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Message from the Desk of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi declared January 16th as 'National Startup Day' on the occasion of 'Celebrating Innovation Ecosystem', signalling the coming of age of Indian start-ups on the global stage. Arrival of 42 new 'Unicorns' mark the beginning of golden era for Indian start-ups. Agriculture and allied sectors present a huge untapped potential for the start-ups to base their business ideas. Innovation and Agripreneurship Program of RKVY-RAFTAAR, MoA&FW has significantly contributed towards more than 700 Agri Startups created in the country in the past 3-4 years.



I am happy to acknowledge the continued efforts of KRISHIK Agribusiness Incubator, in training, mentoring and encouraging innovative ideas in agriculture and allied sectors. I congratulate KRISHIK ABI for successful completion of two month training program for the V cohort with 20 trainees under pre-seed stage (Anveshan) and 21 trainees under seed stage (Avishkar) programs. Training program for Cohort VI was inaugurated on 13th January, 2022 with 28 trainees. On the same day, Business Incubation Workshop was also held for the benefit of incubates from all the cohorts and MOAs were exchanged with the incubates of III & IV Cohort. Rs.85.05 Lakhs was disbursed as first instalment out of Rs.192.75 Lakhs grant-in-aid amount sanctioned. A parallel event 'Investor's Connect' was also organized in which 11 start-ups pitched their business ideas to 'Gram Paathshaala' and 'Techinnovators', the investor groups from Mumbai. A series of webinars have been organised to mark 'Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. I am pleased to acknowledge the efforts in keeping pace with the timelines and deliverables outlined by RKVY-RAFTAAR Nodal Office, Delhi and infusing the partner RABIs and start-ups with more energy through continued mentorship, monitoring, guidance and hand-holding.

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OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

Two Days Business Incubation Workshop



Two Days Business Incubation Workshop was conducted for Partner RABIs, their staff and incubates on 4th & 5th March 2021. Topics of workshop included Funding Opportunities for Startups, Financial Aspects of Agri Startups, Intellectual Property Rights and Registration of Business Entities.

Selection & Monitoring Committee Meeting for Incubates of Krishik ABI

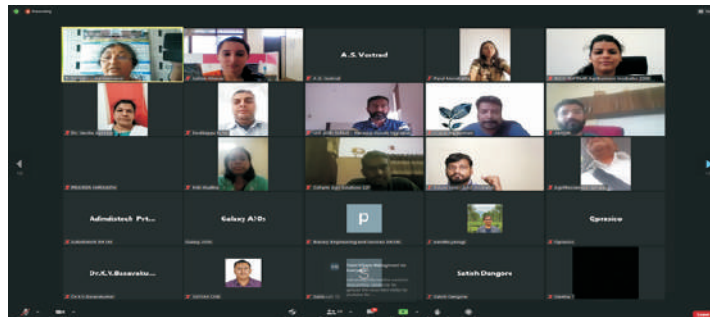


Recommendation and Monitoring Committee (RC) under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Chhavi Jha, Joint Secretary, RKVY-RAFTAAR Unit, DAC & FW was held through Online Zoom Platform. IV Cohort for Seed Stage (Avishkar) and Pre-Seed Stage (Anveshan) funding recommended by the CIC KRISHIK- Agri Business Incubator, UAS, Dharwad on 20 & 22 April, 2021.

Selection & Monitoring Committee Meeting for Incubates of Partner RABIs

PI & CEO, KRISHIK- Agribusiness Incubator, RC Members, and staff of KRISHIK- Agribusiness Incubator participated in the Selection & Monitoring Committee Meeting of Partner RABIs from 28-30 April 2021.

Webinar on "Mechanization in Agriculture" by Dr. Ravi Guttal was organized on 9 June, 2021 and Webinar on "Agriculture Entrepreneurship – A Way Forward" by Mr. C. M. Patil was conducted on 11 June 2021.



As part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' Webinar series, an interactive session on "Commercialization of Millets based products for Nutritional Security" was conducted on September 28, 2021.

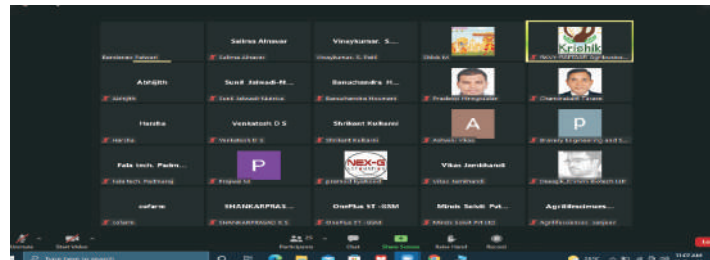
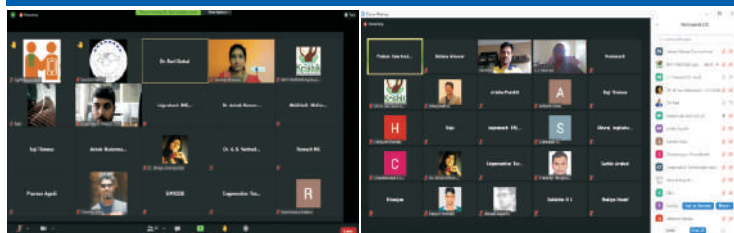


VicharVimarsh Program in DD National based on "Mahila Kisan Divas" to emphasize on efforts made in Karnataka region for supporting women start-ups was held on October 13, 2021.



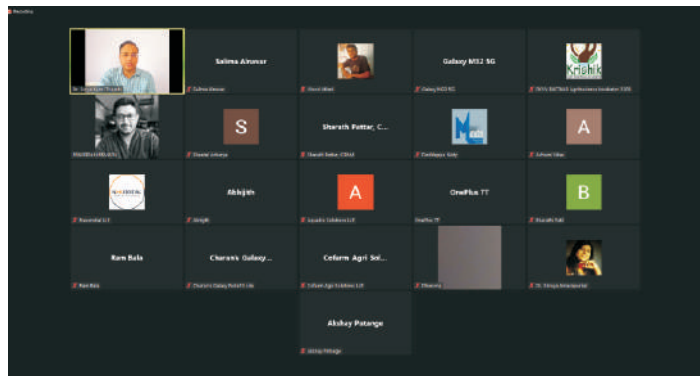
As a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav the webinar on 'Women in Agri Startups: creating value with supply chain management' was organized in association with Department of Agriculture, Haveri on October 22, 2021.

WEBINARS



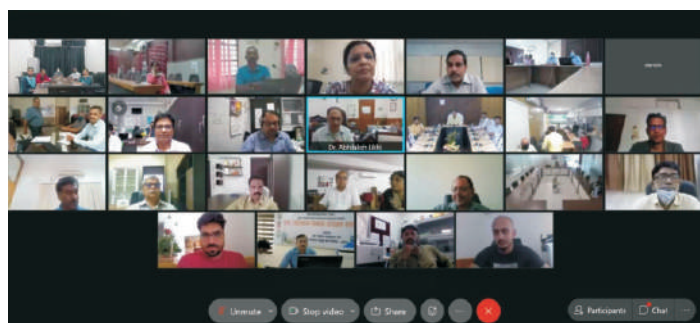


Webinar by Founder, Secretary & CEO, SCOPE (Society for Community Participation & Empowerment), regarding PMFME & AIF Schemes was held on December 3, 2021.

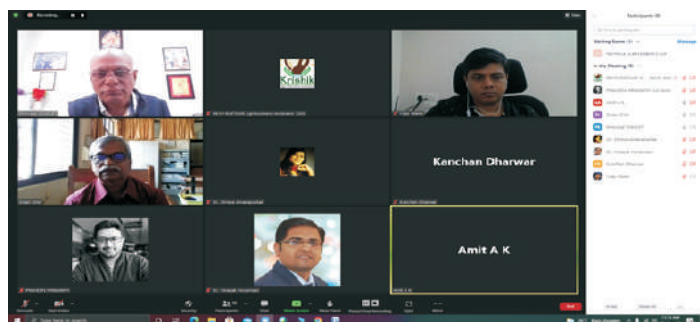


Intellectual Property Rights Workshop held on December 16 & 17, 2021. Mr. Sharath Pattar and Dr. Surya Mani Tripathi were the resource Persons.

Review Meeting of all Knowledge Partners & RKVY- RAFTAAR RABIs



Review Meeting with additional Secretary (RKVY), Delhi to present the achievements of RABIs (2018-2021) was held on 29 July, 2021



CIC Meeting for Selection and Recommendation of Avishkar and Anveshan Trainees

- The 1st CIC Meeting was held on August 9 & 10, 2021 for V Cohort where 14 Idea stage entrepreneurs for Anveshan (Agribusiness Orientation Program) and 18 Startups were selected for Avishkar (Agribusiness Startup Incubation Program).

- The 2nd CIC Meeting was held on November 17 & 18, 2021 for V Cohort to recommend 09 Idea stage entrepreneurs for Anveshan (Agribusiness Orientation Program) and 11 Startups were selected for Avishkar (Agribusiness Startup Incubation Program).

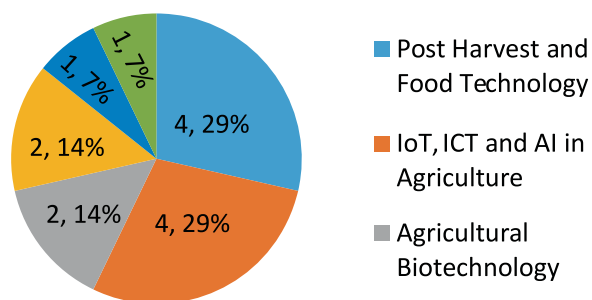
- The 1st CIC Meeting was held on December 21 & 22, 2021 for VI Cohort where 09 Idea stage entrepreneurs for Anveshan (Agribusiness Orientation Program) and 19 Startups were selected for Avishkar (Agribusiness Startup Incubation Program).

- CIC Meeting was conducted on April 10, 2021 for Recommendation of incubates of II Cohort for release of second installment of grant-in-aid.

Entrepreneurs Selected for Anveshan (Agripreneurship Orientation Program) [VCohort]

Sl.No.	Name	Segment
1	Mr. N. S. Satisha	Post Harvest and Food Technology
2	Mr. Shankar Prasad K.S	Post Harvest and Food Technology
3	Ms. Asha Rani	Post Harvest and Food Technology
4	Mr. Sriram Mokhasi	Post Harvest and Food Technology
5	Ms. Kavya S	IoT, ICT and AI In Agriculture
6	Mr. Abhishek Jagatap	IoT, ICT and AI In Agriculture
7	Mr. Pramod Kyalkond	IoT, ICT and AI In Agriculture
8	Mr. Shridhar Doddamani	IoT, ICT and AI In Agriculture
9	Dr. Jameel Ahmad Khan	Agricultural Biotechnology
10	Ms. Priti Khalkho	Agricultural Biotechnology
11	Mr. Raju T. K. G	Agricultural Machinery
12	Mr. Abhijit Shetty	Agricultural Machinery
13	Ms. Navaneetha Gowda	Waste to Wealth and Secondary Agriculture
14	Mr. A. P. Sanjeev	Natural Resource Management

Segmentwise Representation of Anveshan Program

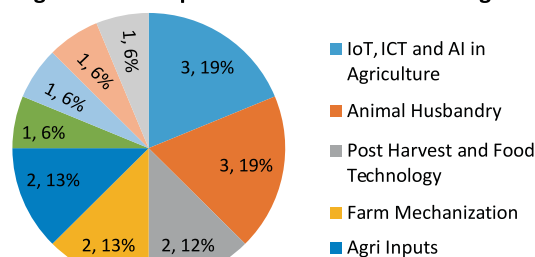


Entrepreneurs Selected for Avishkar (Startup Incubation Program) [V Cohort]

Sl.No.	Name	Segment
1	Mr. G. Sadananda Murthy	IoT, ICT and AI In Agriculture
2	Mr. Omkar Babu	IoT, ICT and AI In Agriculture
3	Mr. Anil Bhagwan Daud	IoT, ICT and AI In Agriculture
4	Mr. Sunil Jalawadi	Animal Husbandry
5	Mr. Prajwal K Rao	Animal Husbandry
6	Mr. Jayteerth Malagi	Animal Husbandry
7	Mr. Doddappa Nisty	Post Harvest and Food Technology
8	Mr. Venkatesh D. S	Post Harvest and Food Technology
9	Mrs. Pushpalata D	Farm Mechanization

10	Mr. Satish Bhadravati	Farm Mechanization
11	Mr. Pratap Sutagatti	Agri Inputs
12	Mrs. Laxmi Jogdand	Agri Inputs
13	Mr. Narasanagowda Veerapur	Agri Supply Chain
14	Mr. Gurumurthy Hegde	Waste to Wealth and Secondary Agriculture
15	Ms. Nandita Yenagi	Agricultural Machinery
16	Ms. Ahalya Matthan	Any Other

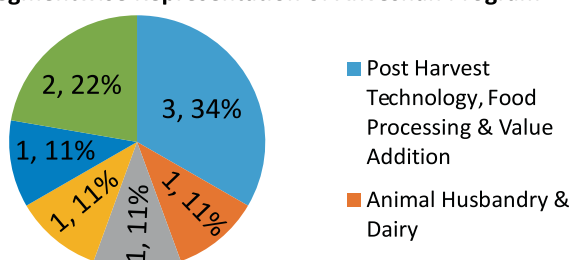
Segmentwise Representation of Avishkar Program



Entrepreneurs Selected for Anveshan (Agripreneurship Orientation Program) [VI Cohort]

Sl.No.	Name	Segment
1	Mrs. Aparna Patil	Post Harvest Technology, Food Processing & Value Addition
2	Mrs. Ankita Amrut Purohit	Post Harvest Technology, Food Processing & Value Addition
3	Ms. Manorama Joshi	Post Harvest Technology, Food Processing & Value Addition
4	Mr. Prabhuraj Appa	Animal Husbandry & Dairy
5	Mr. Anilkumar Manjre	Waste to Wealth and Secondary Agriculture
6	Mr. Vaibhav Sugandhi	IoT, ICT and AI In Agriculture
7	Mr. Kamireddy Kiran	Agri Biotech
8	Mr. Sachin Gadadavar	Others
9	Ms. Saniya Belavatagi	Others

Segmentwise Representation of Anveshan Program

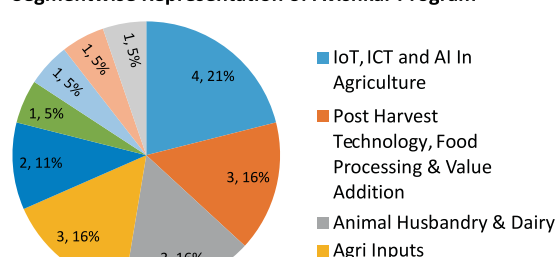


Entrepreneurs Selected for Avishkar (Startup Incubation Program) [VI Cohort]

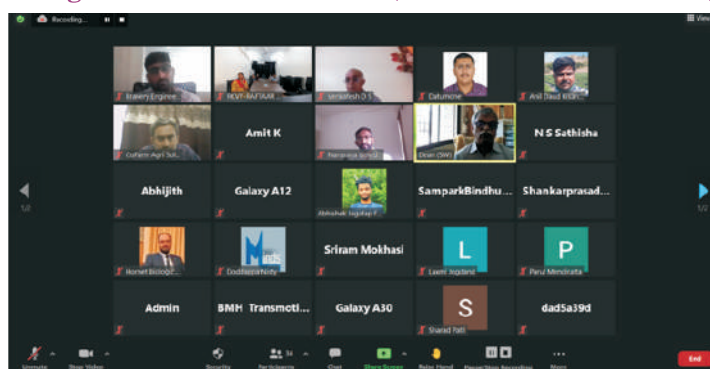
Sl.No.	Name	Segment
1	Ms. Rithambara Singh Rajput	IoT, ICT and AI In Agriculture
2	Mr. Arvind Khare	IoT, ICT and AI In Agriculture
3	Mr. Anurag Joshi	IoT, ICT and AI In Agriculture
4	Mr. Gurusiddeshwar Hiremath	IoT, ICT and AI In Agriculture
5	Mr. Manjunath Bhat	Post Harvest Technology, Food Processing & Value Addition
6	Mr. Govindaraddi Jayannavar	Post Harvest Technology, Food Processing & Value Addition

7	Mr. Vinaykumar Patil	Post Harvest Technology, Food Processing & Value Addition
8	Mr. Chetan Asundi	Animal Husbandry & Dairy
9	Mr. Abhinava J V	Animal Husbandry & Dairy
10	Mr. Jayatheerth Malagi	Animal Husbandry & Dairy
11	Mr. Shadakshari T V	Agri Inputs
12	Dr. Pradeep H M	Agri Inputs
13	Mr. H. K. Sreegangaiah	Agri Inputs
14	Mr. Sitalkumar Yalawatti	Precision Farming
15	Mr. Raghvendra Jeevannavar	Precision Farming
16	Mr. Himanshu Gupta	Agri Biotech
17	Mr. Rakesh Sindagi	Organic Farming
18	Dr. Priyanaka Sonbarse	Waste to Wealth and Secondary Agriculture
19	Mr. Timmanna Bhat	Others

Segmentwise Representation of Avishkar Program

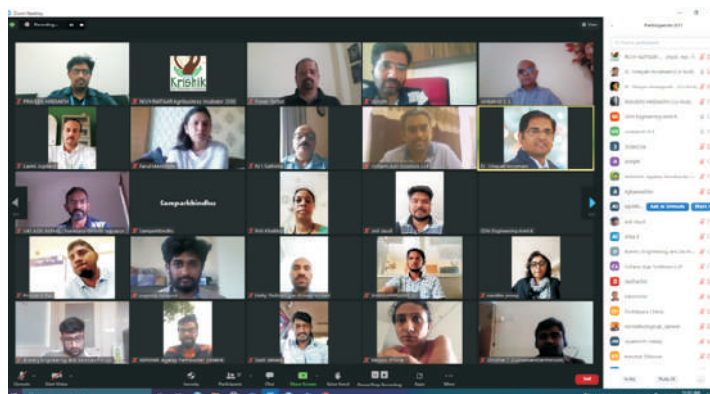


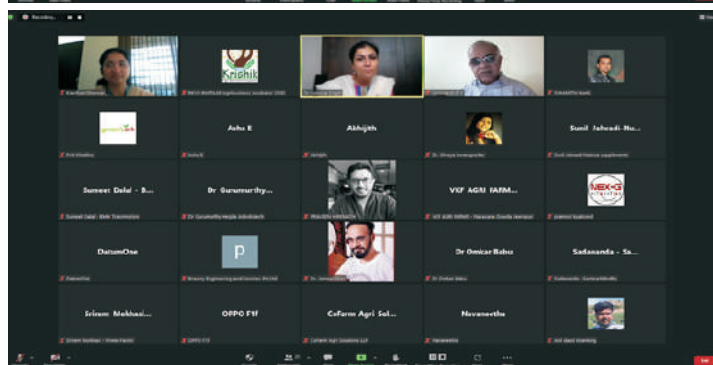
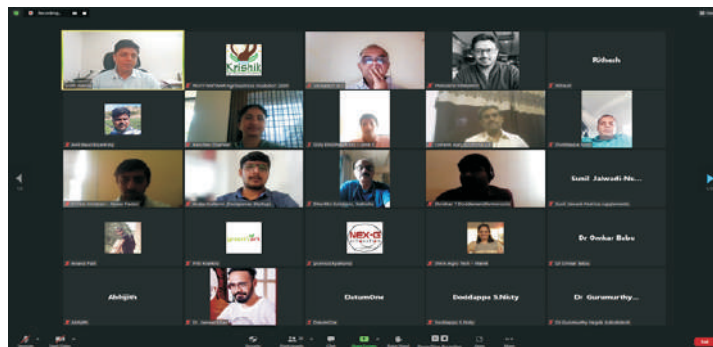
Inauguration of Fifth Cohort (Anveshan and Avishkar)



Anveshan and Avishkar programs of Fifth Cohort were formally inaugurated through online zoom platform on June 18, 2021 by PI & CEO, KRISHIK- Agribusiness Incubator Dr. A.S. Vastrad. All the selected trainees of Anveshan and Avishkar were present.

Training session for V Cohort Trainees through Online Zoom Platform





Training was conducted for Anveshan and Avishkar trainees of V cohort from August 19 to September 20, 2021. The Agripreneurship Incubation training Sessions were conducted by in-house as well as external resource persons through zoom platform which included interactive sessions and assignments.



Honorable Governor of Karnataka Shri. Thaawarchand Gehlotji visited Exhibit of Krishik-Agri Business Incubator, UAS, Dharwad on September 2, 2021. He was briefed about the products and progress of startups supported under RKVY-RAFTAAR.

OUTREACH PROGRAMS



Sensitization program for the trainees of Diploma Program (UAS, Dharwad) for Agri Input Dealers on September 16, 2021.



Visit to KLE-Engineering College Belgavi, KLS GIT Belgavi & VTU Belgavi on October 27, 2021 as part of outreach program.



Visit to Vdit, Haliyal & Skill Development Centre, Dandeli on October 27, 2021 as part of outreach program.



Visit to ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sirsi, Uttara Kannada on October 30 & November 1, 2021 as part of outreach program.

Monitoring Visit to Startups of KRISHIK-ABI



Monitoring visit to F&F Farmers First LLP



Monitoring visit to Sirdesai Agro Private Limited



Monitoring visit to KissanConnect LLP



Monitoring visit to Durga Nursery LLP



Monitoring visit to Krishi Tharanga FarmTech LLP



Monitoring visit to Bioman Technologies Pvt Ltd



Monitoring visit to Krimmi Biotech LLP



Monitoring visit to Suryanirbhar Agritech LLP



Signing of MOA with KLE, SMSR, Hubli



TechBharat 3.0 Pre-Event, 2022, 5th January, 2022



On January 5, 2022 Pre-Event of the third edition of Tech Bharat brought together 40 exhibitors, several visitors and 400+ delegates to deliberate on technologies to Agri Tech & Food Tech and future of FPOs involving expert-speakers, knowledge partners, event associates and the Government. Through the keynote, panel discussions and interactive chats, at TECHBHARAT, the Pre-Event drew the required attention and derived the best support from several stakeholders of various districts from northern Karnataka. Additionally, being very impactful event, got insights from change makers, learn from trade pioneers, engage with think-alike and most significantly, availed their food for thought on the theme of TechBharat 2022.

‘Demo Day’ was held during TechBharat Event to showcase the technologies and products from incubates of KRISHIK Agri Business Incubator, UAS, Dharwad. Investor’s Meet was also held during the event for the benefit of start-ups.

Signing of MOA ceremony, Inauguration of 6th Cohort, Investor Connect & Business Incubation Workshop: 13th January, 2022



Signing of MoA Ceremony



Inauguration of 6th Cohort

Business Incubation Workshop



University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad held MOA signing ceremony with 17 incubates of 3rd & 4th Cohort trained by KRISHIK Agri Business Incubator. These agri start-ups were sanctioned an amount of Rs. 192.75 Lakhs by RKVY-RAFTAAR scheme of Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, GoI, out of which, Rs. 85.05 Lakh has been disbursed as first instalment.

Dr. M B Chetti, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of UAS, Dharwad, inaugurated the 6th Cohort of Anveshan and Avishkar programs of KRISHIK Agri Business Incubator. During the same day, Business Incubation Workshop was also conducted for the benefit of incubates of all cohorts along with the partner RABIs. A session on 'Market Connect' was organised as a part of the workshop by Deshpande Startups, Hubli.

Investor Connect



Investor Connect was held as a parallel event wherein eleven agri start-ups pitched their ideas to Gramapathashala from Bengaluru and Techinnovators from Mumbai and discussed intensely about their requirements.

From The Editor's Desk

Welcome to the fourth edition of Farm, Food and Life- a newsletter of KRISHIK-Agribusiness Incubator, Dharwad. I take immense pleasure to present before you, one more edition from team KRISHIK with a focus on progress and continuation of incubation program in the post COVID-19 world. During this period, the selection of eligible budding entrepreneurs was meticulously carried out and the two month intense incubation program for the fifth and sixth cohort was held. MOAs were exchanged between UAS, Dharwad and the finally recommended incubates of third and fourth cohort, after which, first installment of grant-in-aid was released. The total no. of startups receiving grant in aid from Government of India stands at 48 with a total sanctioned amount of Rs. 5.97 cr. Team KRISHIK has taken up monitoring and physical verification of these start-ups along with need based mentoring and other required support. The fourth edition demonstrates our sustained efforts in becoming a symbol of excellence in the field of agribusiness incubation.

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