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Sampurna

Grand Challenge 2026

***Reducing Food Loss
Strengthening Food Systems
in Karnataka***

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Accelerating **Karnataka's Horticulture Transformation**



Karnataka is one of India's leading agricultural-horticultural states, characterised by 10 diverse agro-climatic zones and a strong, growing agriculture economy, alongside an enabling environment.



This actively promotes tri-sector participation, research, business innovation, and start-up ecosystems.

However, significant post-harvest food loss across the value chain from farm to market continues to limit the state's ability to harness its production potential and strengthen local food systems.

What is the **Sampurna Grand Challenge?**

The Challenge aims to transform food loss challenges into opportunities for value creation, economic growth, and sustainable, nutrition-sensitive food systems by:



Spotlighting scalable locally relevant innovative solutions to tackle food loss across the value chain.



Bringing together key stakeholders across government, private sector, and civil society to create a collaborative platform.

Triple Win

Improving farmer livelihoods.



Enhancing food availability.



Opportunity to reduce food loss

Building climate-resilient food systems.



Objectives

Identify sustainable, market-ready solutions to prevent food loss.

Facilitate partnerships with buyers, investors, and government stakeholders.

Build pathways for investment and integration of innovations into Karnataka's market systems.

Enhance technical and business readiness through targeted mentorship.



Who Can Apply

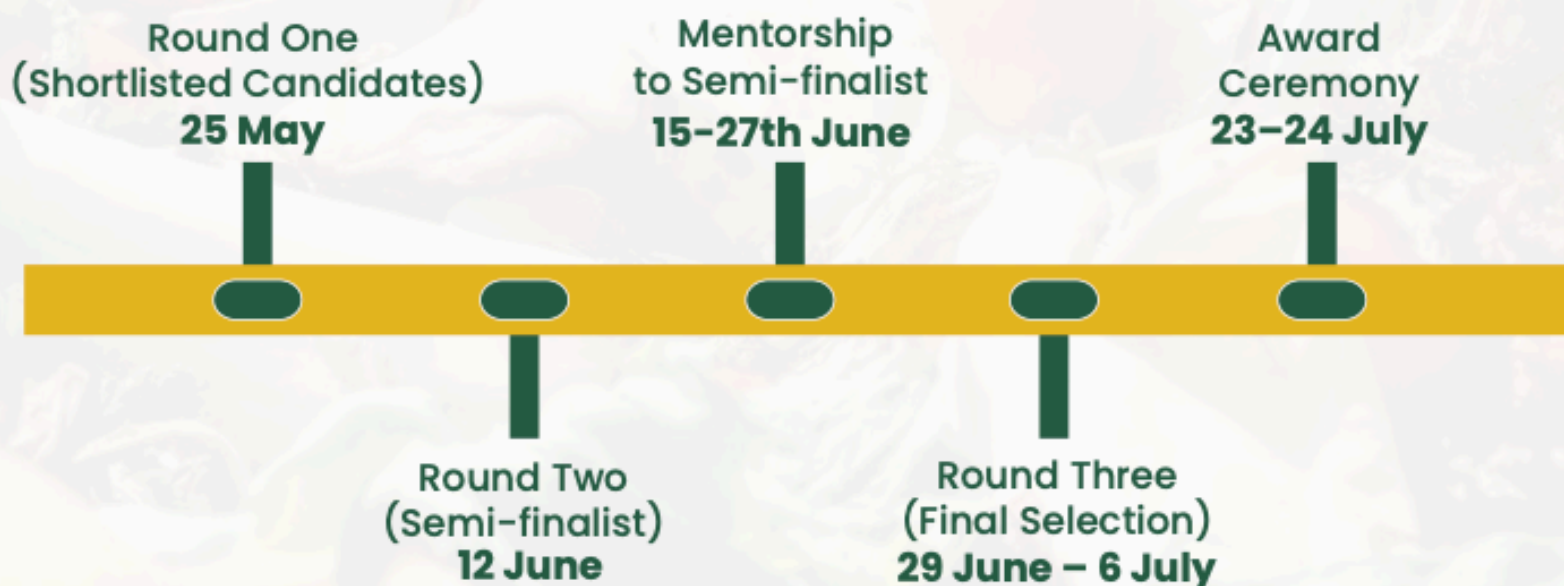
The Grand Challenge is open to individuals, small teams and organizations, including but not limited to, startups, MSMEs, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), and social enterprises, working to reduce post-harvest losses across the farm-to-market value chain. Eligible solutions should be beyond the idea stage, ranging from prototype to implementation, and demonstrate clear potential for scale and investment. Innovators operating at any stage of the value chain, from harvesting, storage, and processing to logistics, distribution, and market access, are encouraged to apply. Women and youth-led (18+) ventures are strongly encouraged.

Incentives for Winners

-  Visibility and recognition through platforms.
-  Mentorship by domain experts to enhance business readiness.
-  Felicitation at a high-profile finale ceremony.
-  Financial awards as seed funding support.
-  Networking opportunities with investors and government stakeholders.

Key Dates (2026)

Application Window: **20 March – 18 May 2026**



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