



## Virtual Agri-Hackathon 2020

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### Why in News

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Recently, the Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare inaugurated the **Virtual Agri-hackathon 2020** in association with **Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI)**, Pusa, New Delhi.

**IARI is the country's premier national Institute for agricultural research, education and extension.**

### Key Points

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- **About Agri-Hackathon 2020:**
  - **Objective :**

It will **bring together the most important stakeholders** from industry and government alongside India's young **bright minds, creative startups and smart innovators** who will build new, fast and frugal solutions to tackle the challenges of the agriculture sector.
  - **The Competition:**
    - **Requirement:** The hackathon will **accept innovations and ideas on farm mechanization, precision agriculture, supply chain and food technology, waste to wealth, green energy, etc.**
    - **Prize:** **Final 24 winners** will get a cash prize of **Rs 1,00,000** along with incubation support, tech & business mentoring and various other benefits.
- **Significance:**
  - This event is very **crucial from the standpoint of new technology and value addition in agriculture.**
  - It will help achieve **doubling the farmer's income** which in turn will **create many growth opportunities for the entire country.**

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