contributing towards empowering women SHG and it annually generates sale of processed honey of about Rs. 86 lakh in 2025-26. CGCERT has issued TCs for almost 37MT of processed honey in 2025-26 for this unit.

CORE SERVICES & SCOPE OF CERTIFICATION:

CGCERT offers comprehensive organic certification services across diverse sectors:

Crop Production Certification: Applicable to individual farmers growing annual, biennial, or perennial crops, ensuring that the entire lifecycle of the crop strictly adheres to organic standards.

Grower Group Certification / Internal Control System (ICS): Designed specifically for small and marginal farmers who are geographically contiguous and follow similar farming practices. This system significantly minimizes the cost of certification per farmer.

Wild Collection Certification (NTFPs): Certification for Non-Timber Forest Products gathered from natural forests, such as Harra, Baheda, Amla, Mahua, Tamarind, Chironji, wild honey, etc.

Organic Input Approval: Reviewing and approving commercial inputs (such as vermicompost, bio-fertilizers, bio-pesticides, and soil conditioners) to confirm they comply with organic farming standards.

Processing & Trade Certification: Certification for facilities involved in the processing, handling, packaging, and trading of organic commodities to prevent cross-contamination.









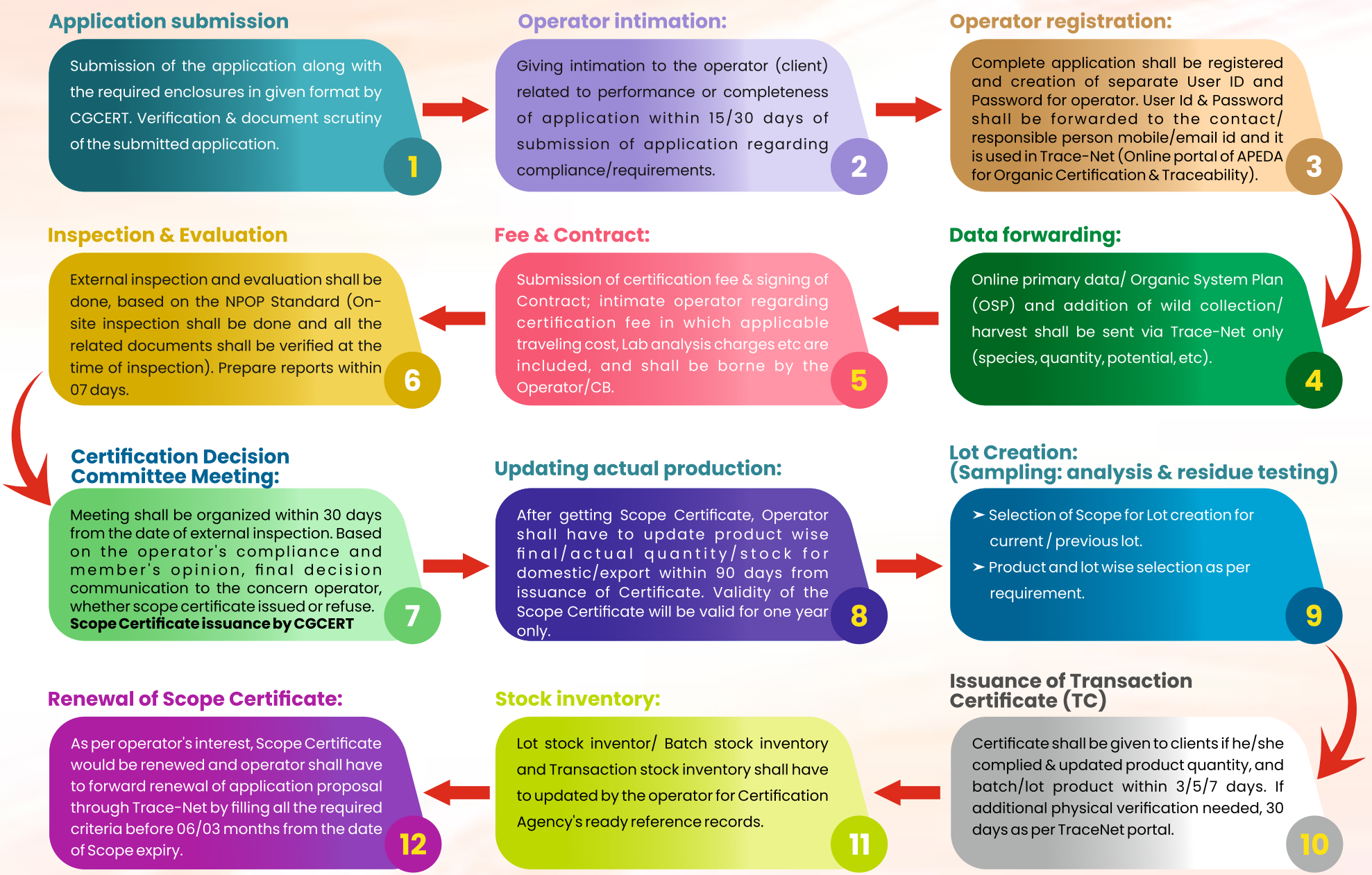
STRATEGIC ADVANTAGES OF CGCERT

Global Equivalency: Access premium international markets (EU, USA, Switzerland) leveraging NPOP's global alignment.
Premium Pricing: Certified organic products command a 20% to 50% price premium over conventional commodities, directly boosting income for rural and tribal incomes.
Traceability & Integrity: The CGCERT organic seal acts as a guarantee of purity, assuring health-conscious global buyers that the product is 100% synthetic chemical-free.
Expertise in Forestry: CGCERT possesses unmatched specialized expertise in certifying wild forest flora and medicinal plants.

GLOBAL MARKET ACCESS:

Since India's NPOP standards hold equivalence agreements with the European Union (EU) and Switzerland, any organic product certified by CGCERT gains direct entry into these lucrative International Markets without requiring redundant re-certification.

FLOW CHART OF ORGANIC CERTIFICATION PROCESS



Future Initiatives of CGCERT

CGCERT is currently working in close tandem with Chhattisgarh State Rural Livelihood Mission (SRLM)- Bihan under State Panchayat Department as well as with APEDA to include more than 10,000 local farmers currently registered under PGS scheme into NPOP fold. All farmers are from Bastar region of Chhattisgarh, which was once under tight grip of naxalism that greatly hampered its development progress. However now, with proactive efforts from Government of India and Chhattisgarh Government, extremism has come to an end in this region and now echoes of development have begun to be heard here.















CGCERT is committed to be an active partner in boosting income and wealth of locals especially tribals and women here. And by hand-holding and by being a facilitator, CGCERT aims to bring the benefits of organic certification at the door steps of local farmers especially Chhattisgarhi tribals.

ORGANIC TODAY, PROSPEROUS TOMORROW

'Let your future grow organically'

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