

88th Meeting of the IMB

The 88th meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Board (IMB) was chaired by Shri Ateesh Kumar Singh, Additional Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). Dr Kamakshi Chaithri from Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and Dr Praveen Roy and Dr Rajiv Kumar from Department of Science and Technology (DST) attended the meeting.

The Startup India team briefed the IMB members regarding the existing scoring framework for evaluating 80-IAC applications that was approved in March 2025, including the experience gained from its implementation and areas identified for further strengthening and refinement.

The Startup India team was instructed to undertake a review of the existing evaluation framework and explore the introduction of additional sub-parameters under the existing evaluation criteria, as well as any new parameters or sub-parameters, based on observations from the evaluation of applications and interactions with startups during the assessment process, while taking into consideration the diverse sectors, business models, and operational characteristics of startups applying under Section 80-IAC.

It was further decided that the inputs and suggestions received from the representatives of DBT and DST would also be examined for their suitability for incorporation into the framework. The next meeting shall be convened with the objective of deliberating upon and finalising the revised evaluation framework.