



AGRI BUSINESS INCUBATION PROJECT

"Developing Entrepreneurs in Agriculture"



ICAR-Research Complex for Eastern Region

ICAR-Parisar, Patna-800 014



About ABI centre

The ABI centre of ICAR-Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna has two operational units located at Patna and Ranchi. The Patna unit is located at the ICAR-RCER, ICAR Parisar, Patna while the Ranchi unit is located at Farming System Research Centre for Hill and Plateau Region, Plandu, Ranchi. Both the units of ABI centre are meant to create an ecosystem for start-ups and to facilitate entrepreneurship development in different sectors agriculture. Major focus of the ABI centre is to support operations on business projects as a measure of enhancing the foundation for new technology based industries. Agri-Businesses Incubation Centre is envisaged to provide the necessary support for validation and up-scaling of technologies and encourage their reach to the user as an attractive business proposition. ABI centre is expected to facilitate innovators and researchers to turn their ideas into commercial venture. Entrepreneurship development training programme, provisioning of incubation facilities and further follow-up to create complete value chain in various sectors of farming is the main focus of this unit.

The ABI centre intends to extend the benefits in terms of advisories and capacity building programmes, focused group mentoring, regulatory and advisory guide, intellectual property management, furnished development etc. All the services rendered by ABI centre to clients/incubatees will be chargeable and rendered on payment basis by the institute. The modalities will be finalized through mutual discussions and Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) will be signed accordingly. The MOA will be initially signed for one-year period from the date of signing of both parties. On expiry of the agreement and depending on the need, the institute and the party may enter into the contract for another term by signing a fresh MoA.

What we offer?

The ABI centre will provide technology mentoring across selected sectors of agriculture and allied business activities. We are keen on providing technology backstopping and capacity building of incubatees on the aspects of capital raising, entrepreneurial setup, inventory and human resource management, collaborations, production, packages, marketing and market led extension of the products. We offer business support services in legal, financial, IPR and secretarial compliances. These services are offered across different sectors of agriculture and value chain development.



Broad Sectors Considered by ABI center

The innovation has no limits. Anyone can come up with a novel business idea and seek for technical guidance from ABI centre. But our ABI centre is limited to sectors pertaining to agricultural activities including crops, livestock, fisheries and mushroom based projects. A list of potential sectors of incubation at Patna and Ranchi units of ABI centre is provided below. The sectors mentioned in the list are indicative and the incubatees can approach the ABI centre with any innovative business idea in line with the following sectors.

Broad sectors considered for incubation

At Ranchi unit	At Patna unit
Soil and water testing (Pusa STCR Kit)	Microgreens farming
Food processing and product development	Hydroponics farming
Vermicomposting	High value horticulture crops production
Vegetable seed production	Organic farming
High density orcharding in fruit crops	Bioactive pigment rich vegetables farming
ITK based health formulations	Quality production of vegetables seedlings
Nursery production in poly house	Medicinal and aromatic plant
Hybrid seed production	Processing of farm produce
Mushroom production and processing	Animal mineral mixture and feed mixture
Mushroom spawn production	Seed production of rice

Registration at ABI-Centre

The interested candidates/firms have to submit the application form along with a Preliminary Project Proposal to ABI center. The Advisory Committee will evaluate the applications for its potential merits as per the protocols of ABI project. The successful applicants have to pay the mandatory fees of Rs. 10000/- and register as incubatee at ABI centre for incubation. Initially, the duration of incubation will be one year which may be extended for one more year in specific cases depending on requirement and in accordance with MoA.

Who can apply?

- Firms/companies/Entrepreneurs/NGOs/GOs looking for technological mentoring for start-ups in agriculture and allied sectors.
- The firms registered under company's registration act and are looking for technological support.
- Aspiring individuals who have attained the age of 18 years and are seeking technical mentoring.
- Individuals/Firms/companies/NGOs/GOs located in Bihar and Jharkhand states are only eligible to apply at ABI center of ICAR-RCER, Patna.

Process flow of finalization of Applications

- Receipt of duly filled in application from the interested stakeholders
- Screening of received applications and selection of candidates/firms by the Advisory Committee
- Inviting the party/incubatees for one-to-one interaction/ meeting, if desired by the Advisory Committee
- Signing and execution of Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with selected candidates/firms
- Deposition of fee and registration with ABI center.
- Candidates will be directed to either Patna or Ranchi units as per their choice and type of selected sector.

How to apply

Applicant can get the 'Application Form' from the institute webpage <https://icarrcer.icar.gov.in> or can get it in their email on request to following contacts. Interested parties shall send the hard copy of the duly filled **Application Form** in prescribed format and the **Preliminary Project Proposal** (Annexure-I in the application form) to '**The Principal Investigator, ABI Project, ICAR- RCER, Farming System Research Centre for Hill and Plateau Region, Plandu, Ranchi, Jharkhand - 834010** along with all the relevant documents. Applicants can also mail the scanned soft copy of these documents to aksingh171162@rediffmail.com. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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