

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

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Association of Innovation Development for Entrepreneurship in Agriculture
Centre for Agri-Innovation
ICAR-National Academy of Agricultural Research Management,
Rajendra Nagar, Hyderabad- 500 030, Telangana, India

AND



ICAR- Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute
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This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is entered into this 8th July 2022.

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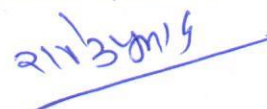
Association for Innovation Development of Entrepreneurship in Agriculture (**a-IDEA**), Technology Business Incubator of ICAR National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (**NAARM**) set up with the support of Department of Science & Technology (**DST**), Department of Biotechnology (**DBT**) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (**NABARD**), Govt. of India with the vision of fostering innovation and entrepreneurship in agriculture in India. The Technology Business Incubator operates at the premise of **NAARM**, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad- 500 030, Telangana, India. **a-IDEA** is registered as non-profit society under AP Societies Act, 2001 in July, 2014. (hereinafter called "**a-IDEA**" which expression shall where the context so admits, include its successors in interest/business and permitted assigns) of the one part;

AND

The Institute ICAR-IASRI started its journey as a Statistical Section in 1930 in then Imperial Council of Agricultural Research has grown to a premier Institute of relevance to conduct research and to develop trained manpower for Statistical Sciences (Statistics, Computer Applications and Bioinformatics) and their judicious fusion in agricultural sciences for enriching quality agricultural research and informed policy decision making. The Institute also conducts M.Sc. and Ph.D. degree courses in Agricultural Statistics, Computer Application and Bioinformatics in collaboration with PG School, IARI, New Delhi. The Institute also conducts post graduate and in-service teaching, customized and sponsored training courses in Agricultural Statistics and Informatics at National and International level so as to be a leading Centre of excellence in Human Resource Development. ICAR-IASRI provides advisory and consultancy services for strengthening the NARES and undertaking sponsored research and consultancy for National and International organizations. ICAR-IASRI also provides methodological support in strengthening National Agricultural Statistics System and has established linkages with State Departments of Agriculture and allied fields, other Research Institutions, Industry, etc. ICAR-IASRI has also been a leading player in innovating data management and e-governance services. It leads to the development of a robust Agricultural Knowledge Management Systems for National Agricultural Research and Education System (NARES)."

WHEREAS, '**a-IDEA**', ever since its inception is offering services in the field of Capacity Building, Incubation Services, Business Support services, Technology Portfolio Management and Regulatory System with the main objective of providing incubation and acceleration support services to the agri-entrepreneurs, innovators, enthusiasts, professionals in shaping, promoting & developing their early stage/ small businesses.

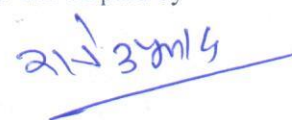
WHEREAS '**ICAR- IASRI**', established to undertake research, education and training in agricultural statistics, computer applications and bioinformatics for agriculture research. It also provides advisory/consultancy services/ methodological support and computational solutions to NARES/NASS (National Agricultural Research and Education System/ National Agricultural Statistics System). It



involved in enriching the quality of Agricultural Research and policy planning through statistics and informatics.

WHEREAS ‘a-IDEA’ and ‘ICAR-IASRI’ recognise the respective strengths of the two organisations and mutually agree to co-operate for accessing the laboratory and infrastructure facilities and mentoring under the Incubation programme of a-IDEA, NAARM. It aims to promote entrepreneurship in agriculture and allied sectors. The role and responsibilities described in the MoA are binding on both the parties.

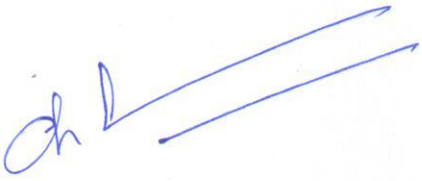
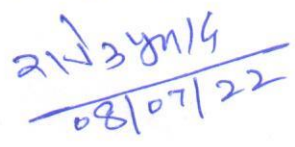
1. Subject to the conditions hereinafter contained ‘a-IDEA’ & ‘ICAR- IASRI’ mutually agree on the following activities:
 - 1.1 Co-hosting the events/programs/activities related agri & allied startups: Both the parties a-IDEA & ICAR-IASRI hereby agree to co-host events & similar activities related to agri and allied startups in mutual agreement and equal sharing of resources (time & money) and efforts. This facility or MoA extends to other incubatees of a-IDEA also on the same terms and conditions.
 - 1.2 Co-incubation: Both the parties agree to co-incubate agri startups. In such cases, a-IDEA is to support the startups with incubation & business support services and ICAR-IASRI to support the startups with wet lab facilities and technical expertise.
 - 1.3 Value added services: Both the parties shall provide value added services to associated startups such as Access to the agro industry experts, industry insights, databases, reports on mutually agreed terms on case basis as per ICAR guidelines etc.
 - 1.4 Co-Networking Opportunities: Both the parties would help each other with co-networking opportunities in the areas of incubation, technology, laboratory, mentoring, investment etc. (but not limited to)
 - 1.5 Branding & marketing: Both the parties agree to use the logos/ brand names in the collaterals/ communications related to research, incubation, startups, entrepreneurship etc.
 - 1.6 Fee: The incubatees of a-IDEA who wish to avail the facilities at ICAR-IASRI shall pay a fee Rs. 50,000/- to the institute for usage of its lab space and equipments under supervision of technical expert/officer at ICAR-IASRI. The Fee may be revised if required, with mutual consent. While availing the facilities at ICAR-IASRI, the cost towards chemicals and consumables will be born by the incubatee. If a-IDEA and ICAR- IASRI jointly receive funding support from any funding agency then chemical and consumable cost could be borne by the funds from the project.
 - 1.7 Based on the request of a-IDEA, the ICAR-IASRI will nominate scientists for mentoring of startups of a-IDEA. The mentor will be paid Rs. 2000/- as an honorarium for every session will be paid by a-IDEA



- 1.8 The a-IDEA, ICAR-NAARM will request ICAR-IASRI for a visit to startups and assess their progress which are nearer to the institute on behalf of a-IDEA, ICAR-NAARM. This progress report will help the a-IDEA, ICAR-NAARM to release the grants to the startups. The visiting scientist will be paid Rs. 4000/- as an honorarium and Rs. 2000/- towards travel expenses.
2. If either party fails to fulfill its respective obligations as set out in the previous clauses of this MOA, both parties shall urgently consult one another with a view to sort out the concern immediately for the benefit of all. However, both the parties agree to abide by clauses written in the memorandum of agreement.
3. Disagreement & Arbitration:
This MoA can be revoked anytime on mutual consent; should there be any disagreement, both the parties shall resolve it in the spirit of mutual partnership. If parties fail to settle within a period of thirty (30) days, dispute shall be referred to the sole arbitrator mutually appointed by both the parties. Arbitration proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 and rules made there under, or any legislative amendment or modification made thereto. The cost of arbitration proceedings initially shall be borne equally by both the parties and finally by the party against whom the award is passed. The MoA comes under the jurisdiction of the courts of Hyderabad.
4. This MoA is valid for initial term of three years from the date of signing. This MoA will automatically renew for a successive three years period unless either party gives 30 days written notice of its intent not to renew.

Both the parties herein set their respective hands on the day, month and year first above written.

For and on behalf of

a-IDEA	ICAR-IASRI
	 08/07/22
President, a-IDEA	Director, ICAR-IASRI