



## AAU Incubation Center (AIC Anand) Ignites Innovation with 'Future Food Entrepreneurship Challenge'

AIC Anand hosted the 'Future Food Entrepreneurship Challenge' as a part of ADROIT 23, the National Tech-Fest held at the College of Food Processing Technology and Bio-Energy, AAU, Anand, Gujarat.

The event was aimed at finding creative solutions to future food challenges. The challenge focused on areas of Food & Nutritional Security, Alternative Proteins, Salt-Resistant Crops for Food, Millets in Daily Diet, Waste to Value, and Innovative Devices for the Food Industry.

An impressive 130+ aspiring student entrepreneurs, representing 46 teams from 7 different states, participated enthusiastically. Over the course of two action-packed days on October 16-17, 2023, this startup event united innovators and idea makers across the country in the vibrant city of Anand. After rigorous screening and compelling presentations before a distinguished panel of judges, top three teams were crowned challenge winners and honored with awards presented by Dr. K. B. Kathiria, Hon. Vice Chancellor of AAU, and Chief Guest, Mr. Prakash Maheshwari, MD, IDMC Ltd.

The event was a wellspring of innovative ideas, leaving judges captivated by the remarkable energy and vision of these student entrepreneurs. But the journey doesn't end here. The top 15 startup teams have been handpicked for an intensive incubation program supported by RKVY RAFTAAR, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India. These 15 startups teams will get comprehensive training & mentorship to convert their ideas into a business along with an opportunity to get a grant-in-aid funding up to Rs. 5 Lakh.

### Meet the **Future Entrepreneurs**:

*	Team Leader	Startup Team	City/State
1	Sangram Wandhekar	Devgiri	Parbhani, Maharashtra
2	SurajPrakash Thakkar	Paradise Delicacies LLP	Anand, Gujarat
3	Manvik Joshi	Team Walnut	Udaipur, Rajasthan
4	Brijesh patel	Rubisco Protein	Vadodara, Gujarat
5	Ruchik N Shah	Aranya Terrariums	Chhota Udepur, Gujarat
6	Shravan Kumar	Prosecta	Anand, Gujarat
7	Shrey Singh	CoirBuild	Changa, Gujarat
8	Jayashakti J R	AATRAL	Chennai, Tamil Nadu
9	Harshal Deepak Patil	Saiharsh Group	Vadodara, Gujarat
10	Ankita Jukaria	Quik-O	Anand, Gujarat
11	Alok Kumar Gupta	Don't throw	Anand, Gujarat
12	Mukund Lokhande	Nature's Aglora	Vadodara, Gujarat
13	Rahul Eknath Kamble	Baliraja	Parbhani, Maharashtra
14	Vandana Pavra	Superb	Anand, Gujarat
15	Ashish Patil	Tap way	Lonere, Maharashtra

# Glimpes of the 'Future Food Entrepreneurship Challenge' event.

