



**INDIAN COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH (ICAR)**  
**ICAR–FISHERIES INSTITUTES**  
**AN INITIATIVE UNDER NAIF–ICAR NETWORK**



# KSHITIJ 2.0

## THE BLUE HORIZON COHORT

**Empowering Aqua-Innovators • Building Sustainable Aquapreneurs • Creating Impact**

### FOCUS AREAS



**Fish Farming & Feed Technology**

**Sustainable Harvest Technologies**



**Post-Harvest Technologies, Value Addition & Waste Utilization**

**Fish Health, Nutrition & Aquaceuticals**



**Cold Chain, Packaging & Preservation**

**Digital Marketing**



### WHO CAN APPLY



**Fish Farmers**



**Early-Stage Startups**



**Student Innovators**



**Entrepreneurs & Business Entities**



**FFPOs & FPCs**



**MSMEs in Fisheries Sector**

### WHY TO APPLY ?



**Two Month Virtual Incubation**



**Technical Guidance**



**Opportunities to connect with ICAR Fisheries Institutes**



**Industry Connect**

### WHAT YOU GET



**Mentoring**



**Know-how on Fisheries Technologies**



**Business & Networking Support**



**Certificate**

**SCAN TO APPLY**



<https://icarcraft.accubate.ap/xt/form/23870/1/apply>

## PROGRAMME TIMELINE FOR KSHITIJ 2.0



**Launch of Call for Applications**  
Open: 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026  
(Open for 21 days)  
Close: 31<sup>st</sup> July 2026



**Selection Process**  
Within 21 days from closing of applications



**Intimation to Selected Startups**  
Last week of August 2026



**Core Incubation & Mentorship**  
September to October, 2026 & Beyond



## HUB-ABIC INSTITUTE

ICAR–Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (ICAR-CIFT), Kochi, Kerala



## SPOKE-ABIC / ITMU INSTITUTES

1. ICAR–Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture (**ICAR-CIBA**), Chennai, Tamil Nadu
2. ICAR–Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (**ICAR-CIFA**), Bhubaneswar, Odisha
3. ICAR–Central Institute of Fisheries Education (**ICAR-CIFE**), Mumbai, Maharashtra
4. ICAR–Central Institute of Coldwater Fisheries Research (**ICAR-CICFR**), Bhimtal, Uttarakhand
5. ICAR–Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (**ICAR-CMFRI**), Kochi, Kerala
6. ICAR–Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute (**ICAR-CIFRI**), Barrackpore, West Bengal
7. ICAR–National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources (**ICAR-NBFG**), Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

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