

## **Dr. Krishna Ella, Padma Bhushan Awardee visits a-IDEA, ICAR-NAARM**

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Dr. Krishna Ella, awardee of Padma Bhushan for distinguished achievement of creating Covaxin, India's first indigenous Covid-19 vaccine and Chairman & Managing Director of Bharat Biotech International Limited visited a-IDEA, Technology Business Incubator of ICAR-NAARM, Hyderabad on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2022. The visit was aimed at having an understanding of the operations, programs that are undertaken at a-IDEA and startups that are supported by a-IDEA. Dr. G. Venkateshwarlu, Joint Director, NAARM along with Dr. S. Senthil Vinayagam CEO, a-IDEA warmly welcomed Dr. Krishna Ella to a-IDEA. Team a-IDEA made a brief presentation on various activities under schemes viz., NIDHI PRAYAS, BIRAC-BIG, Bio-NEST and AGRIUDAAN supported by DST, DBT, NABARD of Govt. of India.



He interacted with one of the startups, “Farm Sathi” who are working on farm robotics for weed and pest control, presently housed at a-IDEA incubation centre. Dr. Krishna Ella expressed his views on the role of startups in bringing a gradual transformation in the job sector with the younger generation moving towards being job providers instead of job seekers by assessing their growth in the startup ecosystem by quoting an example of Tasty Bites. He extended his continued support for the organisation and also conveyed his regards to the faculty and team of a-IDEA for the commendable work put forth in a-IDEA, ICAR-NAARM contribution to the startup ecosystem.

