# Details of departments providing institutional support to startups

#### **Department of Higher Education:**

1. Through Assam Agriculture University (NEATeHUB)

The NEATEHUB has been set up to create a robust and sustainable entrepreneurial ecosystem/ support infrastructure to build successful startups in the area of agri and allied agriculture. The Incubator has elements such as physical space and infrastructure, common service delivery systems, network activities, partnerships and linkages – both institutional and individual, mentors and advisors – to enable startups to structure their business and make them "investment-ready" to potential investors.

#### **Details of support**

- 1. Entrepreneurial Workshops for agri startups.
- 2. Business Sessions.
- 3. Technical Assistance.
- 4. Assistance in Compliances.
- 5. Market Linkage.
- 6. Access to Finance.
- 7. Startup grant of Rs. 5 Lakhs.

# **Department of Agriculture**

1. Assam Agribusiness Growth Lab

Assam Agribusiness Growth Lab (AAGL) is a first-of-it-kind Agribusiness Acceleration Initiative in Assam and North East India under the aegis of Assam Agribusiness and Rural Transformation Project (APART).

ICCSPL has partnered with the Centre for Innovation Incubation & Entrepreneurship (CIIE.CO), the Startup Incubator of IIM-Ahmedabad to co-implement this program in Assam. The program aims to support 100 enterprises, in 4 years duration in the agri and allied sectors including the participation of 30% women-led businesses. The program focuses on building capacity for selected enterprises, support in improving product standards, developing new products and services, introducing and adopting new technology in production and core operations and assisting them to mobilize finance for business.

#### **Details of support**

- 1. Entrepreneurial Workshops
- 2. Business Sessions
- 3. Technical Assistance
- 4. Assistance in Compliances
- 5. Market Linkage
- 6. Access to Finance

#### **Department of Biotechnology**

1. Guwahati Biotech Park

Guwahati Biotech Park is a visionary initiative of Govt. of Assam and supported by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Govt. of India. It is a registered society with the main objective of providing selfemployment to the unemployed and additional work for the underemployed. Also to stimulate the economy of Assam through a focused and comprehensive approach on a few, selected sectors to encourage new groups of entrepreneurs to start diversified business units in the region. The major areas of R&D effort will include Information technology-based drug discovery, herbal and tribal medicine, plant tissue culture and micropropagation, food processing, bioinformatics, bio-diesel, Tea Bio-technology, crop sciences, floriculture, horticulture, etc.

# **Details of support**

- 1. Technical Assistance
- 2. Mentoring
- 3. Funding Connects
- 4. Exposure
- 5. Networking

# Department of Industries and Commerce (Assam State Rural Livelihood Mission)

1. National Rural Economic Transformation Project Incubator Program

Assam State Rural Livelihood Mission (ASRLM) launched the National Rural Economic Transformation Project (NRETP) Incubator Program in the state led by the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD). A first-of-its-kind initiative, the program aims to strengthen 150 women-owned or women-led enterprises in the rural pocket of Assams, help them unleash their growth potential and create more local employment opportunities in the process.

# **Details of support**

- 1. Incubation Support
- 2. Mentoring
- 3. Market Connect
- 4. Product & Packaging Standardization
- 5. Funding Assistance