

ICAR-CIARI Invites Applications for SHITIJ 2.0 National Incubation Programme for Farm Mechanization and Post-Harvest Technology Startups & Entrepreneurs



The ICAR-Central Island Agricultural Research Institute (ICAR-CIARI) has invited applications from Indian entrepreneurs and startups for the **SHITIJ 2.0 – ICAR National Incubation Programme 2026-27**, aimed at promoting innovation in farm mechanization and post-harvest technology.

The programme is open to entrepreneurs and startups that have developed an innovative prototype or a Minimum Viable Product (MVP) in the field of farm mechanization and post-harvest technology. Through the incubation programme, selected participants will receive technology mentoring, incubation, and handholding support to help transform promising business ideas into validated, market-ready enterprises.

As part of the initiative, selected candidates will undergo a two-month incubation programme, during which they will receive expert guidance and technical mentorship to refine their products and accelerate their commercialization journey.

Innovators with solutions that can contribute to the advancement of farm mechanization or post-harvest technologies have been encouraged to apply for the programme.

The last date for submitting online applications is **July 28, 2026**.

For detailed information about the programme, applicants can visit the official website of ICAR-Central Institute of Research on Cotton Technology (CIRCOT) at <https://circot.icar.gov.in> and submit their applications through the online portal.

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