



College of Fisheries

LEMBUCHERRA, TRIPURA
Central Agricultural University, Imphal



RKVY-RAFTAAR Agri-Business Incubator (R-ABI)



ABOUT COF (CAU, I) R-ABI

College of Fisheries R-ABI was established during March 2019 under the 'Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana - Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied Sector Rejuvenation' (RKVY-RAFTAAR) scheme of Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Government of India. R-ABI supports agribusiness incubation by tapping innovations and technologies for venture creation in agriculture and allied sectors to promote agripreneurship and startups.

Our focus area is Agri-allied sectors, which includes Fisheries & Aquaculture, Post-Harvest Technology/value addition with special emphasis on Fisheries, Agri/Aqua Input, Warehouse Management, ICT in Agriculture, Farmer Services Centre/Aqua Clinics, Dairy, Farm Mechanization etc. The R-ABI incubatee can also get services in Supply Chain Management, Nutrition & Health, Animal Husbandry etc.

VISION

Innovative and entrepreneurship minded educated youths will be attracted to come forward with innovative ideas for creating a sustainable venture in the Agri-allied sectors.

MISSION

To motivate young and energetic farmers/students of Agriculture and related sciences to create enterprise with innovative ideas in the traditional as well as modern practices for enhanced profit and sustainability.

OBJECTIVES

- To achieve "Lab to land" by dissemination of new technology /varieties to farmers through promoting a culture of Agri startups;
- To promote innovation, entrepreneurship and business creation in agriculture and allied sector by skill development, capacity building and technology scale up;
- To create employment opportunities for youth in agriculture in the rural vicinity;
- To promote an integrated approach for technology acquisition, R&D, commercial technology transfer and knowledge dissemination;
- To facilitate evolution of an agri-startup ecosystem by support for cost effective, value added services including technical, legal, financial, intellectual property and regulatory compliance related services to agripreneurs;
- To build a vibrant agri-startup ecosystem, by establishing a network between academia, financial institutions, industries and other related institutions;

- To generate/ provide innovative solution to meet local and global agriculture and business challenges, and competitiveness.

OUR KNOWLEDGE PARTNER:

Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat

KEY PROGRAMS OF R-ABI

1. Agripreneurship Orientation Program

This programme is aimed at providing an opportunity to students/ youth/ selected agripreneurs that have technology/ service/ business platform-based ideas to work on their innovative ideas by imparting **two months** training cum hands on internship with other startups at the R-ABI. They will be provided stipend during the orientation program. Guided by experienced and innovative startups, they will be able to understand business concepts/nuances, strategy and practical insights of specific industries or markets, challenges and strategies to resolve them. After successful completion of the two months orientation programme, R-ABI will facilitate incorporation of entities for all viable business ideas by the interns. After that, these startups will be eligible for Idea/Pre-Seed Stage Funding.

2. Idea/Pre-Seed Stage Funding of Agripreneurs

Under this, subsistence grant of a maximum of Rs. 5 lakhs will be provided to interns who have successfully completed the initial two months of agripreneurship orientation programme and are aspiring to convert their innovative idea based on technology, service, business platforms etc. into a prototype/ product. Startups supported for idea/pre-seed stage funding will be eligible for obtaining next stage of Seed Stage Funding after evaluation.

3. Seed Stage Funding of R-ABI Incubatees

Seed stage funding will be available to incubatees who are incubated at the R-ABI for product development/improvement, administrative and market research in the early stages of a start-up. Financial assistance of a maximum of Rs. 25 lakhs will be granted to potential startups that have a minimum viable product (MVP) based on innovative solutions/ processes/ products/ services/ business models in agriculture and allied sector. This support will assist the incubatees to launch their products/ services/ business platforms etc. into the market and help them to scale up their operations as well as to attain business viability at a faster pace. This support will also facilitate them to attract investments from angel/venture capitalists or taking loans from commercial banks /financial institutions for further scaling-up of their business operations.

MANPOWER

PI-CEO:



Dr. Gusheized Waikhom
Associate Professor
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Former PI-CEO: (Till 10 June 2020)



Dr. R.K. Majumdar
Prof. & Head
Dept. of Fish PTE
CoF (CAU, I)

STAFF:

S. No.	Post	Sanctioned	In Position
1	Business Manager (BM)	1	Vacant
2	Assistant Manager	1	1
3	Business Executive	2	2

4	Office Assistant	1	1
5	Support Staff	1	1
Total		06	05

INCUBATION PROGRAMS COMPLETED

Agri-Business Orientation Program (AOP):

Three (3) phases of two-month residential program for the innovative and enthusiastic individual/Entrepreneurs in the area of Agri-allied sector completed.

AOP Phase	No. of selected candidates	RIC-1	RIC-2	Recommended for RC	Recommended by RC to Ministry
AOP-1	18	Completed	Completed	12	04
AOP-2	04	Completed	Completed	04	
AOP-3	06	Completed	Yet to Complete	-	

COF R-ABI in ACTION

AOP 1 Program (01st May to 29th June 2019)



Lab Training



AOP 2 Program (21st October to 19th December 2019)



Training on Biofloc Technology

Lab Training

AOP 3 Program (1st January to 28th February 2020)



Shidal making training



Site visit during training

10 days training program on “Scope of Entrepreneurships in Fisheries Sector in Northeast India” from 20th - 29th November, 2019



Group photo with the participants



SBI Br. Manager interacting with the trainees

State (Tripura) Fish Fair with incubatees (13th - 15th December, 2019)



Product launch cum sale at the Fish Fair



State Minister visits during Fish Fair

“Outreach Awareness Program on Agriculture Infrastructure & Marketing” on 30th January, 2020 conducted by PHD Chamber and APEDA



Inauguration ceremony of the program



CoF Incubator team participation

Various Farm/Lab Visit during Training programs



Fish Farm Exposure Visit



Exposure Visit to Fish Museum

DOWNLOAD FORMS HERE

1. Application for 'Agripreneurship Orientation Program'
2. Application for 'Seed Stage Funding'
3. Proforma for 'Investment Form'

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