

India Agritech Incubation Network

India Agritech Incubation Network (IAIN) has been setup at IIT-Kanpur with a target to impact almost 50,000 farmers through 60 enterprises working on technological solutions for agriculture. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) and Tata Trusts, in collaboration with Collectives for Integrated Livelihood Initiatives (CINI) and the Government of Uttar Pradesh, have jointly set up the IAIN. It aims to provide incubation support to innovators and agritech entrepreneurs, to come up with innovative technological solutions to positively impact the lives of smallholder farmers in the state of Uttar Pradesh.

Under this initiative, the Social Alpha Quest for Agritech Innovations has been announced in July 2019. In the first phase, around 12 innovations are proposed to be selected, which would receive incubation support for the next 1-2 years. The initiative would aim to bring about new technological innovations in the following areas:

- Improving productivity and yield intensification
- Better post-harvest loss management and value-addition
- Enhancing access to market and improving traceability

Source: IIT Kanpur, Start-up Incubator and Innovation centre, <https://www.socialalpha.org/agritech-innovations/>, accessed on 28th July 2020