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FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL'S DESK



Sh. Anoop Khinchi, IAS

Chairperson, Board of Directors
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Director General, CCS NIAM, Jaipur

India's agricultural sector is undergoing a significant transformation, driven by innovation, entrepreneurship, and the growing determination of visionary agripreneurs. The Government of India, through the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and initiatives such as PM-RKVY, is fostering an enabling environment for agricultural startups to translate innovative ideas into viable enterprises and develop solutions to emerging challenges across the agricultural value chain.

At the Innovation & Entrepreneurship Federation (IEF) of CCS NIAM, we are committed to advancing this vision by nurturing agri-startups through structured incubation support, strategic mentoring, capacity building, and institutional collaboration.

We sincerely acknowledge the continued support and guidance of the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, in promoting agricultural innovation and entrepreneurship through PM-RKVY. This initiative provides an important platform for aspiring entrepreneurs to transform their ideas into impactful business ventures and contribute to improved farmers' livelihoods.

I extend my best wishes to all agripreneurs, innovators, mentors, and institutional partners who are contributing to this collective endeavour. May their continued efforts inspire new ideas, strengthen the agricultural startup ecosystem, and advance the vision of an inclusive, and sustainable agricultural future for India.

(Anoop Khinchi, IAS)

FROM THE PROJECT IN-CHARGE'S DESK



Sh. R. C. Meena

Project Incharge - RKVY
Innovation & Entrepreneurship Federation of CCS NIAM
Jaipur

India's agricultural ecosystem is advancing through the creativity, commitment, and entrepreneurial spirit of agripreneurs. Under the PM-RKVY initiative of the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, IEF of CCS NIAM continues to foster this progress by enabling startups to access incubation support, expert guidance, capacity building, and opportunities for sustainable enterprise development.

NABI Patrika reflects these collective efforts by bringing together key institutional developments, incubation initiatives, startup achievements, and entrepreneurial experiences. It provides a glimpse into the progress made by IEF of CCS NIAM in nurturing innovative ventures, strengthening stakeholder engagement, and promoting solutions that contribute to agricultural development.

As Project In-charge – RKVY, I appreciate the dedication of our startups, mentors, institutional partners, and team members in advancing this mission. I hope this edition of NABI Patrika informs, inspires, and encourages aspiring entrepreneurs to pursue innovative ideas that create meaningful impact for farmers and the wider agricultural community.

I extend my best wishes to all agripreneurs for continued growth and success in building a more innovative, inclusive, and sustainable agricultural future for India.

(R C. Meena)

FROM THE COO & DIRECTOR'S DESK



Dr. Ravi Kumar Goyal

COO & Director

Innovation & Entrepreneurship Federation of CCS NIAM Jaipur

It gives me great pleasure to present the January to June 2026 edition of NABI Patrika, showcasing the key initiatives, achievements, and milestones of the Innovation & Entrepreneurship Federation (IEF) of CCS NIAM in strengthening the agri-startup ecosystem.

During this period, IEF continued its efforts to nurture agri-startups through incubation, mentoring, capacity building, startup evaluation, and institutional engagement. The successful incubation of Cohort-12 startups, formalisation of engagement through MoAs, participation in national entrepreneurship and innovation platforms, and Selection and Investment Committee (SIC) evaluations marked important milestones in the incubation journey.

The period also witnessed meaningful engagement with senior government officials, institutional partners, and other stakeholders, providing startups with opportunities for visibility, knowledge exchange, networking, and market-oriented exposure. Initiatives such as Krishi Gram further strengthened strategic mentoring and collaboration within the agricultural innovation ecosystem.

I sincerely appreciate the continued support of the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, under PM-RKVY, and the valuable contributions of our startups, mentors, partner institutions, government organisations, and the IEF team. Together, we remain committed to nurturing innovation, strengthening agripreneurship, and contributing to a more inclusive, resilient, and sustainable agricultural future for India.

(Dr. Ravi Kumar Goyal)

About IEF of CCS NIAM

The Innovation & Entrepreneurship Federation (IEF) of CCS NIAM, Jaipur, is a Section 8 company & incubation centre hosted at Chaudhary Charan Singh National Institute of Agricultural Marketing (CCS NIAM), Jaipur. IEF works to promote innovation, entrepreneurship and enterprise development in agriculture and allied sectors through structured incubation programmes, capacity building, mentoring, funding facilitation, business development and market-oriented interventions.

IEF of CCS NIAM serves as a Centre of Excellence & Knowledge Partner for 4 partner RKVY-Agri Business Incubators (R-ABI's) under the PM-RKVY Innovation & Agrientrepreneurship Programme of the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India. Through its incubation activities and institutional partnerships, IEF supports agri-startups at different stages of their entrepreneurial journey, from early-stage business development to product commercialisation, growth and investment readiness.

IEF of CCS NIAM brings substantial experience in agriculture innovation, incubation, acceleration, mentoring and startup ecosystem development. It supports the agricultural entrepreneurship ecosystem through a comprehensive approach encompassing incubation, mentoring, capacity building, funding facilitation, programme review, and stakeholder networking. Its role is to strengthen the institutional capacity of designated R-ABIs and enhance the support ecosystem for emerging agri-enterprises, fostering innovation, enterprise development, and sustainable growth across agriculture and allied sectors.

Our Focus Areas in Agri & Allied Sectors

Agri Clinics & Farm Health Services	Agri Fintech	Agricultural Inputs & Biotechnology	Agri & Allied Sectors	Agriculture Engineering
Agriculture Extension & Education	Animal Husbandry & Dairying	Fisheries & Aquaculture	Poultry & Livestock	Beekeeping & Sericulture
Farm Mechanisation	IoT, ICT and AI in Agriculture	Agri Drones & Remote Sensing	Natural Resource Management	Soil Health & Water Management
Organic Farming	Horticulture & Floriculture	Post-Harvest, Food Technology & Value Addition	Precision Agriculture	Supply Chain & Agriculture Logistics
Agri Marketing & E-Commerce	Climate-Smart Agriculture	Waste to Wealth & Green Energy		

Designated R-ABIs Working With IEF of CCS NIAM

IEF of CCS NIAM collaborates with designated RKVY-Agri Business Incubators (R-ABI's) to strengthen India's agri-startup ecosystem under the PM-RKVY initiative. These partnerships support aspiring agripreneurs through incubation, mentorship, capacity building, and entrepreneurial guidance. The collaboration promotes agricultural innovation, facilitates startup development, and encourages scalable solutions to address emerging challenges across the agricultural value chain.

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Agri-Food Business Incubation Centre

HOSTED AT

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)
Kharagpur, West Bengal

VIKAS R-ABI

Vyapar Initiative in Krishi and Agri-Startups

HOSTED AT

Central Rice Research Institute (CRRI)
Cuttack, Odisha

SABAGRIs

Sabour Agri Incubators

HOSTED AT

Bihar Agricultural University (BAU)
Sabour, Bhagalpur, Bihar

S-ABI

SKN Agri-Business Incubator

HOSTED AT

Sri Karan Narendra Agriculture University (SKNAU)
Jobner, Jaipur, Rajasthan

Department of Agriculture, Government of Rajasthan MoU Signing



"Strengthening Institutional Collaboration to Accelerate Agri-Innovation, Startup Growth, and Sustainable Agricultural Development in Rajasthan."

The Innovation and Entrepreneurship Federation (IEF) of CCS NIAM, Jaipur, signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department of Agriculture, Government of Rajasthan, to strengthen the state's agricultural innovation and startup ecosystem.

The MoU was signed in the presence of Smt. Manju Rajpal, IAS, Principal Secretary, Agriculture & Horticulture Department, Government of Rajasthan. Shri Naresh Kumar Goyal, Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Government of Rajasthan; Shri R. C. Meena, Project In-charge, RKVY, IEF of CCS NIAM; and Dr. Ravi Kumar Goyal, COO & Director, IEF of CCS NIAM, extended their best wishes and provided valuable guidance on the future roadmap of the collaboration, emphasising its potential to strengthen agricultural innovation and entrepreneurship in Rajasthan.

The partnership aims to promote agri-innovation, entrepreneurship, research-driven solutions, technology adoption and market linkages across Rajasthan. Key areas of collaboration include strengthening startup incubation and mentorship, facilitating product validation and field demonstrations, and fostering partnerships among startups, agricultural universities, research institutions, industry, investors and government departments.

The proposed initiatives include establishing a Rajasthan Agri Innovation and Startup Cell, Agri-Innovation Hubs, Startup Facilitation Centres and a state-wide Agri-Startup Network. The collaboration also envisages facilitating opportunities for eligible agritech startups to participate in government pilot projects, demonstrations, field deployments and procurement processes, subject to applicable policies and guidelines. This initiative marks an important step towards transforming innovative ideas into practical agricultural solutions and fostering a resilient, inclusive and innovation-driven agri-startup ecosystem in Rajasthan.

SAMARTH 2026
Strengthening the Agri-Incubation Ecosystem

Dr. Ravi K. Goyal, COO & Director of IEF of CCS NIAM, participated in SAMARTH 2026 and contributed to the programme by introducing the relevant subject and conducting a session. His engagement provided an opportunity to share institutional perspectives and practical insights on agri-startup incubation, entrepreneurship development, and the role of incubators in guiding emerging ventures. Through his participation, IEF of CCS NIAM contributed to the broader exchange of knowledge and experiences among incubation professionals, reinforcing the importance of effective mentoring, institutional networking, and strategic support in helping agricultural startups progress towards sustainable growth.



"Empowering Agri-Incubators to Foster Startup Excellence and Drive Sustainable Agricultural Transformation."





Dr. Ravi K. Goyal highlighted how incubators can play a pivotal role in preparing agri-startups for future opportunities by strengthening their business models, encouraging technology adoption, and facilitating connections with farming communities. He further emphasised the importance of building strong linkages between startups, farmers, research institutions, and industry stakeholders to accelerate the adoption of innovative agricultural solutions. He also discussed the emerging growth opportunities within the agri-startup ecosystem and the need for incubators to equip entrepreneurs with the guidance and resources required to scale their ventures. The session underscored the role of empowered incubators in translating innovative ideas into practical, farmer-oriented solutions that create meaningful last-mile impact.

Cohort-12 Launch
Strengthening the Pipeline of Agri-Startups



The Cohort-12 Programme of IEF of CCS NIAM was launched on 26 November 2024 to support promising agribusiness ventures and strengthen the agricultural startup ecosystem. Out of 410 applications received, 46 startups across the SABIP, AOP, and SOP categories were selected under RIC cum Pre screening meeting.

After RIC cum Prescreening, the inaugural ceremony of online training programme for Cohort-12, selected startups was held on 30th December 2025 on virtual platform. IEF of CCS NIAM successfully conducted the 12th Cohort of Startup Agri-Business Incubation Programme (SABIP) and Agripreneurship Orientation Programme (AOP) & Student Orientation Program (SOP) from 24th Dec 2025 till 23rd Jan, 2026.

During the training program, the prominent sessions of the incubation program include Application of Blockchain in Agriculture, Digital Marketing Strategies for Agri Start-ups, Lecture on Growth Hacking for Agri Startups, Market Research Techniques, Workshop on Significance of Intellectual Property Rights for Agri Start-ups, Workshop on Lean Start-up & Business Model Canvas, Funding Schemes for Start-ups, Role of APEDA in promoting agri start-ups, Customer Segment & Market Analysis, Marketing Strategy.

A Path to Purpose: Developing. The start-ups joined One Week Virtual Bootcamp at the end of one month training programme from 19st - 23st January 2026.

Following the online training programme under RIC -II, 38 startups were shortlisted and referred for the Selection and Investment Committee (SIC) presentation under Phase III. After the evaluation process, 11 startups were selected for grant-in-aid support, with a total funding amount of ₹154 Lakh recommended for startups incubated at IEF of CCS NIAM. This achievement reflects the incubation centre's continued efforts to identify promising agribusiness ventures, strengthen their entrepreneurial capabilities, and facilitate financial support to help them advance their innovative solutions and scale their operations.

"Empowering Promising Agri-Startups Through Structured Evaluation and Grant-in-Aid Support to Accelerate Innovation and Growth."

MoA signing with Cohort-12 IEF of CCS NIAM incubated startups

IEF of CCS NIAM, Jaipur, strengthened its commitment to promoting agri-innovation and entrepreneurship through the signing of Memoranda of Agreement (MoAs) with startups incubated under Cohort 12 at the IEF of CCS NIAM. The agreements mark an important step towards fostering institutional collaboration, supporting emerging agribusiness ventures and creating opportunities for innovation-driven enterprise development. This initiative aims to provide a structured framework for startup incubation, mentorship, capacity building and market-oriented growth, enabling promising startups to transform innovative ideas into commercially viable solutions and contribute to the advancement of the agricultural and agri-food sectors.



The Open Field

Startup Innovation: A tech-enabled platform for tribal livelihoods using IoT-based solar dehydrators, blockchain traceability, AI-based pricing, and sustainable harvest planning to connect tribal products with B2B/B2C markets.



My Irigacio World Private Limited

Startup Innovation: Developed a portable, lightweight irrigation system that is easy to install, improves irrigation efficiency, supports multiple irrigation cycles, and offers a cost-effective alternative to conventional irrigation.



Regenerative Textiles Private Limited

Startup Innovation: Creates a traceable and certified Deccan wool value chain, producing eco-friendly, high-quality wool products while supporting indigenous artisans through technology, quality assurance, and sustainable practices.



Avahita Marketing & Consulting Services Private Limited

Startup Innovation: An integrated agri-value chain platform using ICT, IoT, and digital tools to connect farmers with markets, improve product sourcing, provide training, and enhance rural livelihoods.

MoA signing with IEF of CCS NIAM incubated startups



Innojas Innovationz Private Limited

Startup Innovation: Developed the Clamp-Shift Pro (CSP) mechanism, which converts a single farm implement into five different agricultural tools using Quadi-Parallel and Quadi-Strip designs, reducing costs and improving farm efficiency.



Natural Harmony

Startup Innovation: Establishing a Steviol glycoside extraction plant to produce high-purity natural sweeteners from Stevia, ensuring cost-effective, locally sourced, and sustainable production.



Aushadhiyog Private Limited

Startup Innovation: A B2B digital marketplace connecting pharmaceutical companies with certified medicinal plant farmers through blockchain traceability, decentralized procurement, and sustainable sourcing of medicinal raw materials.

Celebrating the Journey Valedictory Session



Hon'ble Union Minister, GOI, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan Witnesses Agri-Startup Innovations

The Innovation and Entrepreneurship Federation (IEF) of CCS NIAM, Jaipur, continued its efforts to promote agricultural innovation and entrepreneurship by enabling its incubated agri-startups to showcase their innovative products and solutions before Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India. The initiative provided a valuable platform for startups to demonstrate their innovations, enhance visibility and gain market-oriented exposure. It also highlighted the role of IEF of CCS NIAM in bridging the gap between innovation, product development and market opportunities.

Innovative Startups and their Product Offerings

SNP Superfoods LLP – Nutritious Sprouted Flour Products

SNP Superfoods LLP focuses on sprouted flour products prepared from grains such as ragi and bajra. The process involves soaking, germination, drying and milling, helping improve the nutritional accessibility and digestibility of grains. By promoting traditional grains through value-added food products, the startup contributes to the growing demand for nutritious and convenient food options.

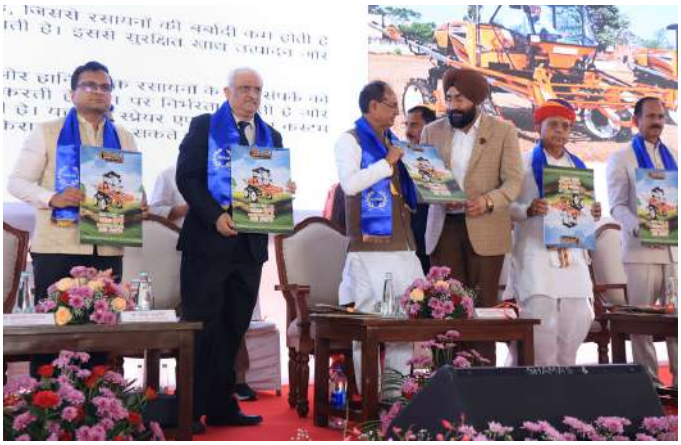


Apna Godam – Digital Agricultural Trade and Warehousing Solutions



Apna Godam is a Jaipur-based agritech platform established in 2016 that integrates agricultural warehousing, online commodity trading and financing solutions for farmers. Its technology-enabled approach aims to improve post-harvest management, facilitate access to markets and support farmers in managing their agricultural produce more efficiently.

Jagatsukh Industries Private Limited – Agricultural Spraying and Farm Mechanisation



Jagatsukh Industries Private Limited develops and manufactures a range of agricultural spraying equipment to support efficient crop protection and farm operations. Its product portfolio includes tractor-mounted sprayers, self-propelled high-clearance boom sprayers such as the Field Hawk, trailer-type boom sprayers, battery-operated sprayers, knapsack sprayers and HTP/motorised power sprayers. These solutions contribute to farm mechanisation and the effective application of agricultural inputs.

Bahula Foods Private Limited – Value Addition to Indigenous Desert Resources



Bahula Foods Private Limited focuses on revitalising traditional desert-based livelihoods and empowering agro-pastoralist communities, particularly camel herders and women farmers. By connecting indigenous desert resources with modern markets through value addition, the startup seeks to create livelihood opportunities, strengthen local value chains and promote the commercial potential of region-specific resources.

Madhumakhi Wala



Madhumakhi Wala offers unheated and unfiltered raw honey in varieties such as Jamun, multiflower, mustard, lychee, eucalyptus and ajwain. Its product range also includes honey-tasting collections and beeswax-based products such as diyas and candles. Through product diversification and value addition, the startup promotes the commercial potential of beekeeping and honey-based enterprises.

Startup Exhibition

"Innovation that reaches the market creates opportunities for farmers, entrepreneurs and the agricultural economy."



Jovaki Agro Food India Pvt. Ltd.

Mr. Rajesh Kumar Oza



Bhairaj Organics Private Limited (Desigo)

Mr. Mahavir Bishnoi



EF Polymer

Mr. Narayan Lal Gurjar



SMH Superfoods LLP

Ms. Harshitha Agarwal

IEF of CCS NIAM, Jaipur, facilitated a startup exhibition during the visit of Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India. The exhibition provided a platform for incubated agri-startups to showcase their innovative products, technologies and solutions across agriculture and allied sectors. The initiative highlighted the potential of agri-entrepreneurship, value addition and market-oriented innovation in strengthening the agricultural ecosystem and promoting rural livelihoods.

Visits of Eminent Dignitaries to IEF of CCS NIAM

IEF of CCS NIAM, Jaipur, welcomed eminent dignitaries and distinguished leaders during January to June 2026, fostering meaningful interactions and institutional engagement. These visits highlighted the importance of agricultural innovation, startup incubation and entrepreneurship development. The interactions also provided opportunities to showcase innovative agri-based products and strengthen the agri-startup ecosystem through knowledge sharing, collaboration and market-oriented initiatives.

Visit of Hon'ble Shri J. P. MEENA, IAS, former Secretary Ministry of Food Processing Industries to IEF of CCS NIAM



IEF of CCS NIAM, Jaipur, welcomed Shri J. P. Meena, IAS, Former Secretary, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India, on 23 June 2026. During the visit, Shri R.C. Meena, Project In-charge, RKVY, IEF of CCS NIAM & Dr. Ravi Kumar Goyal, COO & Director, IEF of CCS NIAM presented an overview of its incubation initiatives, key achievements, startup support mechanisms and progress under the PM-RKVY programme.The visit aimed to encourage agri-innovation, promote entrepreneurship and strengthen the agricultural startup ecosystem. During the visit, he witnessed innovative product showcases by incubated startups, highlighting the potential of emerging agri-based solutions to address agricultural challenges and create new market opportunities.

The occasion also highlighted the innovative agri-based products developed by startups, reflecting their contribution to agricultural value addition, rural entrepreneurship and livelihood generation. The product showcase and launch activities provided a platform to demonstrate the commercial potential of these innovations and their relevance to rural communities. The visit reaffirmed IEF of CCS NIAM's commitment to nurturing promising agri-startups, supporting product development and facilitating market exposure to strengthen the agricultural entrepreneurship ecosystem.

Visit of Shri Naresh Kumar Goyal, IAS, Commissioner Agriculture, Government of Rajasthan

IEF of CCS NIAM, Jaipur, had the honour of welcoming Shri Naresh Kumar Goyal, IAS, Commissioner Agriculture, Government of Rajasthan. During the visit, Dr. Ravi K. Goyal, COO & Director, IEF of CCS NIAM, provided an overview of the institution's role in nurturing agri-startups, promoting innovation-driven entrepreneurship and supporting emerging enterprises under various government initiatives. He also highlighted IEF's key achievements and contributions through incubation, mentorship, capacity building and stakeholder engagement.

Shri Naresh Kumar Goyal interacted with the IEF team and shared valuable insights on strengthening the agricultural innovation ecosystem and expanding opportunities for agri-startups in Rajasthan. Shri R. C. Meena, Project In-charge, RKVY, expressed his gratitude for the visit, guidance and encouragement. The interaction reinforced the importance of institutional collaboration and government support in fostering agricultural innovation, nurturing agripreneurs and promoting sustainable growth across the agri-startup ecosystem.

"Strengthening Government–Incubator Collaboration to Accelerate Agricultural Innovation and Startup Development in Rajasthan"



Innovation in Action: Shri Naresh Kumar Goyal, IAS, Commissioner Agriculture Visits SNL Innovations Pvt. Ltd.

Shri Naresh Kumar Goyal, IAS, Commissioner Agriculture, Government of Rajasthan, visited the manufacturing facility of SNL Innovations Pvt. Ltd., an incubated startup of IEF of CCS NIAM, Jaipur. Accompanied by Dr. Ravi K. Goyal, COO & Director, IEF of CCS NIAM, he witnessed the startup's technology-driven solutions aimed at reducing post-harvest losses and improving agricultural produce management. The interaction highlighted opportunities to expand these innovative solutions across villages in Rajasthan, enabling farmers to benefit from improved post-harvest practices, reduced losses and enhanced income potential. The visit underscored the importance of collaboration among government, incubators and agri-startups in advancing scalable agricultural solutions.





Startup Innovation: Aseptic fruit processing technology to convert fruit to pulp, and value added products.

The visit also provided an opportunity to highlight the role of startup incubation in translating technological innovations into practical, farmer-oriented solutions. The discussions emphasized the potential of SNL Innovations Pvt. Ltd. to contribute to strengthening post-harvest management practices through wider adoption of its solutions. Such engagements foster collaboration between government stakeholders and emerging enterprises, creating pathways for technology dissemination, improved agricultural efficiency and sustainable livelihood opportunities for farmers across Rajasthan.

"Bridging Agricultural Innovation and Field-Level Impact Through Technology-Driven Solutions."

Partner R-ABI Participation in SAMARTH 2026: Advancing Agri-Incubation and Startup Development

The S-ABI team actively participated in the SAMARTH 2026 workshop for agri-incubators, held on 19 to 20 March 2026 at ICAR–Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi. The workshop provided a valuable platform for interaction and knowledge exchange among incubators, researchers and startup stakeholders. Through practical discussions, mentorship initiatives and interactive sessions, the programme focused on strengthening incubation practices, enhancing institutional capabilities and supporting the growth of emerging agricultural enterprises. The participation reflected the importance of collaboration and capacity building in fostering innovation and entrepreneurship across the agri-startup ecosystem.









National Rice Tech Industry Innovation Summit (RTIIS–2026)

VIKAS R-ABI, ICAR–Central Rice Research Institute (ICAR–CRRI), Cuttack, was associated with the agri-innovation ecosystem highlighted at the National Rice Tech Industry Innovation Summit (RTIIS–2026), organized on 25 February 2026 by ICAR–CRRI in collaboration with the Association of Rice Research Workers. The summit provided a platform to highlight technological advancements, industry collaboration and innovation in the rice sector. Such initiatives encourage knowledge exchange and strengthen linkages among researchers, industry stakeholders and entrepreneurs to promote technology-driven solutions for sustainable rice production and agricultural development.







Two-Day's Symposium on Intellectual Property Rights: From Concept to Commercialization – SABAGRIs, BAU SABOUR

On 26–27 April 2025, Bihar Agricultural University (BAU), Sabour, Bhagalpur, Bihar, in collaboration with SABAGRIs, organized a two-day symposium on "Intellectual Property Rights: From Concept to Commercialization." The event brought together researchers, startups, students, farmers and industry experts to explore intellectual property rights, technology commercialization and innovation. Expert sessions, technical discussions and startup interactions highlighted the importance of patents, licensing and entrepreneurship in transforming innovative ideas into commercially viable solutions. The symposium contributed to strengthening awareness of intellectual property protection and fostering a collaborative agri-innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem.





"Transforming Innovative Ideas into Marketable Solutions Through Intellectual Property Protection and Commercialization."

Participation In The 19th Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES) 2026

The 19th Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES) 2026 was hosted by the Entrepreneurship Cell of IIT Kharagpur from 30 January to 1 February 2026. The summit provided a platform for entrepreneurs, startups, innovators and industry stakeholders to exchange ideas, explore emerging business opportunities and discuss entrepreneurial challenges. The event highlighted the importance of innovation, collaboration and knowledge sharing in fostering startup growth and strengthening the entrepreneurship ecosystem.





Krishi Gram: Strengthening the Agri-Startup Ecosystem 16–19 June 2026

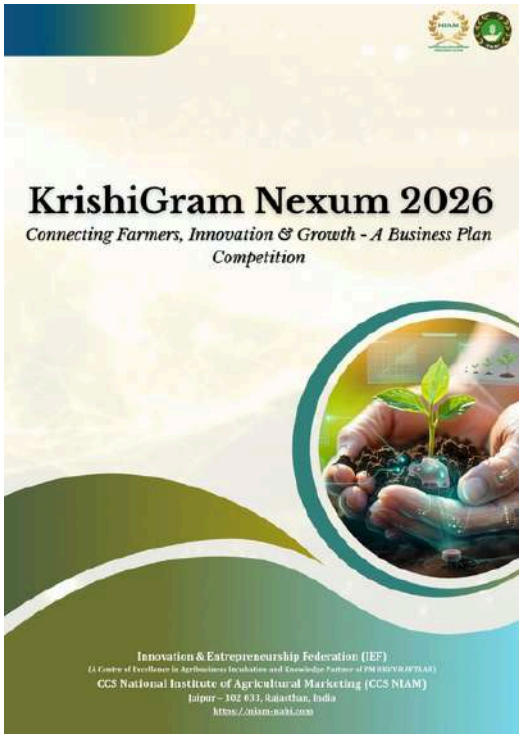
IEF of CCS NIAM organized KrishiGram from 16 to 19 June 2026, bringing together experts, mentors and incubation stakeholders to review startup progress and discuss strategic initiatives for strengthening the agri-innovation ecosystem. The programme focused on enhancing mentorship support, reviewing incubation activities and identifying collaborative opportunities to accelerate agri-startup growth. The initiative reinforced IEF of CCS NIAM's commitment to fostering innovation, strengthening stakeholder engagement and supporting the sustainable development of emerging agricultural enterprises.





"Krishi Gram"
Nurturing Agri-Innovation, Empowering Startups, and Cultivating Sustainable Growth.





The programme also facilitated constructive discussions on addressing startup-specific challenges, improving incubation strategies and strengthening linkages among entrepreneurs, mentors, industry experts and institutional partners. Through knowledge sharing and collaborative planning, Krishi Gram provided an opportunity to identify practical approaches for enhancing startup performance, promoting market readiness and supporting the scaling of innovative agri-business solutions. The initiative further emphasized the importance of continuous guidance, coordinated efforts and a robust incubation framework in building a resilient and sustainable agricultural startup ecosystem.

Selection And Investment Committee (SIC) Evaluation Meetings

The Selection and Investment Committee (SIC) process plays a crucial role in identifying and supporting promising agri-startups under the RKVY initiative. It provides a structured platform for evaluating startup proposals based on their innovative potential, business models, technological solutions, market feasibility, scalability, and expected impact on the agricultural and allied sectors. Through presentations and interactions with the committee, startups receive an opportunity to demonstrate their entrepreneurial capabilities and business potential.

The process aims to ensure the selection of deserving ventures for grant-in-aid assistance, enabling them to develop prototypes, validate technologies, strengthen business operations, and move towards commercialisation. Through successive SIC evaluations, IEF of CCS NIAM has facilitated financial support for selected incubated startups, reinforcing its commitment to nurturing innovation, promoting agripreneurship, and transforming promising ideas into sustainable agribusiness enterprises.

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The Selection and Investment Committee (SIC) Meeting was conducted at IEF of CCS NIAM on 27–28 March, providing a platform for the evaluation of promising agri-startups seeking grant-in-aid support. A total of 40 startups presented their business proposals before the committee, showcasing their innovative solutions, business models, and growth potential across the agriculture and allied sectors. Following the evaluation process, 11 startups were selected, and a total grant-in-aid amount of ₹41.50 Lakh was recommended for the incubated startups. This milestone reflects IEF of CCS NIAM's continued commitment to identifying promising entrepreneurial ventures and facilitating financial support for the development and scaling of innovative agribusiness solutions.

Selection And Investment Committee (SIC) Evaluation Meetings

SIC Meeting of SABI Jobner's startups on 30 March 2026

The Selection and Investment Committee (SIC) Meeting was conducted at SABI Jobner on 30 March, providing a valuable platform for agri-startups to showcase their innovative ideas, business models and progress. A total of 23 startups presented their proposals, out of which 13 startups were selected, with a total grant-in-aid of ₹169 Lakh recommended. The meeting facilitated expert evaluation, constructive feedback and strategic guidance to strengthen startup ventures, reflecting IEF of CCS NIAM's continued commitment to promoting agripreneurship and strengthening the agri-startup ecosystem.





VIKAS R-ABI, ICAR–Central Rice Research Institute (ICAR–CRRI), Cuttack

On 12 May 2026, a Selection and Investment Committee (SIC) evaluation meeting was conducted for startups incubated at VIKAS R-ABI, ICAR–CRRI, Cuttack, to assess their eligibility for the second and third tranches of funding support. A total of 16 startups were evaluated, of which 7 were recommended for funding amounting to ₹59.70 lakh. The evaluation focused on reviewing startup progress and assessing their readiness for continued financial support to advance their agricultural innovations and business development.





Strengthening incubation, fostering innovation, and accelerating the sustainable growth of agri-enterprises.

Selection and Investment Committee (SIC) Evaluation Meetings

Innovation and Entrepreneurship federation of CCS NIAM, Jaipur

On 12 and 13 May 2026, IEF of CCS NIAM, Jaipur, conducted a Selection and Investment Committee (SIC) evaluation meeting to assess startups for the recommendation of first-tranche funding. Out of 19 startups evaluated, 8 were recommended for funding support amounting to ₹84.00 Lakh. The evaluation process aimed to identify promising agri-startups with the potential to develop innovative agricultural solutions and strengthen their entrepreneurial ventures through financial assistance.



SABAGRIs R-ABI, Bihar Agricultural University (BAU), Sabour

On 14 May 2026, a Selection and Investment Committee (SIC) evaluation meeting was held for startups incubated at SABAGRIs R-ABI, Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour, to assess their eligibility for the second and third tranches of funding support. Of the 23 startups evaluated, 11 were recommended for funding amounting to ₹59.20 Lakh. The evaluation highlighted the importance of assessing startup progress, business development and innovation potential to support the continued growth of emerging agri-enterprises.





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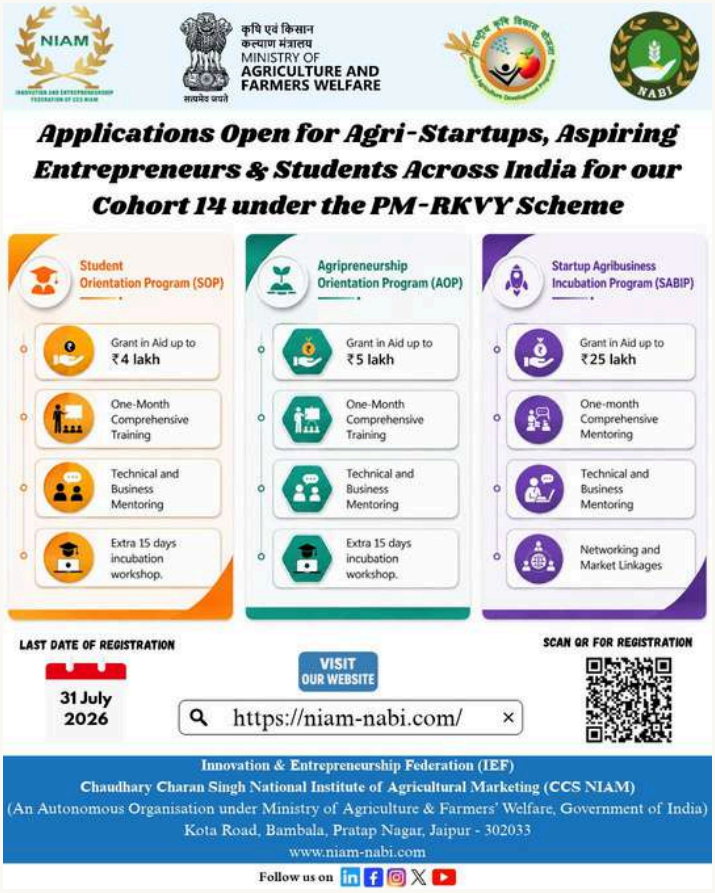


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UPCOMING EVENTS
July to September

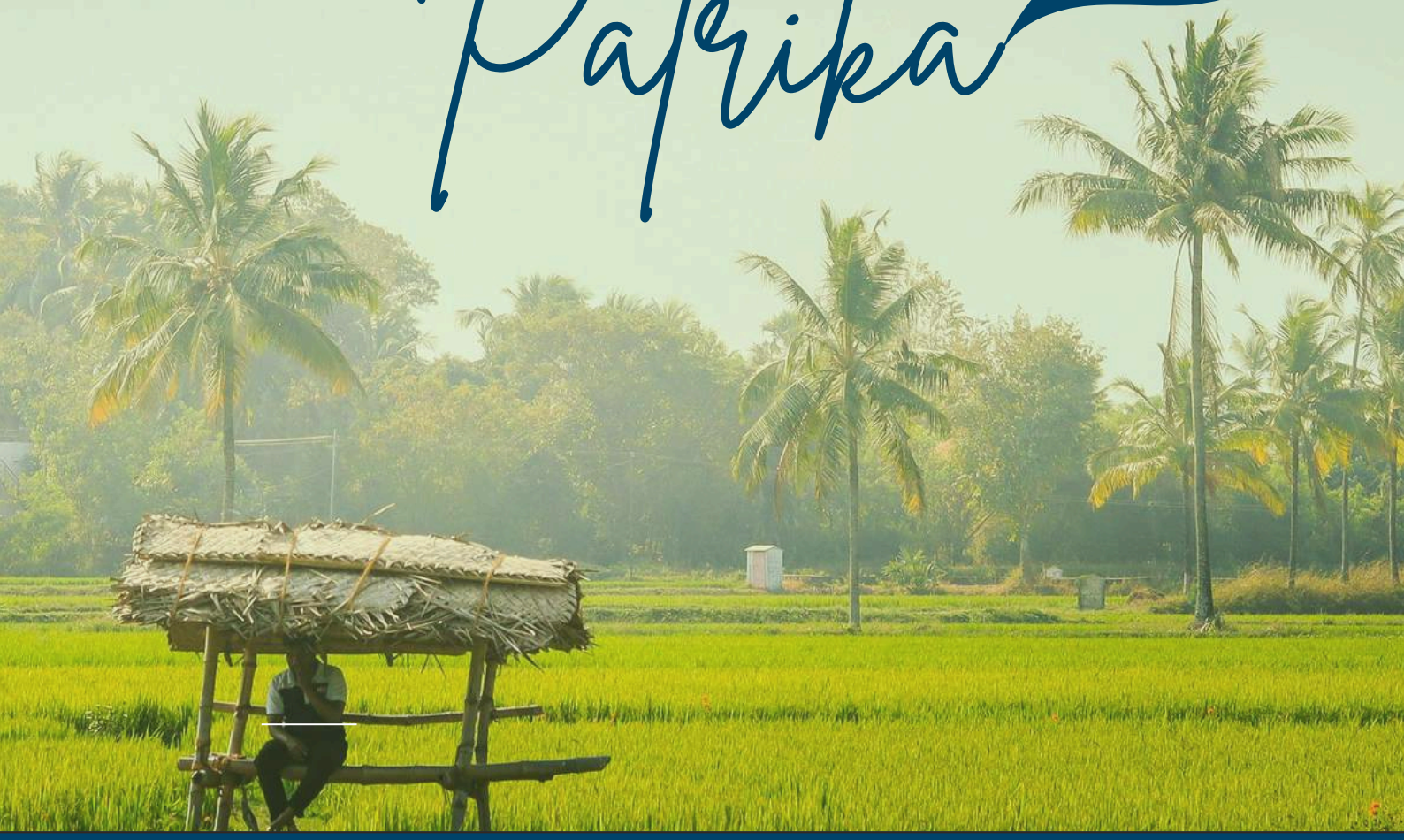




S. No.	Date	Activity
1	Jul 10, 2026	MoU Signing with the Department of Agriculture, Government of Rajasthan
2	Sep 21, 2026	Visit of Ms. Manju Rajpal, IAS, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Horticulture, Government of Rajasthan
3	Sep 26, 2026	Visit of Dr. Shaji Krishnan V., Chairman, NABARD
4	Aug 16, 2026	SIC Meeting for Cohort-13 Startups of IEF of CCS NIAM

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