



From the desk of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor

I am delighted to note that KRISHIK-ABI has successfully incubated 136 startups across 12 cohorts. It is a matter of proud privilege that KRISHIK-ABI has recognised as one of the best incubation centers for its contribution to HDB under the fifth edition of HDB Techceleration held at Suvarna Soudha, Belagavi on 22 August 2025. KRISHIK-ABI has also set a model by organising the Startup Pavilion at the mega event KRISHI MELA 2025 held from 13–16 September 2025. The tech startups who participated received good response with B2B and B2C networks.

It was pleasure to host SIC meeting in physical mode at UAS, Dharwad which brought eminent members to the campus. The occasion also paved the way for the inauguration of a QR code highlighting KRISHIK-ABI's achievements and startup successes by Shri Virendra Kumar Sharma, Director, RKVY–Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship Programme, New Delhi. I appreciate the efforts of the SIC members for completing the meetings at AAU, Anand and PDKV, Akola.

The quarter witnessed several activities including the release of grant-in-aid, field visits and mentorship. Continuing the efforts of taking startups to higher heights, second edition of the National Agri Startup Expo (NASE 2025) is scheduled on 5–6 December 2025. The registration process has already begun. The 'Hackathon' for students is planned to encourage students to showcase their talent and be part of the startup ecosystem. We hope to see over 150 startups, 5,000+ visitors, 25 investors and also industry leaders. I warmly welcome all R-ABI teams along with their startups to NASE 2025 and sincerely acknowledge the support of the RKVY–Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship Programme team at New Delhi for their encouragement & support in all our activities.



Dr. P. L. Patil

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor

University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad



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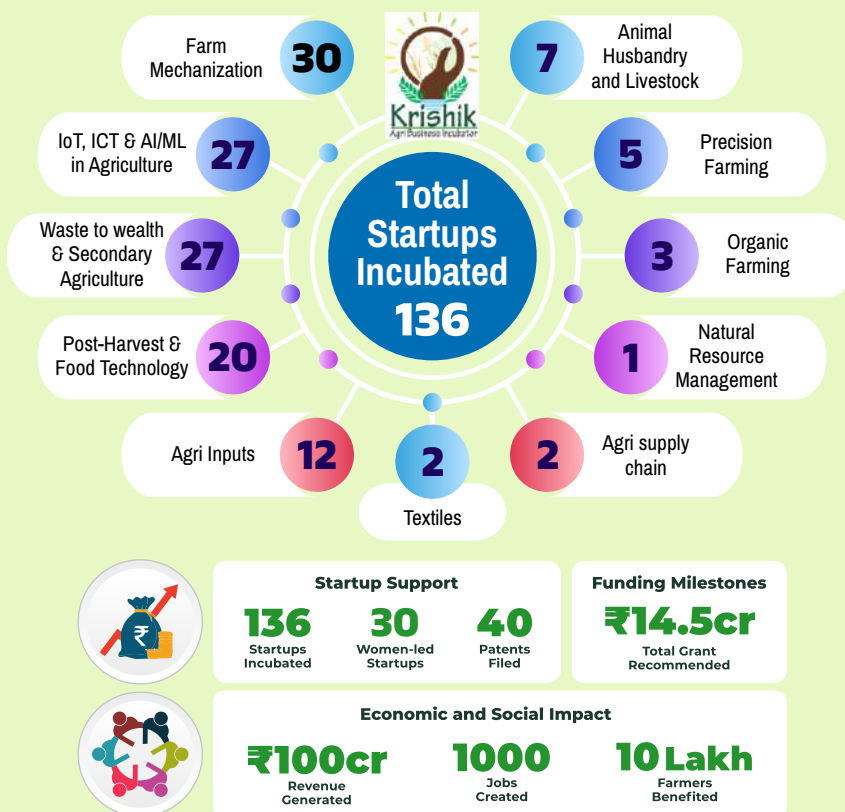
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KRISHIK ABI Startups Status



Know our Startups Performance

Visionary entrepreneurs supported by KRISHIK-ABI RKVY-Innovation and Agri entrepreneurship programme

Startup Name : Grape Master.

Founder(s): Sunil Shinde

Focus Area: IoT, ICT and AI in Agriculture

Year of Establishment : 2017.

Total Products Launched: 1

Product : Grape Master is online platform to solve daily field problems for crop growers. It is real time online advisory service provided through Grape Master application.

Cohort : VIII Seed stage

Location : Nashik, Maharashtra

Grant amount : ₹. 15 lakhs

Farmers Benefited: 1 lakhs

Website: www.grapesmaster.com

Key Highlights:

- Grape Master is a mobile app for grape farming advisory.
- Provides scientific and affordable guidance to grape farmers, improving decision-making in operations
- Recognized at Krishithon 2018 and Agri Care Krushi Manch 2018 for innovation.
- In FY 2024-25 generated ₹30 lakhs revenue, created 9 employment opportunities, 72,000+ downloads and 2,000+ paid users across 21 districts of Maharashtra.



Founder Sunil Shinde



Grape Master



July to Sept. 2025

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KRISHIK- Agri Business Incubator UAS Dharwad

Startup Name : Shree Aarogya Food & Beverages Products LLP

Founder(s): Raghu R. S

Focus Area: Post-Harvest & Food Technology

Year of Establishment : 2021.

Total Products Launched: 5

Product : Production and marketing of gluten-free, low-fat millet-based products such as biscuits, cookies, and masala millet bites

Cohort : IX Seed stage

Location : Kulambi, Honnali Taluk, Davangere, Karnataka

Grant amount : ₹. 15 lakhs

Key Highlights:

- First millet-based cottage industry in Davangere district powered by solar energy enabling uninterrupted production of 10,800 cookies/day and a shelf-life of four month
- The nutritious products are supplied to the Health Department, promoting healthy eating habits.
- The startup received the ATMA Award from Davangere in recognition of its contribution to millet promotion and rural livelihoods
- Founder trained at CFTRI, Mysuru and UAS, Bengaluru; inspired by his late mother's finger millet malt recipe during the pandemic; now expanding into millet-based snacks and plans to set up a millet parlour.
- In FY 2024-25, generated ₹25.9 lakhs revenue, created 10 employment opportunities, and customers spread across 41 districts from 4 states.



Shree Aarogya Food & Beverages Products LLP Production Unit



Shree Aarogya Food & Beverages Products LLP

Monitoring and Evaluation of Startups

The KRISHIK-ABI, UAS Dharwad incubation team, along with domain experts from the UASD visited startups from Cohorts I to IX during the second quarter to monitor their progress and provide expert guidance.

The field observations are presented below

Startup Name : Malenadu Integrated Stingless-Bee Rearing Initiative (MISIRI LLP)

Founder(s) : Bhargava R Hegde

Location : Sirsi, Karnataka. **Grant amount:** ₹ 3 lakhs

Cohort: VIII Pre-Seed, **Focus Area:** Sustainable Farming

Product: Stingless bee honey production in a special wooden box. Pollination services and Honey from local stingless bees. Stingless bees are very good plant pollinators and produce very less quantity honey with high medicinal properties Stingless bee honey production in a special wooden box

Economic & Social Impact: FY 2024-25 Revenue: ₹ 2 Lakhs

Farmers Benefitted: 200 | **Districts covered:** 2 | **Employment:** 2

Key Highlights:

- MISIRI LLP was recently onboarded and awarded a Pre-Seed Grant of ₹. 3 lakh. The startup has developed a unique box for stingless bees, establishing hundreds of colonies to provide pollination services to farmers. The honey produced is valued for its medicinal properties.
- Founder Mr. Bhargava R. Hegde, a progressive farmer-turned-agri-entrepreneur, aims to scale the venture sustainably by boosting stingless bee populations and enhancing natural pollination.



MISIRI LLP



Startup Name : Deeksha Food Products

Founder(s) : Mamata Vinayak Bhat

Location: Sirsi, Karnataka. **Grant amount :** ₹ 5 lakhs

Cohort: IX Pre-Seed., **Focus Area:** Post-Harvest & Food Technology. **Product:** Jackfruit powder products

Key Highlights: Deeksha Food Products, led by women founder Mrs. Mamata Vinayak Bhat, offers innovative jackfruit papad and powder with nutritional benefits for children and the elderly, gaining strong market acceptance.

Economic & Social Impact: FY 2024-25 Revenue: ₹ 5 Lakhs **Farmers Benefitted:** 400 | **Districts covered:** 8 **Employment:** 20



Deeksha Food Products

Startup Name: Village Honey.

Founder(s): Sandesh Bandekar

Focus Area: Waste to wealth and Secondary Agriculture

Location: Ankola, Karnataka

Grant amount : ₹ 5 lakhs

Cohort: IX Pre-Seed

Product: Soapnut Honey production

Economic & Social Impact: FY 2024-25 Revenue:

₹ 3 Lakhs | **Farmers Benefitted:** 250 |

Districts covered: 12 | **Employment:** 6



Village Honey

Startup name : Shri Ram Home Products LLP

Founder(s) : Ganga Hegde

Focus Area: Post-Harvest & Food Technology

Location: Sirsi, Karnataka. **Grant amount:** ₹15 lakhs

Cohort: VIII Seed Stage

Product: Powdered food products

Economic & Social Impact: FY 2024-25 Revenue:

₹ 9 Lakhs | **Farmers Benefitted:** 10 | **Districts**

covered: 10 | **Employment:** 2



Shri Ram Home Products LLP

Startup Name: Divya Madhu Bee World

Founder(s): Ganesh Maruti Naik

Focus Area: Waste to wealth and Secondary Agriculture

Location: Ankola, Karnataka

Grant amount : ₹ 5 lakhs

Cohort: IX Pre-Seed

Product: Production of royal jelly powder

Economic & Social Impact: FY 2024-25 Revenue:

₹ 0.8 Lakhs | **Farmers Benefitted:** 15 | **Districts**

covered: 4 | **Employment:** 3



Divya Madhu Bee World

Startup Name : Agrider Biotech LLP

Founder(s): Ravishankar S. Nilegar

Focus Area: Post-Harvest & Food Technology

Location: Bagalkot, Karnataka

Year of Establishment: 2021

Cohort: VII Pre-Seed

Grant amount : ₹ 5 lakhs



Agrider Biotech LLP



July to Sept. 2025



KRISHIK- Agri Business Incubator UAS Dharwad

Revenue (FY 2024-25): ₹ 0.46 Lakhs

Product: Development of pearl-millet based healthy non-alcoholic drink; fermented value-added milk. Non-alcoholic energy-based products using millets in combination with spices.

Employment: 1 Farmers Benefited: 10 Total Products Launched: 2

Outreach programme, workshops and trainings

Orientation program to students

KRISHIK team conducted an orientation program for first-year B.Sc Forestry students of College of Forestry(CoF), Sirsi at KRISHIK-Agri Business Incubator on July 15, 2025. They were given details of the project and success stories from incubation center, showcasing innovations, achievements and support mechanisms available through the RKVY-Innovation and Agri-entrepreneurship programme initiative.



Orientation to students at KRISHIK-ABI

Startup Pavilion Shined at Krishi Mela 2025

The Startup Pavilion was organised by KRISHIK-ABI at Krishi Mela 2025 held from 13 to 16 September 2025 at University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad. Eleven RKVY-promoted startups showcased their innovations, attracting farmers, agri-entrepreneurs and industry representatives. The pavilion served as a vibrant platform for startups to demonstrate products, engage with customers and build market visibility.

Among the participants, Suryanirbhar Agritech Pvt. Ltd. recorded the highest visitor engagement (1,00,000), Agrozen drew significant attention (25,000 visitors). In terms of revenue, Nutrica



Dr. P. L. Patil Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, UAS, Dharwad interacting with the KRISHIK-ABI startups during KRISHI MELA 2025



Dr. S. S. Dolli, PI & CEO, KRISHIK-ABI, UAS Dharwad; Mr. Mahesh Patil, SIC member & CEO, NV-ECO-Farm, Goa interacting with startups during KRISHI MELA 2025



Supplements LLP led with INR 6.8 lakhs, Jorium Endeavours with INR 55,000. Lead generation was remarkable for Agrozen (2,000 B2B and 2,000 B2C) and Kakud Post Harvest Pvt. Ltd. (100 B2B and 500 B2C).

Overall, the feedback from exhibitors was positive with many describing the event as “wonderful” for crowd exposure, customer reach, and facilities. Startup Pavilion successfully highlighted innovation in agri-business and reinforced Krishi Mela’s role as a catalyst for agricultural entrepreneurship and rural transformation.

Summary of Startup Participation

Sl. No.	Startup Name	Product/Service	Visitors	Revenue (INR)	B2B Leads	B2C Leads
1	Agrider Biotech LLP	Millet Mocktail	5,000	26,000	2	50
2	Suryanirbhar Agritech Pvt. Ltd.	Electric Single Wheel Weeder	100,000	0	4	70
3	Jorium Endeavours	FMCG	1,000	55,000	50–60	5
4	Kosha.AI	Silk quality testing machine	1,000	0	0	0
5	Nutrica Supplements LLP	Animal Feed Supplements	500+	680,000	12	60
6	Adindistech Pvt. Ltd.	Nano Floor Cleaner	500	12,000	10	6
7	Krishitharanga Farmtech LLP	Solar-Based Nipping Machine	1,500	0	15	50
8	Agrozen	Secateur and Hand Gloves	25,000	25,000	2,000	2,000
9	Kakud Post Harvest Pvt. Ltd.	Eco Freeze	5,000	0	100	500



RIC, SIC Meetings

Scrutiny of the XII cohort applications

Preliminary scrutiny of the XII Cohort applications was conducted through online presentations by applicants during August 2025. A total of 230 applications were received under the seed-stage and pre-seed stage funding categories. Domain experts from the University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad, KLE Technological University, Hubballi and SDM CET, Dharwad were invited to evaluate startups across various domains including AI, ML & IoT, Food Technology, Entomology, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Farm



Preliminary scrutiny of the XII cohort applications

Machinery, Microbiology, Agri-inputs & Organic Farming, Waste-to-Wealth, Supply Chain & Apps, Post-Harvest, Textiles, Livestock.

SIC Meeting of KRISHIK-ABI UAS, Dharwad

The XI cohort Selection & Investment Committee (SIC) Meeting of KRISHIK-ABI was held physical mode at Krishik-ABI, UAS Dharwad on 2-3 July 2025 (Wednesday & Thursday) to evaluate the XI cohort incubates for seed-stage funding under the Startup Agri-Incubation Program (SAIP) and pre-seed stage funding under the Agripreneurship Orientation Programme (AOP), and student category funding under Student Orientation Programme (SOP). A total of thirty three startups made presentations, fourteen startups from seed stage, nineteen startups from pre-seed category. out of which ten(10) startups were recommended for seed stage funding with grant-in-aid totaling Rs.171 lakhs. sixteen startups were recommended for pre-seed stage funding with grant-in-aid totaling Rs.78 lakhs, and one student-led project was recommended with grant-in-aid of Rs.4 lakhs.



XI Cohort SIC meeting of KRISHIK-ABI, UAS, Dharwad held on 2 & 3 July 2025

SIC Meeting of R-ABI PDKV, Akola

The V and VI cohort Selection & Investment Committee (SIC) Meeting of R-ABI, PDKV, Akola was held offline & in hybrid mode at Nagpur, Maharashtra on 14 July 2025. A total of twenty (20) startups including one student-led project, twelve (12) pre-seed and seven (7) seed-stage were presented during the meeting. The committee recommended thirteen (13) startups of which three startups were recommended for seed stage funding of Rs.70 lakhs, nine startups were recommended for pre-seed stage funding with grant-in-aid of Rs.41 lakhs and one student-led project was recommended with grant-in-aid of Rs.4 lakhs



V and VI cohort SIC Meeting of R-ABI, PDKV, Akola on 14 July 2025

SIC Meeting of R-ABI AAU, Anand, Gujarat

The IX and X cohort Selection & Investment Committee (SIC) Meeting of R-ABI, R-ABI AAU, Anand, Gujarat was held offline & in hybrid mode at AAU, Anand, Gujarat on 15 July 2025. A total of twenty three startups were presented during the meeting. The committee recommended sixteen startups that includes six startups for seed stage funding for Rs.104 lakhs, eight startups were recommended for pre- stage funding with grant-in-aid of Rs.36 lakhs and two student-led project were recommended with grant-in-aid of Rs.7 lakhs.



IX and X cohort SIC Meeting of R-ABI AAU, Anand, Gujarat on 15 July 2025

Meetings and Other Events

Release of KRISHIK-ABI startup video QR Code

QR code linking to a video that introduces agri-startups and their founders was released by Shri Virendra Kumar Sharma, Director, RKVY-Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship Programme, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, New Delhi during his visit to UAS, Dharwad on 2 July 2025.

Shri Virendra Kumar Sharma appreciated the achievements of Agri-startups by KRISHIK-ABI, UAS Dharwad which promoted 136 startups and 40 patents. He appealed more agri-startups to be established for the development of agriculture sector

Dr. P. L. Patil, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, UAS Dharwad, informed that KRISHIK-ABI has successfully promoting agri startups who provide service to farming community. He said technical & financial support is available for agri startups under the project.



Release of KRISHIK-ABI startup video QR Code on 2 July 2025

Release of Quarterly Newsletter of KRISHIK-ABI (April-June 2025)

The Quarterly Newsletter of KRISHIK-ABI for the period April to June 2025 was released by Shri Virendra Kumar Sharma, Director, RKVY-Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship Programme, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, New Delhi on July 2, 2025. The event was graced by the presence of Dr. P. L. Patil, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, UAS, Dharwad; Shri S.M. Honnalli, Comptroller, UAS Dharwad. Dr. G. S. Dasog, Former Dean, ACD, UAS Dharwad and SIC, Chairman; Mr. P.V.G.K. Murthy, Consultant, Hyderabad – Member; Dr. Ravi Shankar, Director, Grampathashala, Chennai – Member; Mr. Mahesh Patil, CEO, NV-Eco-Farm, Goa; Dr. S. S. Dolli, PI & CEO, KRISHIK-ABI; Co-PIs Dr. C. R. Patil, Dr. Basavaraj G, Dr. Basavaraj Bagewadi KRISHIK-ABI



Release of Quarterly Newsletter of KRISHIK-ABI

Review Meeting with Hon'ble Vice Chancellor UASD

The review meeting of KRISHIK-Agri Business Incubator was conducted under the chairmanship of Dr. P. L. Patil Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and Chairman RIC on 13 August 2025. The progress made by KRISHIK-ABI was presented. Action plan for next three months and various issues were discussed in the meeting.



Review Meeting with Hon'ble Vice Chancellor UASD on August 13 2025

Startup Review Meeting with Mentors

Domain experts from UAS, Dharwad were allocated to mentor KRISHIK-ABI startups and a series of one-on-one startup review meetings was conducted with the founders from July to September 2025. The objective of these meetings to review the current status, assess progress and provide guidance to help startups achieve their milestones effectively.

National Agri Startup Expo (NASE-2025) – 2nd Edition Planning Meeting

- NASE-2025 is a platform designed to foster innovation, entrepreneurship and collaboration across the agricultures allied sectors.

- Builds on the success of its inaugural edition in 2024
- Expo will serve as a platform for Agri-Tech startups, innovators, farmers, investors, domain experts, policymakers, researchers, and industry leaders to showcase groundbreaking solutions shaping the agricultural landscape.
- Opportunity for startups to demonstrate products & technologies, network with stakeholders, explore investments, collaboration & funding for sustainable growth.
- Hackathon for students, innovators to ignite ideas and encourage them to take startup journey.

Participation in Workshops / Events outside :

KDEM-HDB Blue Pitch Event and Jan AI Conclave at IIIT Dharwad

Dr. S. S. Dolli, Principal Investigator and CEO of KRISHIK-ABI, Dr. G. Basavaraj, Co-PI, KRISHIK-ABI along with the team attended KDEM-HDB Blue Pitch Event and Jan AI Conclave at IIIT Dharwad on 21 August 2025. Suggiveer Innovations of KRISHIK-ABI & Anek Technologies of KAN program were shortlisted among the top ten startups.



NASE Planning Meeting with KRISHIK-ABI team and Co-PIs on August 7, 2025



KDEM-HDB Blue Pitch Event and Jan AI Conclave at IIIT Dharwad on 21 August 2025

KRISHIK-ABI recognised at 5th Edition of HDB Techceleration

The 5th edition of HDB Techceleration was held on 22 August 2025 at the iconic Suvarna VidhanaSoudha, Belagavi, organized by Karnataka Digital Economy Mission, Dept. of Electronics, IT, BT and S&T, Government of Karnataka.

On this occasion, KRISHIK-ABI, UAS Dharwad was recognized for its significant contribution towards enabling and strengthening the Innovation, Startup, and Entrepreneurial ecosystem in the Hubballi–Dharwad–Belagavi (HDB) cluster.

Dr. S.S. Dolli, Principal Investigator and CEO of KRISHIK-ABI along with the team actively participated in the event which brought together innovators, entrepreneurs, investors and stakeholders from across Karnataka.

The program underscored the growing importance of digital and agri-tech innovation in driving the state's economic growth. One startup from KRISHIK-ABI & three startups from the KAN program showcased their products and innovations through stalls during Techceleration.



5th Edition of HDB Techceleration at Suvarna Vidhana Soudha, Belagavi on 22 August 2025

Activities of ASTRA (A Section 8 Company) (Association for Startups and Technology Refinement in Agriculture)

Karnataka Acceleration Network (KAN)

Program Overview

The Karnataka Acceleration Network (KAN) is a groundbreaking initiative launched by the Government of Karnataka to empower growth-stage startups and strengthen the state's

thriving startup ecosystem. This six-month program is designed to help startups scale by connecting them with a network of accelerators, Incubators, and industry leaders across Karnataka, Including Bengaluru, Mysuru, Mangaluru, and Hubballi-Dharwad-Belagavi.

KAN provides startups with resources such as expert mentorship, Infrastructure, market linkages, and access to venture capitalists. By focusing on knowledge exchange, International expansion, commercialization of R&D, and intellectual property support, the program is set to Impact 360 startups over the next three years, fostering innovation and economic development across the state.

KAN startups participated in Techceleration 2025

Three startups from the Karnataka Accelerator Network (KAN) actively participated in Techceleration 2025 held on 22 August 2025 at Suvarna Soudha, Belagavi. The participating startups included Anek Technology, Belagavi, KissanConnect LLP, Belagavi, and Kakud Post Harvest Pvt. Ltd, Hubballi. Among them, Anek Technology achieved a significant milestone by being recognized among the Top 10 Startups selected under the prestigious HDB Blue program, which provided them an opportunity to pitch their innovation during the program on 21 August 2025 at IIIT Dharwad. The participation and recognition of these startups underscore KAN's commitment to fostering innovation and enabling startups to gain visibility and scale their solutions across sectors such as agriculture, technology, and post-harvest management.



Team KDEM, ASTRA & GINSERV during HDB Blue and Techceleration 2025

Activities of Partner RABIs

ICAR - CIRCOT, Mumbai

Forecast Agrotech Innovations Pvt. Ltd. GoPROM & GoRAS Earn ISO Certifications for Quality

Forecast Agrotech Innovations Pvt. Ltd. is proud to announce that its flagship products—GoPROM (Phosphate Rich Organic Manure) and GoRAS (Liquid Fermented Organic Manure – Bio Slurry)—have recently been awarded ISO 9001:2015 certification for Quality Management Systems and ISO 14001:2015 certification for Environmental Management Systems. These recognitions highlight the company's commitment to delivering high-quality, eco-friendly agri-inputs that support sustainable farming practices while meeting global standards of quality and environmental responsibility.



Forecast Agrotech Innovations Pvt. Ltd



July to Sept. 2025



KRISHIK- Agri Business Incubator UAS Dharwad

F-Square Agri Labs Pvt. Ltd Showcases Innovations at “My Day for My Farmer” Program

Dr. Vinayak Fasake’s F-Square Agri Labs Pvt. Ltd showcased its innovations to dignitaries during the "My Day for My Farmer" program, organized at Undarwadi-Borwade on 5 July 2025. The founder shared details of ongoing agri-innovation projects, and demonstrations of various seeders developed at the lab were presented to farmers, highlighting practical advancements in agricultural technology.



F-Square Agri Labs Pvt. Ltd

ICAR-CIRCOT R-ABI IX Cohort Startup Incubation Workshop

The ICAR-CIRCOT R-ABI Cohort Incubation Workshop was held from 27 July- 11 August 2025. During the program, seven (one-on-one) startup mentoring sessions, seven physical interactive sessions with startups, and two expert sessions were conducted.



ICAR-CIRCOT R-ABI IX Cohort Startup Incubation Workshop 27 July- 11 August 2025

Review Meeting of ICAR-CIRCOT R-ABI with Adviser (RKVY), DA&FW at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

A review meeting of ICAR-CIRCOT R-ABI was held on 18 July 2025 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi, under the chairmanship of Shri Arindam Modak, Adviser, RKVY–Innovation and Agri-entrepreneurship Programme, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW), Government of India. During the meeting, Dr. A.K. Bharimalla presented CIRCOT R-ABIs journey (2019–2025), highlighting its role in nurturing agri-innovations. The panel also released the ‘Udaan’ Newsletter (Jan–June 2025) and the Monthly Startup Reports for May and June 2025.



Review Meeting of ICAR-CIRCOT R-ABI with Adviser (RKVY), DA&FW at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi on July 18 2025

X Cohort Internal Screening and Evaluation Meeting

The ICAR-CIRCOT R-ABI X Cohort Internal Screening and Evaluation Meeting was held on 7 and 14 August 2025 in hybrid mode, under the chairmanship of Dr. S. K. Shukla, Director, ICAR-CIRCOT, Mumbai.



X Cohort Internal Screening and Evaluation Meeting was held on 7 and 14 August 2025

NaaViC, ICAR-NIVEDI, Bengaluru

Team NaaViC visited Alimetra Pvt. Ltd, Bengaluru

Team NaaViC visited Alimetra Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru, which is developing a legume-based instant soup powder targeted at the diabetic population, to review the startups progress prior to the release of the first installment of the grant-in-aid on 17 July 2025.



Team NaaViC visited Shankara Water and Energy Solutions Pvt. Ltd, Bengaluru

Team NaaViC visited Shankara Water and Energy Solutions Pvt. Ltd, Bengaluru which is working on the development of cost-effective water quality test kits, to assess the startup's progress before the disbursement of the first installment of the grant-in-aid on 17 July 2025.



Shankara Water and Energy Solutions Pvt. Ltd

Team NaaViC visited Ecosight Technologies Pvt. Ltd, Bengaluru

Team NaaViC visited Ecosight Technologies Pvt. Ltd, Bengaluru which is leveraging AI and IoT to transform beekeeping, to evaluate the startup progress prior to the disbursement of the first installment of the grant-in-aid on 18 July 2025



Ecosight Technologies Pvt. Ltd, Bengaluru

Team NaaViC visited Kombucherie Pvt. Ltd, Bengaluru

Team NaaViC visited Kombucherie Pvt. Ltd, Bengaluru which has developed a fermented probiotic tea-based beverage, to evaluate the startup's progress ahead of the disbursement of the first installment of the grant-in-aid on July 18 2025.



Kombucherie Pvt. Ltd, Bengaluru

MoA Signed and Grant Released to IX Cohort Startups

NaaViC, ICAR-NIVEDI, executed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with the IX cohort grant-in-aid winners. A total of seven startups—WeatherCast Solutions Pvt. Ltd. (under the NEST category) and Ecosight Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Kombucherie Pvt. Ltd., Alimetra Pvt. Ltd., NeoElixir Tech Pvt. Ltd., Shankara Water and Energy Solutions Pvt. Ltd., and BNAC Tech Solutions Pvt. Ltd. (under the NEO category)—received the first installment of the grant-in-aid totaling Rs. 36 Lakhs from the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, on 8 August 2025.



MoA Signed and Grant Released to IX Cohort Startups on 8 August 2025

AAU, Anand, Gujarat

Master Class on Business Model Canvas and Marketing Strategies at AIC-Anand Foundation

AIC-Anand Foundation, AAU, Anand continues its commitment to nurturing startups in the agriculture and allied sectors by conducting focused capacity-building sessions. In line with this objective, two master classes were organized for incubated startups in July 2025.

A Master Class on 'Business Model Canvas' was conducted on 21st July 2025, led by Prof. Anirudha Modak, Founder and Principal at Guru on Tap Consultancy, Pune, Maharashtra. The session focused on developing effective business models tailored to individual startup needs. Prof. Modak elaborated on the key components of a Business Model Canvas, including key partners, activities, resources, value propositions, customer segments, customer relationships, channels, cost structure, and revenue streams.

Following this, a Master Class on 'Marketing Strategies' was held on 24th July 2025, facilitated by Dr. Kavita Saxena, Professor at the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII). Dr. Saxena highlighted the importance of efficient and impactful marketing strategies and their critical role in the growth journey of agri-food startups.

A total of 42 startups, working in diverse domains such as food processing, agri-inputs, farm mechanization, precision farming, and other allied areas, actively participated in these sessions and gained valuable insights to refine their business approaches.

Startup-Mentor Matching for Innovation and Growth

To facilitate the technical and business mentorship to the startups, mentor matching session was organized on 22nd July, 2025 at AIC Anand Foundation, AAU, Anand. Around 40 participating startups presented their ideas and ongoing challenges to an esteemed panel comprising AAU's senior academic leadership. They received constructive feedback and were assigned mentors from relevant domains to support their growth.

Panel Members:

- Dr. N. I. Shah, Dean, B. A. College of Agriculture & College of Horticulture, AAU
- Dr. R. S. Pundir, Dean, International Agribusiness Management Institute, AAU
- Dr. Samit Dutta, Dean, College of Food Processing Technology & Bio-Energy, AAU
- Dr. Y. R. Ghodasara, Dean, College of Agricultural Information Technology, AAU

Entrepreneurial Spirit among Rural & Tribal Women Students under its Futurepreneur-Initiative at Nardipur, Kalol

As part of Futurepreneur at Gujarat, AIC Anand Foundation of Anand Agricultural University organized a two-day programme, "Cultivating Women Entrepreneurs in the Agri-Food Sector", for 45 female students of Mahila Gram Vidhyapith, Nardipur during September 8-9, 2025. On the first day, Mr. Nikunj Soni, CEO, conducted an interactive workshop encouraging students to explore startups as a path to self-reliance, while on the second day, Dr. Jignesh Macwan led an innovation workshop at AIC Anand Foundation where



'Business Model Canvas'



Startup-Mentor Matching for Innovation and Growth



Workshop on Cultivating Women Entrepreneurs in the Agri-Food Sector on September 8-9 2025

students brainstormed ideas, built prototypes, and presented their concepts. The programme concluded with participants gaining confidence, creativity, and a fresh perspective on agrifood entrepreneurship.

Futurepreneur- at Gujarat: Sensitization Programs at B. A. College of Agriculture & AIT College, AAU Anand

As part of Futurepreneur- at Gujarat and the ASPIRE Club initiative, AIC Anand Foundation of Anand Agricultural University (AAU), Anand, conducted sensitization programs at B. A. College of Agriculture (11 September, 2025) and College of Agricultural Information Technology (16 September, 2025).

Mr. Nikunj Soni, CEO, AIC Anand Foundation, shared insights on innovation, entrepreneurship, and the potential of agri-tech and allied startups, encouraging students to think beyond conventional career paths and embrace entrepreneurship as a means of self-reliance and nation-building. Dr. Jignesh Macwan, Assistant Manager, AIC Anand Foundation, further engaged students through an innovation activity that fostered creativity, problem-solving, and collaborative ideation. Students also received the Futurepreneur Diary to nurture entrepreneurial thinking and were introduced to the objectives of the ASPIRE Club, which motivates them to dedicate time each month to developing startup ideas.



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Dare2Pitch: Showcasing Youth Innovation Across Gujarat

AIC Anand Foundation organized the Dare2Pitch program under Futurepreneur-KHOJ initiative on 12th September 2025 to provide young entrepreneurs with a strong platform and proper guidance for their startup ideas. The event brought together more than 50 participants from over 25 institutions including AAU colleges (BACA, Agriculture-Jabugam, Horticulture, Food Processing, and AIT), EDI-Gandhinagar, Anand Pharmacy College, DDU-Nadiad, MS University-Vadodara, Nirma University, ADIT-Anand, Sardar Patel University, and Marwadi University.

PDKV, Akola, Maharashtra

Review Meeting of R-ABI NG-AiF with Adviser (RKVY), DA&FW at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

A review meeting of R-ABI NG-AiF was held on July 9, 2025 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi, under the chairmanship of Shri Arindam Modak, Adviser, RKVY-Innovation and Agri-entrepreneurship Programme, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW), Government of India. The meeting was attended by seven startups and discussions focused on innovations in agri-business and policy support to enhance entrepreneurial outcomes in the agricultural sector. The Adviser provided constructive feedback and key action points were noted to further strengthen the startup ecosystem in agri-innovation.



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Visitors to KRISHIK-ABI



SIC members visited to KRISHIK-ABI, UAS Dharwad on July 2, 2025



KRISHIK-ABI team members with Shri Virendra Kumar Sharma, Director, RKVY-Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship Programme, MoA & FW, GoI, New Delhi



First-year B.Sc students from College of Forestry(CoF), Sirsi visited to KRISHIK-ABI on July 15, 2025



Dr. M.R. Shollapur, Dean-Faculty of Commerce and Management, Hubli with his staff visited to KRISHIK-ABI on July 24, 2025

Upcoming events for the next quarter (October to December 2025)

Sl.No.	Activity	Dates
1	Cohorts I-X: RIC reviews, progress assessment and grant releases.	October
2	Cohort XI: Startup due diligence visits.	October and November
3	Cohort XII: Training on innovation, business and investment; RIC & SIC meetings.	October – December
4	Cohort XIII: Application promotion, screening and evaluation (Level 1 & 2).	October – December
5	Partner RABIs: Organizing/attending SIC & RIC meetings	October - December
6	Monitoring: Field visits to pending startups.	October and November
7	Events: Investors Demo Day (Karnataka Acceleration Network Cohort 1) and Hosting NASE 2025	October and November

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