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India Australia RISE Accelerator calls for Start-ups and MSMEs in Climate Smart Agritech

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Context:

The Atal Innovation Mission - in partnership with **CSIRO, Australia** - is inviting applications from start-ups and MSMEs from India and Australia for the **Climate Smart Agritech cohort** of the India Australia Rapid Innovation and Start-up Expansion (RISE) Accelerator.

Rapid Innovation and Start-up Expansion (RISE) Accelerator – a program designed to support businesses aiming for international expansion between the two countries.

This marks a significant milestone in fostering innovations that address India and Australia's most pressing shared challenges in the agriculture sector.

Rapid Innovation and Startup Expansion (RISE)

The **India Australia RISE Accelerator** is delivered in **partnership between CSIRO, Australia's national science agency, and Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)**, the Government of India's flagship initiative to promote a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship.

This **initiative focuses on startups and small to mid-sized enterprises (SMEs) in India and Australia working on circular economy technologies and solutions.**

Focus Themes: With a **focus on Environment and Climate Technology**, the program will be tailored to accelerate start-ups working on a range of areas:

- o **Climate Smart Agriculture**
- o **Clean Energy**
- o **Circular Economy and Waste Management**
- o **Climate Smart Mobility**

RISE Accelerator program will help startups navigate early steps in a new region, fast-track connections to the right partners, customers and talent, and build credibility to succeed in international markets.

The accelerator, in its first round, focus on **supporting startups and SMEs working on technologies and solutions for the waste and circular economy**

Participating startups may also be eligible for up to INR 40,00,000 in non-equity grants.

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The future rounds of the accelerator will focus on climate smart agriculture, clean energy and climate smart mobility

The Climate Smart Agritech cohort of the RISE Accelerator:

It will focus on

1 start-ups and MSMEs with technologies and solutions that enhance agricultural productivity and resilience in the face of growing climate variability, resource scarcity and food insecurity.

2 The program is particularly interested in start-ups and MSMEs with ***solutions that prioritise farmer needs, priorities, and on-farm practices.***