

4th RIC Meeting of Startups under the RKVY-RAFTAAR ABI Scheme at ICAR-IVRI, Bareilly

Izatnagar, August 19, 2025: The 4th RIC Meeting of the RKVY RAFTAAR Agri-Business Incubation (ABI) Scheme was convened today at ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Izatnagar, under the chairmanship of **Dr. S. K. Singh, Joint Director (Research), IVRI.**

The meeting commenced with introductory remarks by **Dr. Bablu Kumar, PI-CEO, R-ABI and Member Secretary, RIC**, who welcomed all participants and outlined the agenda. The meeting was attended by **Dr.**

Rupasi Tiwari, Joint Director (Extension Education); committee members including **Dr. Mahesh Chander**, Principal Scientist (Extension Education) as Domain Expert (Academics); **Mr. Mahendar Kondapalkala**, Chief Growth Officer, Greenbliss Agro as



Domain Expert (Industry); **Mr. Kiran R. S.** Finance Manager & ICT- Pusa Krishi, IARI , (Knowledge Partner); and **Md. Farhan**, Branch Manager, SBI-CARI (Bank Representative). The domain-specific technical experts who attended the meeting were **Dr. A. R. Sen, Dr. S. E. Jadhav, Dr. Yash Pal Singh, Dr. Brijesh Kumar, and Dr. Sagar Chand**, along with 11 participating startups from the first cohort of the Navodaya and Samriddhi programme. The primary agenda was to evaluate the **financial and physical progress achieved by startups during Term 2** and to recommend them for the **next tranche of seed-stage funding**. The graduation of Navodaya startups was also reviewed.

During the proceedings, a brief presentation was made by each startup and evaluated against the committed milestones. All the startups showcased their achievements, highlighting successful completion of committed milestones, utilization of the disbursed funds, and submission of Utilization Certificates along with detailed progress reports.

Committee members engaged in detailed deliberations on the performance of each startup. They appreciated the efforts of the young entrepreneurs in demonstrating measurable outcomes, effective fund management, and innovation-driven growth. Based on the evaluations, specific recommendations were made for each startup.

The meeting concluded with an acknowledgment of the collaborative role of mentors and experts in shaping the progress of startups. The decisions taken are expected to provide further impetus to innovation and enterprise development in the animal science and allied sectors under the RKVY RAFTAAR ABI Scheme.

