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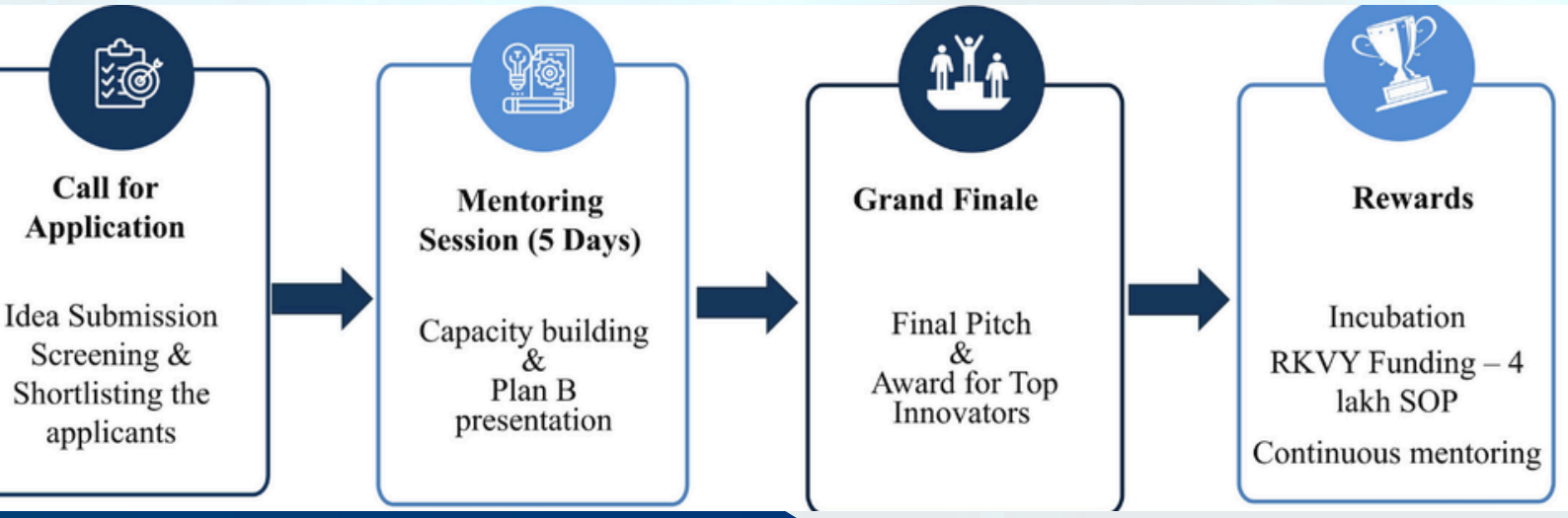

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MANAGE Aqua Eureka 2026 is the national-level Aqua Innovation Challenge organized by the MANAGE–Fisheries Innovation and Startup Hub (M-FISHub), National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE). This initiative provides a unique platform for aspiring students, rural youth, startups, entrepreneurs, and innovators to present innovative ideas and technological solutions to the challenges prevalent in the fisheries and aquaculture sector across India.

MANAGE Aqua Eureka 2026 aims to foster the spirit of innovation, sustainability, and aquapreneurship among participants. The registration is free and is open to all aspiring aqua entrepreneurs, innovators, researchers, students, rural youth, and early-stage startup founders from across the country.

Focus Areas

- Sustainable and Integrated Aquaculture Practices
- Advanced Aquaculture Technologies (innovation in Cage Culture, RAS, Biofloc, Aquaponics, and Tech-based Solutions for Inland Saline/Sodic areas.)
- Digital Solutions in Aquaculture (AI, IoT, Blockchain, Mobile Apps etc)
- Breeding, Seed Production and Hatchery Management
- Post-Harvest Processing and Cold Chain Logistics
- Fish Disease Management and Health Diagnostics
- Eco-friendly Fishing Gear and Deep Sea Innovations
- Nutraceuticals and Ornamental Fisheries & Aquaculture
- Waste to Wealth Solutions
- Climate Resilience and Socio-economic Empowerment
- Any other Relevant Areas in Fisheries & Aquaculture

Rewards

Technical and Funding Support

The selected innovations and business ideas will receive exclusive preference for technical, business, and network support, as well as grant-in-aid/funding support, subject to assessment by the evaluation committee.

Incubation Support

The winning innovations and aquaculture ideas will get exclusive preference for incubation support with the MANAGE Fisheries Innovation and Startup Hub (M-FISHub).

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Preliminary Round

- All participants are required to submit their applications by 10th September 2026 in accordance with the PPT template made available on M-FISHub webpage.
- All screening of the concept entries will be done at the initial stage, followed by evaluation of screened ideas through online B-Plan presentation.
- Shortlisted teams will get mentorship training from M-FISHub to prepare better for the semi-finals and grand finale.
- Finalists will be felicitated with an appreciation certificate and will get access to programs offered by M-FISHub.

National Level Round

- The finalists will make B-Plan presentations before the jury members.
- Each finalist team will be given 10 minutes for the presentation and 10 minutes for question and answer discussion.
- Three winners will be selected in the grand finale.
- Winners will be given Certificates and an opportunity to be part of relevant programs offered at M-FISHub

Guidelines of the Competition

- Interested participants are required to submit their applications by 10th September 2026.
- Participants can participate individually or as a team (a maximum of 2 members will be allowed for the mentoring programme offered at the MANAGE campus).
- Each team must come up with a business plan that provides innovations or tackles inherent problems underlying fisheries and aquaculture in India.
- The participants will be judged on the basis of innovativeness, uniqueness, viability of the business plan and the potential of the idea to solve the problem.

What is in store for the winning?

- Solve a problem of your interest

Choose the innovation/problem/improvement in the aquaculture sector. Analyse all aspects of it. Come up with the right solution/innovation.

- Build your team

Team building is extremely critical in starting your business. Get like-minded people with complementary skill sets to kick-start your venture.

- Learn from the best

Learn the basics of idea generation, business model canvas, and presentation from experts in the startup ecosystem.

- Pitch in front of a jury panel

Weave an impactful story around your idea/innovation/venture and present it powerfully to the jury panel.

Timelines of MANAGE Aqua Eureka-2026

Launch & Call for Applications The call for applications will be shared in social media platforms and website.	12th August 2026
Application Deadline M-FISHub invites participation from innovators across key focus areas related to Fisheries and Aquaculture. New ideas, ongoing efforts, and scalable innovations will be evaluated for progression through the next rounds, leading to the final round of presentations.	30th September 2026
Preliminary Round Result Announcement This is the first round of selection from the pool of bold, innovative, and frugal ideas by the applicantss.	5th October 2026
Online Presentations by Shortlisted teams in Preliminary Round This is the second round of selection from the teams shortlisted in the preliminary round.	12th-13th October 2026
Mentoring Sessions (In Person) For 2 days, we will create an immersive environment for participants selected in Round 2 at the MANAGE campus, Hyderabad to exclusively work on their ideas. From mentoring sessions to spirited discussions, brainstorming, and conversations, the selected participants will have many opportunities to connect, learn, and work with our seasoned mentors.	19th-20th October 2026
Semi-Final Round The finalists will be selected after analysing the B-Plan presentations of participants by our Jury members. The top 10 teams will make it to the grand finale.	22nd October 2026
Grand Finale The shortlisted participants will present their innovative B-Plans to tackle Fishery and Aquaculture - related challenges at the Grand Finale. The innovative and resilient ideas will be given mentoring, incubation support and facilitating funding support from M-FISHub.	23rd October 2026

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