



# **NEXT GEN AGRI INNOVATION FOUNDATION (NG-AiF)**

**Agri Business Incubation Centre (R-ABI)**

**Dr PDKV, Akola**

**Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MOA & FW),  
Govt. of India, New Delhi.**



## About Us

# Next Gen Agri Innovation Foundation

(NG-AiF) is an Agri Business Incubation Centre (R-ABI) established under **Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY-RAFTAAR)** initiative, supported by the **Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India** located at Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth (PDKV), Akola with the vision to foster innovation, entrepreneurship, and technological advancement in agriculture and allied sectors.

We serve as the incubation and innovation hub for agripreneurs, startups, students, and researchers — empowering them to develop solutions that transform agriculture from the lab to the land.

Our focus is to bridge the gap between research, innovation, and commercialization by supporting individuals and enterprises that are redefining the way we grow, process, and market agricultural products.



# Funding Program

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STUDENTS  
FUNDING

**Pre-Seed  
stage**

Grant In Aid  
support upto  
**Rs.5** Lakhs

**Seed stage**

Grant In Aid  
support upto  
**Rs.25** Lakhs

**Student stage**

Grant In Aid  
funding upto Rs.  
**4** Lakhs



# TRAINING AND MENTORING

We conduct regular capacity-building programs focused on different aspects of startup development, entrepreneurship, and agribusiness management.

Our training modules include:

- ❑ **Entrepreneurship Development:** Understanding business models, market needs, and value creation.
- ❑ **Financial Literacy & Fundraising:** Basics of startup finance, investment readiness, and government scheme awareness.
- ❑ **Business Planning & Pitching:** Preparing business plans, investor pitches, and presentations.
- ❑ **Technology Commercialization:** Guidance on turning academic research and innovations into commercial products.
- ❑ **Regulatory & IP Awareness:** Training on intellectual property rights, registrations, and compliance for Agri startups.
- ❑ **Agri-Tech Trends:** Exposure to modern technologies like Precision farming, IoT, AI, drones, and sustainability solutions in agriculture.



# OTHER FACILITIES



Co-working space for Startups and teams



Working Laboratories



Meeting and Discussion rooms for Mentoring sessions



Internet connectivity and office infrastructure.



# FOCUS AREAS FOR START-UPS



# Eligibility

## Who can apply:

<b>Pre-Seed Stage</b>	<b>Seed Stage</b>	<b>Student Innovators Category</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Individual innovators or early-stage startups with an idea or prototype in agriculture or allied fields.</li><li>•Students, researchers, or recent graduates with proof of concept.</li><li>•Must have an innovative solution that can be developed into a viable product or service.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Registered startups working in agriculture and allied sectors (as recognized by DPIIT or under Startup India).</li><li>•Startups that have a minimum viable product (MVP) or are ready to scale.</li><li>•The startup should have a functional prototype, a clear market strategy, and revenue potential.</li><li>•The entity must be less than 2 years old from the date of incorporation at the time of application.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Students enrolled in universities, colleges, or research institutions with innovative agri-based ideas.</li><li>•Must present a clear innovation with potential for development and impact.</li></ul>



## SUPPORT OFFERED

Pre-Seed Stage	Seed Stage	Student Innovators Category
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Grant-in-aid support upto <b>₹.5 Lakhs</b> (as per scheme norms)</li> <li>•Mentoring, training, and incubation for up to 6 months.</li> <li>•Prototype validation and technical guidance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Grant-in-aid support upto <b>₹ 25 Lakhs</b> for product validation, market expansion, and scaling up operations.</li> <li>•Business mentoring, networking, and access to investor connects.</li> <li>•Infrastructure and lab support during the incubation period</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Grant-in-aid support upto <b>₹ 4 Lakhs</b> (as per scheme norms).</li> <li>•Mentoring, training, and incubation for up to 6 months.</li> <li>•Prototype validation and technical guidance.</li> </ul>



## HOW TO APPLY

Applications are invited periodically through Google forms announced on our website and social media handles

Interested innovators and startups can apply by filling the online google form (link on the website) or contacting our team for guidance.

## CONTACT

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**Thank  
You**

