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A Quarterly Insight into the **KRISHIK** – Agri Business Incubator *"Accelerating Agripreneurship"*



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Message from the Desk of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor

The world is witnessing resurgence from the COVID-19 pandemic and agriculture continues to march ahead with renewed zest. While the world is going through convalescence stage, India is firmly committed to its "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" and "Aatmanirbhar Krishi" dreams with an all-time-high focus on start-ups. I am happy to acknowledge the continued efforts of KRISHIK Agribusiness Incubator, a part of RKVY-RAFTAAR scheme, GoI, in training, mentoring and encouraging innovative ideas pertaining to agriculture and allied sectors. Infrastructure creation at the KRISHIK Agri Business Incubator has given the premises a transformative appearance and I am glad that its office was formally inaugurated on Nov 11, 2020 by Shri B C Patil, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, GoK. Amidst COVID-19 related restrictions, KRISHIK-ABI has successfully completed the Monitoring and Recommendation Committee (RC) meet for III Cohort and enabled the recommendation of 3 Startups for seed stage funding and 5 Startups for pre-seed stage funding. MOAs have been signed with 15 incubates of II cohort and released Rs. 83.95 Lakhs as first instalment. I congratulate KRISHIK ABI for successful completion of two month training program for the IV cohort with 23 trainees under pre-seed stage (Anveshan) and 21 trainees under seed stage (Avishkar) programs. As per the guidelines of RKVY-RAFTAAR to ensure post-project sustainability, UAS, Dharwad has established ASTRA (Association for Startups and Technology Refinement in Agriculture), a section 8 company. I am pleased to acknowledge the efforts in keeping pace with the timelines and deliverables outlined by RKVY-RAFTAAR Nodal Office, Delhi and at the same time infusing the partner RABIs and start-ups with more energy through continued mentorship, monitoring, guidance and hand-holding.



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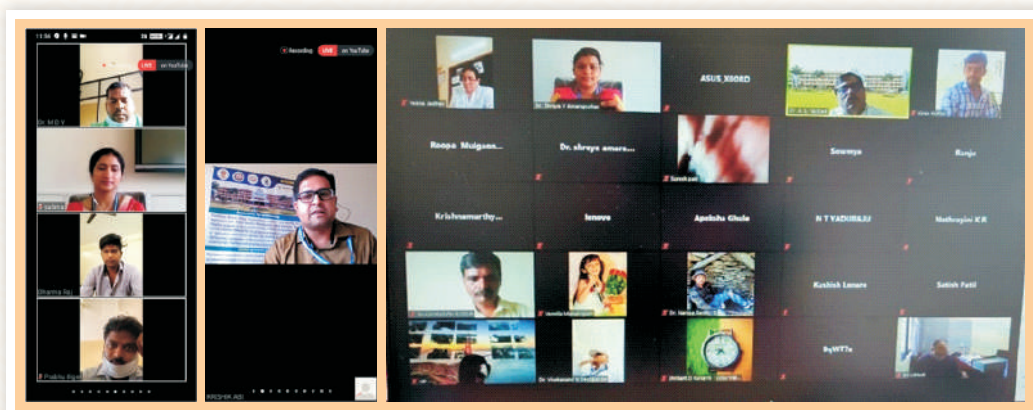


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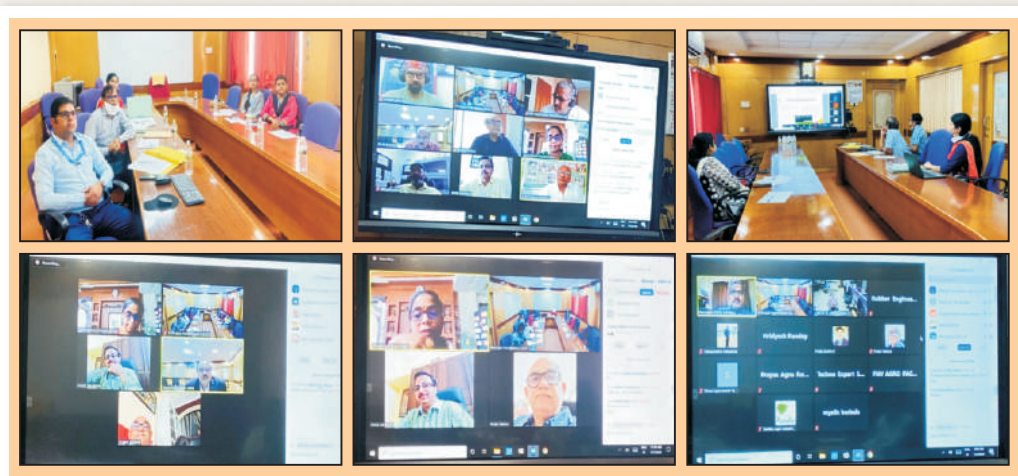
Overview of Activities

Webinar on “Future Prospects of Agri Entrepreneurship in India” was conducted by KRISHIK-ABI Team On 16th June 2020, The Webinar highlighted the latest trends in Agripreneurship and Agri funding, the webinar witnessed enthusiastic participation of more than 100+ Students, Academia, Startups and other Stake holders interested in Agri-business



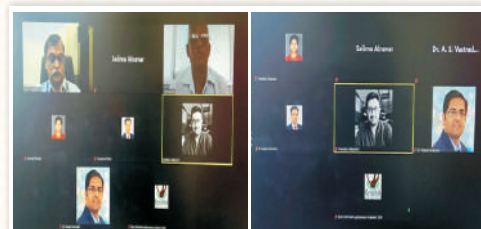
Selection & Monitoring Committee Meeting for Partner RABIs

PI & CEO, KRISHIK- Agribusiness Incubator, RIC Members, and staff of KRISHIK- Agribusiness Incubator participated in the Selection & Monitoring Committee Meeting of Partner RABIs from 2-7 July 2020.



CIC Meeting for Selection and Recommendation of Avishkar and Anveshan Trainees

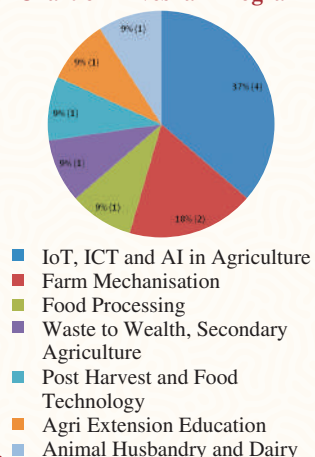
- CIC Meeting held on October 5, 2020 for 3rd cohort selected 11 Idea Stage Entrepreneurs for Anveshan (Agribusiness Orientation Program) and 4 Startups were selected for Avishkar (Agribusiness Startup Incubation Program).
- CIC Meeting was held on December 14, 2020 to recommend 09 Idea Stage Entrepreneurs for Anveshan (Agribusiness Orientation Program) and 4 Startups were selected for Avishkar (Agribusiness Startup Incubation Program).
- CIC Meeting for 4th Cohort held on December 15-16, 2020 selected 23 Idea Stage entrepreneurs for Anveshan program and 22 Startups for Avishkar Program.
- CIC Meeting was conducted on January 22, 2021 for recommendation of incubates of I cohort for release of second installment of grant-in aid.
- CIC Meeting was held on 09th & 10th of February, 2021 to recommend 10 Idea Stage entrepreneurs for Anveshan program and 20 Startups for Avishkar Program.
- The members of the committee were:
 - Dr. A S Vastrad, PI & CEO, KRISHIK-Agribusiness Incubator, Chairman
 - Dr. K. Gopinath, Principal, SDM-CET, Member
 - Mr. Gopalkrishnan B, Director-Incubation, Deshpande Start-ups, Member
 - Mr. Rajashekar, Joint Director of Agriculture, Member
 - Mr. Mayur Kamble, DDM, NABARD, Dharwad, Member
 - Dr. V. S. Hosamani, Chief Operating Officer- KRISHIK Agribusiness Incubator, Member Secretary



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

Sl. No	Name	Segment
1	Mr. Pradeep Hiregoudar	IoT, ICT and AI in Agriculture
2	Mr. Aryan Karchi	IoT, ICT and AI in Agriculture
3	Ms. Arati R J	IoT, ICT and AI in Agriculture
4	Mr. Vijay Koparde	IoT, ICT and AI in Agriculture
5	Mr. Gurulingappa Kanthi	Food Processing
6	Mr. Channabasayya Charantimatha	Farm Mechanization
7	Mr. Abhishek Bembalgi	Farm Mechanization
8	Mr. Chidanand Rebinal	Waste to Wealth, Secondary Agriculture
9	Ms. Sudha Kalaghatagi	Post Harvest and Food Technology
10	Mr. Nitish S M	Agri Extension Education
11	Mr. Sikandar Fawad Khan G. Sirdesai	Animal Husbandry and dairy

Segmentwise Representative Chart of Anveshan Program



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

Sl. No	Name	Segment
1	Mrs. Suniti Avinash Sirdeshpande	Agri Input Tools & Technologies
2	Mr. Shrikant D. Kulkarni	Agri Input Tools & Technologies
3	Mr. Manjunath R	Agricultural Biotechnology
4	Mr. Shashikumar B S	Organic farming

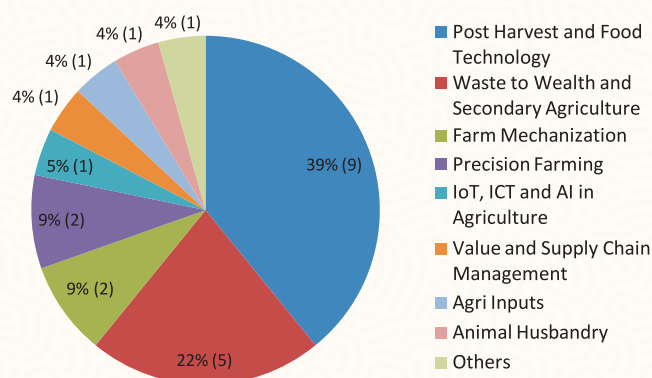
Segmentwise Representative Chart of Avishkar Program



Entrepreneurs Selected for Anveshan (Agripreneurship Orientation Program) of IV Cohort

Sl. No	Name	Segment
1	Mr. Impan D R	Post Harvest and Food Technology
2	Mr. Raghavendra Kalingeri	Post Harvest and Food Technology
3	Mr. Renukaprasad & Shivakiran Patil	Post Harvest and Food Technology
4	Mrs Jyoti Tyagi	Post Harvest and Food Technology
5	Mrs. Sumangala Galappanavar	Post Harvest and Food Technology
6	Mr. Suneel R Bhat	Post Harvest and Food Technology
7	Mr. Jeeva	Post Harvest and Food Technology
8	Mr. Sachin Jayadevai	Post Harvest and Food Technology
9	Mr. Vikash Kumar Pandey	Post Harvest and Food Technology
10	Ms. Seema Ganapati Hegde	Waste to Wealth and Secondary Agriculture
11	Mr. Vinaykumar S. Patil	Waste to Wealth and Secondary Agriculture
12	Ms. Soujanya R Arakeri	Waste to Wealth and Secondary Agriculture
13	Mr. Raghavendra Kadloor	Waste to Wealth and Secondary Agriculture
14	Mrs. Aparna Pujari	Waste to Wealth and Secondary Agriculture
15	Mr. Vivek Ramakrishna Hegde	Farm Mechanization
16	Mr. Ashok Kadaramandalagi	Farm Mechanization
17	Mr. Pushpak P	Precision Farming
18	Ms. Ankita Amrut Purohit	Precision Farming
19	Mr. Satish Hampannavar	IoT, ICT and AI in Agriculture
20	Mr. Maheshwari Bhadrageoudar	Value & Supply Chain Management
21	Mr. Gourishankar Karoshi	Agri Inputs
22	Mr. Imran Ahmed Naikwadi	Animal Husbandry
23	Mr. Priyaranjan K	Others

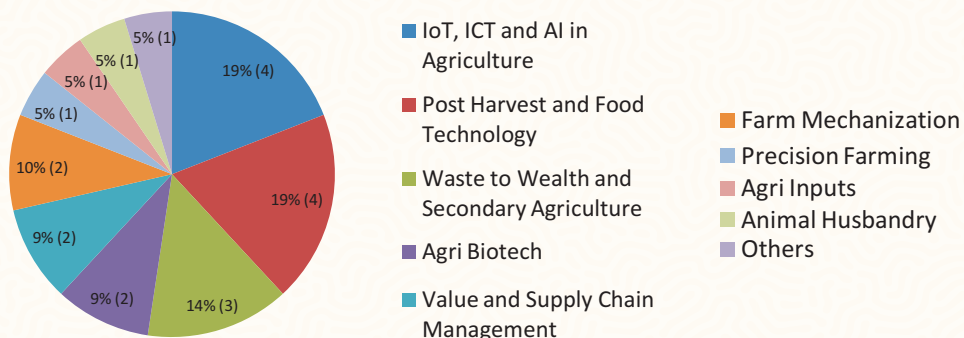
Segmentwise Representative Chart of Anveshan Program (IV Cohort)



Entrepreneurs Selected for Avishkar (Startup Incubation Program) of IV Cohort

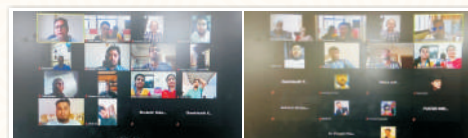
Sl. No	Name	Segment
1	Mr. Arfat Karnachi	Post Harvest and Food Technology
2	Mrs. Jyoti Shashidhar	Post Harvest and Food Technology
3	Mr. Rajeev Tyagi	Post Harvest and Food Technology
4	Mr. Atkari Vinod T	Post Harvest and Food Technology
5	Mr. Gagan Reddy	IoT, ICT and AI in Agriculture
6	Mr. Srinivasulu Reddy	IoT, ICT and AI in Agriculture
7	Ms. Raji Thomas	IoT, ICT and AI in Agriculture
8	Mr. Vamshi Krishna	IoT, ICT and AI in Agriculture
9	Mr. Rohit S Mundas	Waste to Wealth and Secondary Agriculture
10	Mr. M.K Gururaja	Waste to Wealth and Secondary Agriculture
11	Mr. Sandeep Mahajan	Waste to Wealth and Secondary Agriculture
12	Dr. S.A Hallad	Agri Biotech
13	Dr. Jagadeesh B H	Agri Biotech
14	Mr. Manas Miraji	Value & Supply Chain Management
15	Mr. Anilkumar Manjre	Value & Supply Chain Management
16	T.K.G Raju	Farm Mechanization
17	Ms. Ashwini Vikas	Farm Mechanization
18	Mr. Padmaraj Pattanashetti	Precision Farming
19	Mr. Aathreya H J	Agri Inputs
20	Mr. Mahantesh Khanapur	Animal Husbandry
21	Mr. Manjunath Gadagakar	Others

Segmentwise Representative Chart of Avishkar Program (IV Cohort)



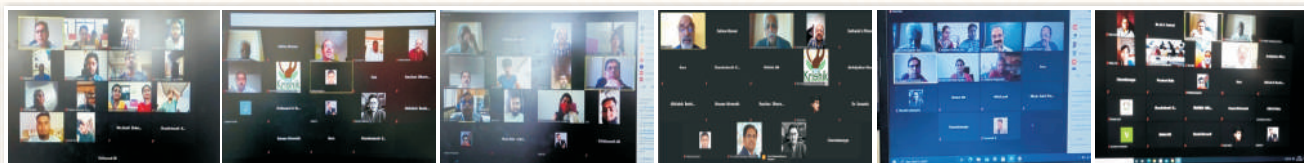
Inauguration of Third Cohort (Anveshan and Avishkar)

Anveshan and Avishkar programs of Third Cohort were formally inaugurated through online zoom platform on October 14, 2020 at KRISHIK- Agri Business Incubator, UAS, Dharwad by PI & CEO, KRISHIK- Agribusiness Incubator Dr. A.S. Vastrad. All the selected trainees of Anveshan and Avishkar were present.



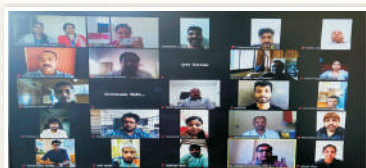
Inauguration of Third Cohort through Online Zoom Platform

Training sessions for III Cohort Trainees through Online Zoom Platform



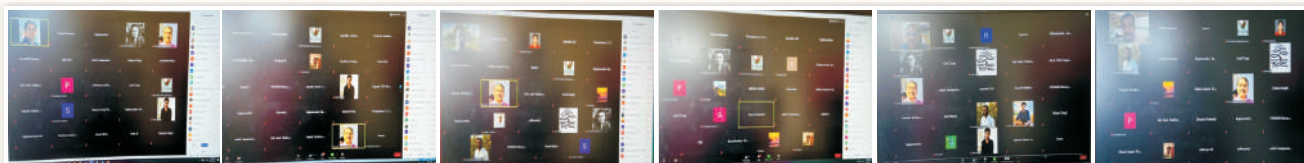
Training was conducted for Anveshan and Avishkar trainees of III Cohort from October 14 to December 5, 2020. The Agripreneurship incubation training sessions were conducted by in-house as well as external resource persons through zoom platform which included interactive sessions and assignments.

Inauguration of Fourth Cohort (Anveshan and Avishkar)



Anveshan and Avishkar programs of Fourth Cohort were formally Inaugurated through online zoom platform on December 22, 2020 at KRISHIK- Agri Business Incubator, UAS, Dharwad by PI & CEO, KRISHIK- Agribusiness Incubator Dr. A.S. Vastrad. All the selected trainees of Anveshan and Avishkar were present.

Training sessions for IV Cohort Trainees through Online Zoom Platform



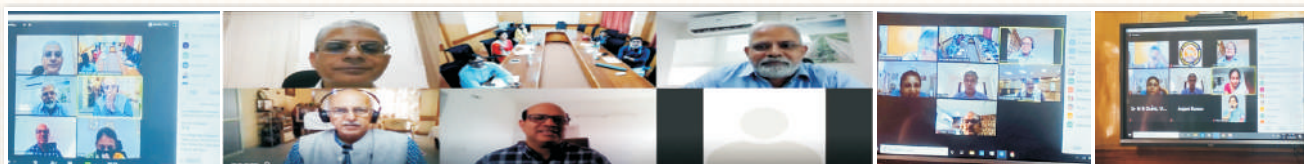
Training was conducted for Anveshan and Avishkar trainees of IV Cohort from December 22, 2020 to January 20, 2021. The Agripreneurship incubation training sessions were conducted by in-house as well as external resource persons through zoom platform which included interactive sessions and assignments.

Zoom Meeting with Finally Recommended Incubates of 1st Cohort to discuss regarding Funding Procedure



Online Zoom Meeting was conducted with finally Recommended Incubates of 1st Cohort on August 11 2020 to discuss regarding Funding Procedure.

Monitoring and Recommendation Committee (RC) Meeting



Recommendation and Monitoring Committee (RC) Meeting under the chairmanship of Mrs. Chavi Jha , Joint Secretary, RKVY-RAFTAAR Unit, DAC & FW was held through Zoom Platform (Online) for funding Seed Stage (Avishkar) and Pre Seed Stage (Anveshan) recommended by CIC KRISHIK- Agri Business Incubator, UAS, Dharwad on 19th & 20th August , 2020 and 2nd September, 2020 for II Cohort & on 14th January, 2021 for III Cohort.

The List of RC Members is as follows:

RKVY Division, DAC & FW has constituted RKVY- RAFTAAR Selection & Monitoring Committee (RC) comprising total of 20 persons (existing 8 persons and 12 additional domain experts) for selection, sanction, review, monitoring of various projects of Knowledge Partners (KP) and RKVY-Agribusiness Incubators (R-ABIs) under Lnnovation and Agri Entrepreneurship' Programme of RKVY-RAFTAAR

Sl. No	Name & Designation	Organization
1	Mrs. Chhavi Jha, Joint Secretary	RKVY Division Dac & FW - Chairperson
2	Dr. M.B. Chetti, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor	UAS, Dharwad-Member
3	Shri P. Ravichandran, Chairman	CII Task Force on Post Harvest & Logistics-Member
4	J. Adinarayanna, Professor & Head	Centre of Studies in Resources Engineering (CSRE)- Mumbai -Member
5	Professor Sh. Gharpure	IIT Bombay's Technology Business Incubator-Member
6	Dr. Manoj Panda, Director	Institute of Economic Growth (IEG)-Member
7	Sh. H. B. Songadkar, Chief General	Manager, NABARD -Member
8	Dr. Prakash, Former Director	CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysore -Member
9	Shri Asitava Sen, CEO,	Crop Life India-Member
10	Dr. Anjani Kumar	International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), New Delhi-Member
11	Dr. K. V. Lyer, Academician, Mentor, Alumnus,	IIMA-Member
12	Dr. Sreedhara R. Voleti, CEO,	Bio Nest, University of Hyderabad-Member
13	Mrs. G. Vijaya Kumari, Professor & Head,	J-Hub, JNTUH -Member
14	Mr. Aynampudi Subba Rao, Innovation Consultant, Ex Director	CIIE-IIMA-Member
15	Shri Siraj Chaudhary, Former Chairman	Cargill India, Board of Tata global Beverages Ltd,
16	& Independent Director	Tata Coffee Ltd. and Indus Bank -Member
17	Sh. Pramod K. Joshi, former Director	South Asia International Food Policy Research Institute, New delhi-Member
18	Dr. N. P. Singh, Principal Scientist	ICAR-NAIP, New Delhi-Member
19	Mr. Sopan Kanchan, President	Grape Growers Association, Pune-Member
20	Dr. Sangita Ladha, Vice President	Marcketing and Busines Development, Jain Irrigation Systems
21		Ltd., B-30, Shivalik, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi -Member
22	Sh. Kaushal Jaiswal, Member,	Rivulis Irrigation India Pvt. Ltd. Shivaji Nagar, Pune -Member
23	Dr. A. S. Vastrad PI & CEO,	Krishik-ABI, UAS, Dharwad - Member Secretary

Signing of MOA with Incubates



Signing of MOA with I Cohort Incubates was conducted at VC Conference Hall, UAS, Dharwad on September 7, 2020 & Signing of MOA with II Cohort Incubates was conducted at VC Conference Hall, UAS, Dharwad on January 4, 2020. On the Occasion Dr. M. B. Chetti, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor UAS, Dharwad, Dr. V. R. Kiresur, Registrar, Dr. P. L. Patil, Director of Research, Dr. A. S. Vastrad, PI & CEO, KRISHIK- ABI , KRISHIK-ABI team members, Finally Recommended I Cohort Incubates and their accomplices were also present.

**Inauguration of
KRISHIK-
Agri Business
Incubator by
Shri B. C. Patil,
Hon'ble Minister of
Agriculture,
Govt. Of Karnataka,**



Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture Sri. B. C. Patil, Inaugurated KRISHIK- Agri Business Incubator, UAS, Dharwad on 11th Nov 2020 at 9.30 am. Interacting with the selected Startup founders trained under the Incubation Program the Hon'ble Minister opined that "Innovative agricultural startups can solve the farmers' problems as well as create job opportunities for young professionals". The Incubation Center, set up at University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad is a part of the initiative under Innovation and Agri Entrepreneurship Program of RKVY-RAFTAAR (Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana –Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied Sector Rejuvenation), Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, Government of India.

KRISHIK- Agri Business Incubator aims to promote innovation, entrepreneurship and business creation in agriculture and allied sector by skill development, prototyping and technology scale up. The Chief Guest appreciated the institute for promoting Innovation and Entrepreneurship and providing financial assistance to eligible startups under RKVY-RAFTAAR Scheme.

Dr. M. B. Chetti, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, UAS, Dharwad, Hon'ble Members Board of Management-Shri Rajkumar Khatri, Shri Rajendra Kumar Katariya, Smt.Padmavati, Dr.P.S.Pande, Shri. Shashimouli Kulkarni, Shri Y.N.Patil, Shri.P.Mallesha, Shri L.S.Ajagannavar, Dr.S.B.Kalghatagi graced the occasion. Dr. A.S Vastrad, Principal Investigator & CEO, Officers and other Staff were present.

Visit to Startups of I Cohort Incubates



KRISHIK – Agri Business Incubator, UAS – Dharwad at Bengaluru Tech Summit 2020

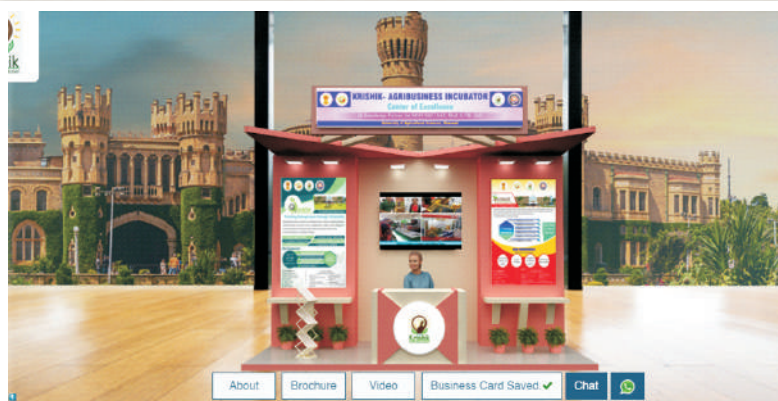
BTS 2020 Digital broke the barriers of time, boundaries bringing the world on one forum and KRISHIK – Agri Business Incubator was part of this event held from 19th to 21st Nov 2020.

KRISHIK had its presence through Virtual Booth at Start-Up Pavilion consisting of Innovators, Elevate Winners, Incubators, Start-Up India and International companies. The Start-Up Pavilion was a star attraction with over 200 of them vying for attention of investors and industry towards their innovative products & services.

Start-Up Pavilion provided us the perfect opportunity for to interact with angel investors, venture capitalists, mentors and accelerators and win a chance to showcase our services to a global audience.

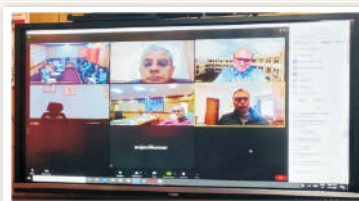
BTS connected us with 5000 plus Registered Business Delegates from diverse technology sectors.

KRISHIK Team also took part in the BTS Conference where the best minds from across the globe from diverse domains shared their incisive insights on issues and aspects which are going impact our lives & business and define the future.



The unique feature of BTS Conference was that it is the convergence of technologies, experts and organizations. Over 250 Speakers from across the continents mesmerized all the participants with their break-through ideas presented in 4 Parallel Conference Tracks on IT, BT, GIA and Start-Up. It was the place to network with over 5000 attendees consisting of who's who of IT & Biotech industry, Policy Makers and Investors.

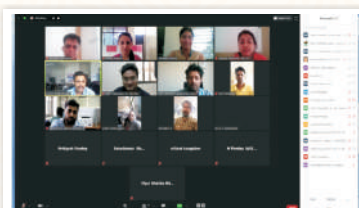
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- Ms. Chhavi Jha, Joint Secretary (RKVY), DAC & FW, GOI-Chairperson
- Dr. M. B. Chetti, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, UAS, Dharwad- Member
- Dr. Anjani Kumar, International Food Policy Research Institute, Delhi- Member
- Dr. K. V. Iyer, Mentor, IIM, Ahmedabad,- Member
- Mrs. G. Vijaya Kumari, Professor & Head, J-Hub, JNTUH - Member
- Dr. Pramod K Joshi, Former Director, SAIFPRI, New Delhi - Member
- Mr. Sopan Kanchan, President, Grape Growers Association, Pune - Member
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Workshop for Partner RABIs (AAU, NIVEDI, CIRCOT, PDKV)

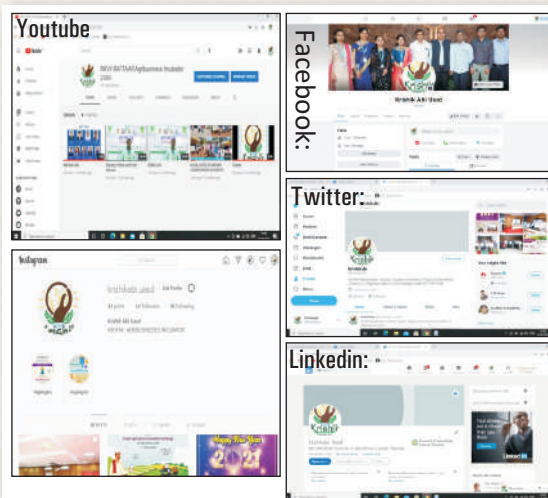


KRISHIK- Agribusiness Incubator, by the virtue of being designated as Knowledge Partner for RKVY-RAFTAAR, MoA & FW, GoI and Centre of Excellence (CoE), had conducted Workshop for staff of Agribusiness Incubators from the partner institutes such as College of Food Technology and Bio Energy, Anand Agricultural University (AAU), National Institute of Veterinary Epidemiology and Disease Informatics (NIVEDI)- Bengaluru, Central Institute for Research on Cotton Technology (CIRCOT)- Mumbai, Dr. Punjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth (PDKV)- Akola.

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2	Mrs. Pragati Gokhale	Founder, Market Mirchi
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4	Mr. PVGK Murthy	Director, Ingrain Technologies
5	Mr. Jagadeesh C Sunkad	Director, Kanakadhara Agricultural Innovations Pvt Ltd & Consultant to many Organisations
6	Mr. Satish Chandra C S	Executive Director, Institute for Agriculture Technology & Finance Management
7	Mrs. Madhuri Kulkarni	Company Secretary in Practice
8	Dr. Shreekant Sharma	Associate Faculty Member
9	Mr. Ramesh Kumar B	Founder, Eduquity
10	Dr. Nagaraj Hegde	Founder, Chairman & Managing Director of High Tech Agriculture Head

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From The Editor's Desk

Welcome to the third edition of Farm, Food and Life- a newsletter of KRISHIK-Agribusiness Incubator, Dharwad. I take immense pleasure to present before you, a special edition from team KRISHIK with a focus on progress and continuation of incubation program in the post COVID-19 world. Despite the COVID related restrictions, the team continued to work within the framework of guidelines and ensured smooth functioning of the incubator. During this period, the selection of eligible budding entrepreneurs was meticulously carried out and the two month intense incubation program for the third and fourth cohort was held. MOAs were exchanged between UAS, Dharwad and the finally recommended incubates of first and second cohort, after which, first installment of grant-in-aid was released. Team KRISHIK has taken up monitoring and physical verification of these start-ups along with need based mentoring and other required support. The third edition demonstrates our sustained efforts in becoming a symbol of excellence in the field of agribusiness incubation.

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