Network of Indian Agri-Business Incubators at your service

Lead Center
Agri-Business Incubation (ABI) Program, ICRISAT, Andhra Pradesh

Northern Region
- Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi
- Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Iastnagar, Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh
- Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University (CCSHAU), Hisar, Haryana
- Central Potato Research Institute (CPRI) Shimla, Himachal Pradesh
- National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI), Karnal, Haryana
- Central Institute of Post-Harvest Engineering and Technology (CIPMET), Ludhiana, Punjab
- Indian Institute of Vegetable Research (IVR), Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

Southern Region
- Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
- Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT), Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- Central Plantation Crops Research Institute (CPCRI), Kasaragod, Kerala
- Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (IIHR), Bangalore, Karnataka
- Indian Institute of Spices Research (IISR), Calicut, Kerala
- National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM), Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh
- The Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture (CIBA), Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Central Region
- Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwaavidyalaya, JNKVV, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh
- Birla Agricultural University, BAU, Ranchi, Jharkhand
- Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering (CIAE), Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- Central Rice Research Institute (CRRI), Cuttack, Odisha

Eastern Region
- Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (CIFA), Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- National Institute of Research on Jute & Allied Fibre Technology (NIRJAT), Kolkata, West Bengal

Western Region
- Central Institute for Research on Cotton Technology (CIRCOT), Mumbai, Maharashtra

Network in Africa

African Partners
FARA - UniBRAIN (Universities, Business & Research in Agricultural Innovation-Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa) project
- Zambia, Uganda, Kenya, Ghana, Mali

MOFPI (Ministry of Food Processing Industries), Government of India - Food Processing Business Incubation Centers project
- Ghana, Mali, Uganda, Cameroon, Angola

MOFPI, Government of India (Food Testing Laboratories) project
- Nigeria, Gambia, Republic of Congo, Zimbabwe, Rwanda

Key Partners

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ICRISAT Director General, Dr William D. Dar interacts with an entrepreneur at an exhibit stall during the launch of the Network of Indian Agri-Business Incubators (NIABI) in 2009.
ICRISAT

The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) is a non-profit, non-political organization that conducts agricultural research for development in Asia and sub-Saharan Africa with a wide array of partners throughout the world. Covering 6.5 million square kilometers of land in 55 countries, the semi-arid or dryland tropics has over 2 billion people, and 644 million of these are the poorest of the poor. ICRISAT and its partners help empower these poor people to overcome poverty, hunger and a degraded environment through better agriculture.

ICRISAT is a member of the CGIAR Consortium and works through a strategy called Inclusive Market-Oriented Development (IMOD) – harnessing markets while focusing on ensuring smallholder farmers’ benefit.

Agribusiness and Innovation Platform (AIP)

The Agribusiness and Innovation Platform (AIP) is an initiative of ICRISAT to enhance its public-private partnerships (PPP) as a model for fostering agro-business to bring Research for Development (R4D) innovations of ICRISAT and its partners to the market for faster, wider-scale impact. AIP provides prototype innovations, knowledge and expertise, training and co-location with researchers for close interaction; while the entrepreneurs fine-tune the prototypes and take them to market, including bearing the risks and reaping the rewards involved.

AIP helps agribusiness to significantly increase the resilience of tropical dryland smallholder farming through innovations that stabilize, safeguard and enhance livelihood capital (natural, social, human, physical and financial), biological & systems diversity and land health. AIP is in line with ICRISAT’s unifying conceptual framework of Inclusive Market-Oriented Development or IMOD as one of the Critical Focus Areas (CFAs) on “fostering agro-enterprise”.

AIP includes three programs; Agri-Business Incubation (ABI), Innovation and Partnership (INP) and Nutri Plus Knowledge (NPK).

Impact Story & Achievements

Farming Community
• Access to markets for agro products
• 131,638 farmers directly benefited with value addition through Network of Indian Agri-Business Incubators (NIABI)
• Enhanced convenience of farmers through new tools and services like mobile based extension services, handy cotton harvester, etc.

Agribusiness Community
• Incubated over 1064 agribusiness ventures
• Facilitated funding to 23 venture worth USD 14.85 mn
• More than 2,300 entrepreneurs trained
• Assisted in the commercialization of 208 agro-technologies
• Direct employment of more than 129,000 generated in the rural community

Rewards & Recognition
• Best Incubator Award from Dept. of Science & Technology, Govt. of India, in 2005
• Best Incubator Award from Asia Pacific Association of Business – Incubators (AAIBI) in 2008
• Best Incubator Award from Villgro in 2009
• Best Incubator Award by FICCI’s FOOD 360 in 2013
• ISBA 2013 Award conferred to ABI client Bioseed Research
• Best Incubator Award from Villgro in 2009
• Best Incubator Award from Asia Pacific Association of Business – Incubators (AAIBI) in 2008
• FAPCCI Award for rural development awarded to AIP client AAI
• Best Social Entrepreneur of the Country award to AIP client Rusni Distilleries by the Prime Minister of India in 2006

Agri-Business Incubation (ABI)

Development through agribusiness

Promotes agribusiness ventures through technology development and commercialization that benefit the farmers through creation of competitive agri-business enterprises – incubation services in seed, farm, agri-biotech and innovative ventures.

Our services to clients:
• Scientific consultancy for technology development, standardization
• Business consultancy and business development support
• Capacity building programs
• Infrastructure facilities, laboratory space and office space
• Facilitate funding

Innovation and Partnership (INP)

Prosperity through partnerships

Initiates public-private partnerships through collaborative research cum development agreements with ICRISAT in the areas of plant breeding, agricultural biotechnology, natural resource management, knowledge sharing, training and value chain development that support the empowerment of the SAT farmers.

Our services to clients:
• Market-oriented contract research benefitting the farmers
• Public-Private Partnership projects enhancing IMOD
• R4D through access to agricultural infrastructure facilities
• Technology up-scaling with development partners
• Agribusiness events and program management

NutriPlus Knowledge (NPK)

Growth through value addition

Value addition and post-harvest management in the agri-food sector through innovative processing and product development, enabling ICRISAT’s vision of “a prosperous food secure and resilient dry land tropics”.

Our services to clients:
• Value added products and technologies based on ICRISAT mandate crops
• Laboratories: Food product development, Analytical, Sensory and Food Safety
• Capacity building for food processing and food testing laboratory personnel
• Consultancy services for the agro food industry