

CII and the AgTech Innovation Ecosystem

Confederation of Indian Industry's Food and Agriculture Centre of Excellence ,FACE, introduced the Advanced Technologies Reshaping Indian Agriculture program in 2016 with an aim to accelerate technology led transformation in the agricultural sector.

The Program is focused on strengthening the ecosystem for introduction of new technologies and solutions engaging tech ventures, industry, academia, farmer producer organizations and government, to maximize value creation for all stakeholders .

The Programme is also focused on development of the startup ecosystem and fostering of entrepreneurship through the **Network of Agri-Startups, Venture Financiers, and Incubators (NAVI)** platform. NAVI is a holistic platform facilitating funding, incubation, piloting, and mentorship opportunities for AgTech startups. The platform currently has 80+ ventures from different sub-sectors onboard and is facilitating funding, incubation, industry pilots, and mentorship for 20+ startups.

Some flagship initiatives under the Advanced Technology Programme include AgHack – the Agri Virtual Hackathon, Annual Global Dialogue on Digital Pathways, and AgLive – Innovator's Pitch.

AgHack 2019 gave a platform to students and tech enthusiasts to take a shot at building solutions , focused on problem statements shared by industry. The 2019 edition saw the participation of over 280 participants from 35+ universities, an exponential increase over previous editions. The winner and runners-up were provided an opportunity for further mentoring and incubation under the NAVI platform.

AgLive 2019 saw market ready ventures pitch to an illustrious jury of industry veterans, leaders of development foundations such as Social Alpha, Tata Trusts, & Gates Foundation, and experts from academia and government. Funding and incubation opportunities are currently being facilitated for the winners through FACE's institutional partners. Previous winners of Innovator's Pitch; Future Farms, AgNext, and Intello Labs, have raised significant funding and have gone on to establish themselves as pioneers in the sector.

2019 also saw the release of **AgTIVE – AgTech Innovations for Viable Enterprise**, a reference knowledge document comprising of 35+ Case Studies that delve deep into the journeys of AgTech ventures in different stages of growth. The study analyses the trends of different technologies around the world, their growth potential and relevance in the Indian context.

In an effort to create more momentum around this dialogue, we are introducing this monthly bulletin which will update you on latest funding opportunities, Request for Proposals, Central & State Policy Updates, amongst others. I hope that this latest initiative will provide you with unique and beneficial insights and we look forward to your continued engagement with us.

We would be happy to hear your thoughts and suggestions on this News Bulletin. Please feel free to reach us at agri-future@cii.in

Best regards,

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