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# **PLAYBOOK OF GOVERNMENT SCHEMES AND INITIATIVES FOR STARTUPS**

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**Support Categories**

## Support Categories



**GRANT:** Fund given with no repayment needed, no equity given up.

**EQUITY:** Investment in exchange for a stake in your startup.

**LOAN / CREDIT:** Repayable loan or credit guarantee to help access debt.

**INCUBATION:** Access to lab, workspace, mentoring and ecosystem support.

**MARKET ACCESS:** Pathways to sell, export, or access procurement markets.

**MIXED:** Combination of the above as well any other types of support provided to startups.

## Startup Lifecycle Coverage



## Industry & Sector Coverage



**Defence & Allied**



**Biotech & Allied**



**Semicon & Electronics**



**Space**



**Agriculture & Food**



**Quantum Tech**

...and many more

**Objective**

This Playbook consolidates Central Government schemes and incentives relevant to India's startup ecosystem into a single, usable reference document. It is designed to help entrepreneurs find the right scheme for their stage and sector.

**Who It Is For**

- **Entrepreneurs & Founders**
- **Students & Aspiring Entrepreneurs**
- **Investors & Incubators**
- **Policymakers & Intermediaries**

**How to Use This Playbook**

- 1 Start with the Decision Tree. Answer 5 quick questions to find schemes suited to you.
- 2 Check the "What Do You Need?" Index for a need-based view (grant, equity, loan, etc.).
- 3 Use the Lifecycle Map to find schemes matching your stage of growth.
- 4 Explore the Summary Table for a structured overview of all schemes with key details.
- 5 Deep dive into Scheme One-Pagers for full scheme details including how to apply.

**Focus Legend****Startup Focus Legend**

- **Startup-Specific:** Startups are the primary or sole eligible beneficiary explicitly named in scheme eligibility.
- **Startup-Relevant:** Broader eligibility (MSMEs, companies, institutions) but startups regularly benefit and apply.

<b>List of Abbreviations of Schemes and Programmes</b>	
SISFS	Startup India Seed Fund Scheme
FFS	Fund of Funds for Startups
Startup India FoF 2.0	Startup India Fund of Funds 2.0
CGSS	Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups
SIPP	Scheme for Facilitating Startups Intellectual Property Protection
NIDHI - SSP	NIDHI – Seed Support Program
NIDHI - PRAYAS 2.0	NIDHI – Promotion and Acceleration of Young and Aspiring Technology Entrepreneurs
RDI	Research, Development & Innovation
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SAMRIDH	Startup Accelerators of MeitY for Product Innovation, Development & Growth
GENESIS	Gen-Next Support for Innovative Startups
STPI NGIS	Software Technology Parks of India - Next Generation Incubation Scheme
C2S Programme	Chips to Startup
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ADITI	Acing Development of Innovative Technologies with iDEX
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DCIS	Digital Communication Innovation Square
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EIR	NIDHI – Entrepreneur in Residence
NM-ICPS	National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems - Technology Innovation Hubs
TBI	National Initiative for Developing and Harnessing Innovations - Technology Business Incubator

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i-TBI	NIDHI - Inclusive-Technology Business Incubator
CoE	NIDHI-Centres of Excellence
Bio-NEST	Bioincubators Nurturing Entrepreneurship for Scaling Technologies Programme
BIPP	Biotechnology Industry Partnership Programme
E-YUVA	Empowering Youth for Undertaking Value Added Innovative Translational Research
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IFSCA	International Financial Services Centres Authority - Fintech Incentive Scheme
SVEP	Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme
VCF-SC	Venture Capital Fund for Scheduled Castes
SC-STI	Science Technology and Innovation Hubs for Development of Scheduled Caste
NLM	National Livestock Mission
MAHIR	Mission on Advanced and High-Impact Research
ESDP	Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Programme



## SECTION 1

### Quick Navigation

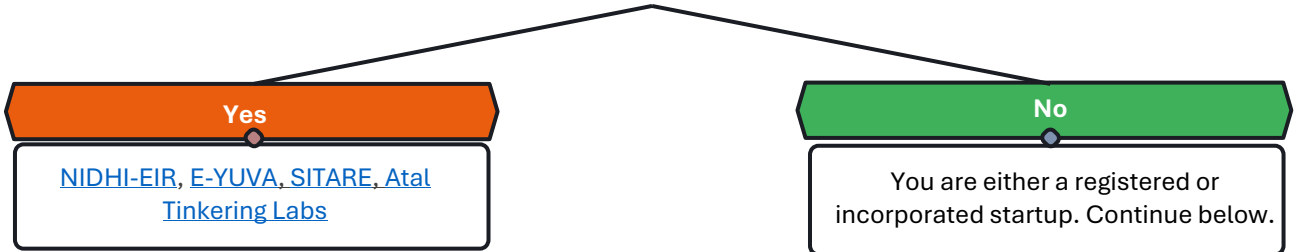
*Your fastest route to the right scheme / program*

### 1.1 Decision Tree - Find Your Scheme in 5 Questions

Answer the questions below in order. Each branch points you to the most relevant schemes. You can appear in more than one branch.

## DECISION TREE

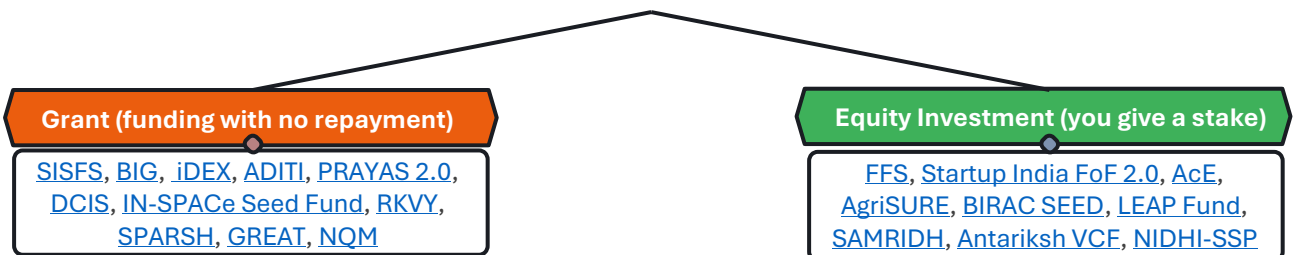
**Q1. Are you a student or early-stage researcher / aspiring entrepreneur (not yet a registered startup)?**



**Q2. What is your current startup stage?**



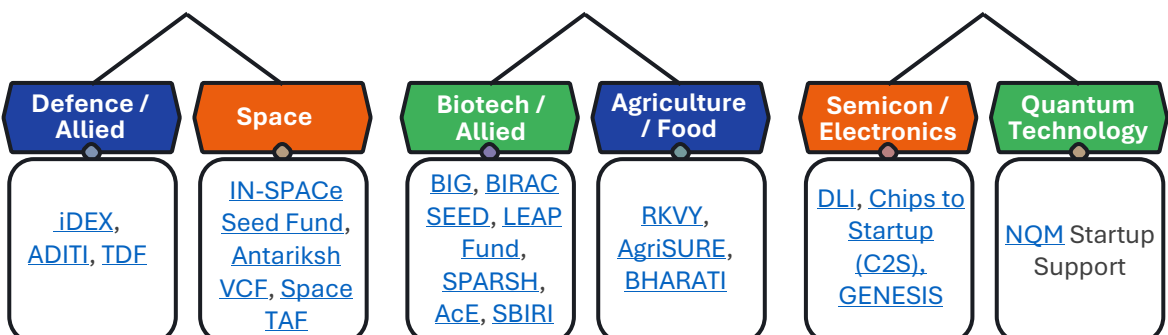
**Q3. What type of support do you primarily need?**



**Q4. Do you need a loan / credit or IP / Other support?**



**Q5. Are you in a specific strategic or deep-tech sector?**








## 1.2 “What Do You Need?” Index

Use this table to find schemes based on what type of support you are looking for.

I Need...	Startup-Specific Schemes / Programs	Startup-Relevant Schemes / Programs
Grant (Funding with no repayment)	<a href="#">SISFS</a> , <a href="#">BIG</a> , <a href="#">PRAYAS 2.0</a> , <a href="#">iDEX</a> , <a href="#">ADITI</a> , <a href="#">DCIS</a> , <a href="#">IN-SPACE Seed Fund</a> , <a href="#">RKVY</a> , <a href="#">SPARSH</a> , <a href="#">GREAT</a> , <a href="#">NQM</a>	<a href="#">TIDE 2.0</a> , <a href="#">BIPP</a> , <a href="#">SBIRI</a> , <a href="#">PRISM</a> , <a href="#">PACE</a> , <a href="#">E-YUVA</a> , <a href="#">SITARE</a> , <a href="#">NM-ICPS</a> , <a href="#">MAHIR</a>
Equity Investment (VC/angel)	<a href="#">FFS</a> , <a href="#">Startup India FoF 2.0</a> , <a href="#">AcE</a> , <a href="#">AgriSURE</a> , <a href="#">BIRAC SEED</a> , <a href="#">LEAP Fund</a> , <a href="#">SAMRIDH</a>	<a href="#">Antariksh VCF</a> , <a href="#">SRI Fund</a> , <a href="#">SBIRI</a>
Loan or Credit Support	<a href="#">CGSS</a>	<a href="#">CGTMSE</a> , <a href="#">PMMY</a> , <a href="#">Stand Up India</a> , <a href="#">PMFME</a> , <a href="#">NLM</a> , <a href="#">Yuva Sahakar</a>
Incubation / Lab / Mentoring	<a href="#">GENESIS</a> , <a href="#">SAMRIDH</a> , <a href="#">STPI-NGIS</a> , <a href="#">C2S</a>	<a href="#">NIDHI-TBI</a> , <a href="#">i-TBI</a> , <a href="#">BioNEST</a> , <a href="#">AICs</a> , <a href="#">ACICs</a> , <a href="#">EICs</a> , <a href="#">TIDE 2.0</a> , <a href="#">NM-ICPS</a> , <a href="#">ESDP</a>
IP Protection (Patents, Trademarks)	<a href="#">SIPP</a>	-
Market Access / Sell to Government	<a href="#">GeM Startup Runway</a>	<a href="#">International Cooperation Scheme</a> , <a href="#">BHARATI</a>
Sector-Specific Support	<a href="#">iDEX / ADITI / TDF (Defence)</a> , <a href="#">IN-SPACE Seed Fund / NQM (Space/Quantum)</a> , <a href="#">RKVY / AgriSURE (Agri)</a> , <a href="#">DCIS (Telecom)</a> , <a href="#">DLI / Chips to Startup (C2S)</a> , (Semiconductor)	<a href="#">BioNEST (Biotech)</a> , <a href="#">MAHIR (Energy)</a> , <a href="#">NLM (Livestock)</a> , <a href="#">SVEP (Rural)</a>

### 1.3 Startup Lifecycle Map

Find schemes aligned to where you are in your startup journey.

Stage	Startup-Specific Schemes / Programs	Startup-Relevant Schemes / Programs
 <b>Ideation</b> <i>You have an idea but no prototype or product yet</i>	<a href="#">NIDHI-EIR</a> , <a href="#">BIG</a> , <a href="#">PRAYAS 2.0</a> , <a href="#">PRISM</a> , <a href="#">RKVY</a> , <a href="#">SPARSH</a> , <a href="#">GENESIS</a> , <a href="#">E-YUVA</a> , <a href="#">SITARE</a>	<a href="#">Atal Tinkering Labs</a> , <a href="#">ESDP</a> , <a href="#">ACICs</a> , <a href="#">i-TBI</a>
 <b>Prototype / PoC</b> <i>Idea validated, building or testing a prototype</i>	<a href="#">SISFS</a> (grant part), <a href="#">PRAYAS 2.0</a> , <a href="#">iDEX SPARK</a> , <a href="#">IN-SPACe Seed Fund</a> , <a href="#">DCIS</a> , <a href="#">TDF</a> , <a href="#">Chips to Startup (C2S)</a> , <a href="#">GREAT</a> , <a href="#">S&amp;T-PRISM</a>	<a href="#">TIDE 2.0</a> , <a href="#">SBIRI</a> , <a href="#">BIPP</a> , <a href="#">PACE</a> , <a href="#">NM-ICPS</a>
 <b>Seed / Early-Stage</b> <i>Prototype done; entering market or scaling pilot</i>	<a href="#">SISFS</a> (debt part), <a href="#">NIDHI-SSP</a> , <a href="#">LEAP Fund</a> , <a href="#">SAMRIDH</a> , <a href="#">AgriSURE</a> (early), <a href="#">iDEX Prime</a> , <a href="#">ADITI</a>	<a href="#">CGTMSE</a> , <a href="#">PMMY</a> , <a href="#">BioNEST</a> , <a href="#">STPI-NGIS</a>
 <b>Growth / Scaling</b> <i>Product in market; scaling operations and team</i>	<a href="#">FFS</a> , <a href="#">Startup India FoF 2.0</a> , <a href="#">AcE</a> , <a href="#">AgriSURE</a> , <a href="#">Antariksh VCF</a> , <a href="#">NQM</a> , <a href="#">RDI</a> Scheme, <a href="#">CGSS</a>	<a href="#">SRI Fund</a>
 <b>Market Access &amp; IP</b> <i>Ready to sell, export or protect your innovation</i>	<a href="#">GeM Startup Runway</a> , <a href="#">SIPP</a> (IP), <a href="#">BHARATI</a> (agri exports)	<a href="#">Space TAF</a> , <a href="#">MSME Champions</a>

## SECTION 2

### Master Summary Table

Structured reference for all 65+ Central Government schemes

#### Part A - Startup-Specific Schemes

These schemes explicitly name startups (especially DPIIT-recognised startups) as the primary or sole eligible beneficiary.

S. No	Scheme Name & Nodal Ministry	Stage & Focus	What Is This Scheme?	Who Can Apply?	What Do You Get?	How Much?
1.	<b>Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS)</b>  <i>DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce &amp; Industry</i>	<b>Seed / Early-Stage</b>  <i>Proof-of-concept to market entry</i>	Seed fund disbursed through approved incubators for PoC, prototype, market entry and commercialisation.	DPIIT-recognised early-stage startups with technology-enabled business ideas.	<b>[MIXED]</b>  Grant + debt/convertible debt through incubators	Up to ₹20 lakh (grant); up to ₹50 lakh (convertible debt)
2.	<b>Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS)</b>  <i>DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce &amp; Industry</i>	<b>Scaling</b>  <i>VC fund-of-funds</i>	Govt-backed fund-of-funds committing capital to SEBI-registered AIFs which then invest in startups.	Growth-stage startups indirectly through supported venture capital funds.	<b>[EQUITY]</b>  Equity investment via VC funds	Corpus ₹10,000 crore; startup-level investment varies by AIF
3.	<b>Startup India Fund of Funds 2.0</b>  <i>DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce &amp; Industry</i>	<b>Scaling</b>  <i>Next-phase VC fund-of-funds</i>	Follow-on fund-of-funds to deepen domestic venture capital for deep tech, manufacturing and growth-stage startups.	Startups indirectly through SEBI-registered AIFs supported under the new window.	<b>[EQUITY]</b>  Equity investment via AIFs	Corpus ₹10,000 crore; startup-level investment varies
4.	<b>Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups (CGSS)</b>	<b>Credit Support</b>	Guarantee cover to lenders for collateral-free loans extended to eligible DPIIT-	DPIIT-recognised startups borrowing from eligible banks, NBFCs, AIFs or	<b>[LOAN / CREDIT]</b>	Guarantee cover up to ₹20 crore per eligible borrower

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	DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce & Industry	Collateral-free debt	recognised startups.	financial institutions.	Credit guarantee (reduces lender risk; not a direct grant). Helps you get a loan without collateral.	
5.	<b>Startups Intellectual Property Protection (SIPP) Scheme</b>  DPIIT / CGPDITM, Ministry of Commerce & Industry	Any Stage  IP protection	Facilitated IPR filing scheme where government pays the facilitator's professional fee on behalf of startups.	DPIIT-recognised startups filing patents, trademarks or designs in India or abroad.	<b>[MARKET ACCESS]</b>  End-to-end IP facilitation at no charge to startup; statutory fee rebates applicable	80% rebate on patent statutory fees; 50% rebate on trademark/design fees
6.	<b>GeM Startup Runway</b>  Government e Marketplace (GeM), Department of Commerce	Any Stage  Government procurement access	Dedicated marketplace window on GeM enabling startups to sell innovative products/services directly to government buyers.	DPIIT-recognised startups. Also open to all startups for listing.	<b>[MARKET ACCESS]</b>  Market access (government procurement). Exemption from prior experience, turnover and EMD requirements.	Platform for showcasing innovations for public procurement
7.	<b>NIDHI – Seed Support Program (SSP)</b>  Department of Science & Technology (DST)	Seed / Post-Incubation  Post-incubation startup finance	Seed support deployed through DST-supported TBIs to help incubated startups bridge prototype to market.	Technology startups incubated in eligible NIDHI/DST-supported TBIs.	<b>[EQUITY]</b>  Seed funding (debt / equity / convertible instruments as per incubator)	Up to ₹1 crore per startup, subject to TBI guidelines

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8.	<b>NIDHI – PRAYAS 2.0</b>  <i>Department of Science &amp; Technology (DST)</i>	<b>Ideation to Prototype</b>  <i>Prototype grant</i>	Prototype grant programme helping innovators convert technology ideas into working prototypes through PRAYAS Centres.	Individual innovators and early-stage startups with technology-based ideas and prototype plans.	<b>[GRANT]</b>  Prototype grant + maker-space / mentoring support	Up to ₹40 lakh through PRAYAS 2.0 calls
9.	<b>Research, Development &amp; Innovation (RDI) Scheme</b>  <i>Department of Science &amp; Technology (DST)</i>	<b>Deep-Tech Scaling</b>  <i>Long-term R&amp;D finance</i>	Large RDI financing framework providing long-term, low-cost capital for private-sector research and innovation.	Startups, companies and innovation-led enterprises in strategic/deep-tech sectors.	<b>[MIXED]</b>  Long-term financing / loans / equity-like support through designated channels	Scheme corpus ₹1 lakh crore; project-level support varies
10.	<b>National Quantum Mission (NQM) – Startup Support</b>  <i>Department of Science &amp; Technology (DST)</i>	<b>Deep-Tech R&amp;D</b>  <i>Quantum technology commercialisation</i>	National mission offering rolling startup grants through 4 Thematic Hubs at IISc, IIT Madras, IIT Bombay, IIT Delhi.	DPIIT-recognised startups in quantum computing, communication, sensing/metrology and materials/devices.	<b>[GRANT]</b>  R&D grant + incubation, testbed access and ecosystem mentoring via T-Hubs	Up to ₹25 crore per startup; mission outlay ₹6,003.65 crore (FY2024–FY2031)
11.	<b>Promoting Innovations in Individuals, Startups &amp; MSMEs (PRISM)</b>  <i>Department of Scientific &amp; Industrial Research (DSIR)</i>	<b>Ideation to Prototype</b>  <i>Grassroots innovation</i>	DSIR scheme supporting individual innovators, startups and MSMEs to develop prototypes and commercialise innovations.	Individual innovators, startups and MSMEs with technology/product innovation ideas.	<b>[GRANT]</b>  Grant-in-aid / prototype support + mentoring	Up to ₹50 lakh depending on PRISM phase/category

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12.	<b>Biotechnology Ignition Grant Scheme (BIG)</b>  <i>Department of Biotechnology (DBT) / BIRAC</i>	<b>Ideation to PoC</b>  <i>Biotech proof-of-concept</i>	Flagship BIRAC grant for translating innovative biotech ideas into proof-of-concept.	Individual innovators and early biotech startups with commercially promising ideas.	<b>[GRANT]</b>  Grant-in-aid + mentoring (no equity dilution)	Up to ₹50 lakh for up to 18 months
13.	<b>Biotechnology Innovation Fund – Accelerating Entrepreneurs (AcE)</b>  <i>Department of Biotechnology (DBT) / BIRAC</i>	<b>Scaling</b>  <i>Biotech equity fund-of-funds</i>	BIRAC equity fund-of-funds to accelerate biotech enterprises through SEBI-registered daughter funds.	High-potential biotech startups and SMEs seeking institutional venture capital.	<b>[EQUITY]</b>  Equity investment via daughter funds (indirect funding)	Startup-level investment varies; fund operates through selected AIFs
14.	<b>BIRAC Incubator SEED Fund (SEED)</b>  <i>Department of Biotechnology (DBT) / BIRAC</i>	<b>Seed</b>  <i>Biotech early commercialisation</i>	Equity/equity-linked seed support deployed through BioNEST incubators for promising biotech startups.	BIRAC/BioNEST-incubated biotech startups needing early commercialisation capital.	<b>[EQUITY]</b>  Seed investment (equity / equity-linked instruments)	Up to ₹30 lakh per startup; incubator corpus typically ~₹2 crore
15.	<b>LEAP Fund – Launching Entrepreneurial Driven Affordable Products</b>  <i>Department of Biotechnology (DBT) / BIRAC</i>	<b>Commercialisation</b>  <i>Biotech pilots and market launch</i>	BIRAC-BioNEST equity/equity-linked fund for biotech startups ready to pilot or commercialise products.	Biotech startups incubated at selected LEAP/BioNEST fund partners.	<b>[EQUITY]</b>  Equity / equity-linked investment	Up to ₹1 crore per startup

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16.	<p><b>SPARSH – Social Innovation Programme for Products Affordable &amp; Relevant to Social Health</b></p> <p><i>Department of Biotechnology (DBT) / BIRAC</i></p>	<p><b>Ideation to Validation</b></p> <p><i>Affordable social-health solutions</i></p>	BIRAC programme supporting affordable and socially relevant healthcare/biotech product innovations.	Startups and innovators developing affordable products for priority public-health and social needs.	<p><b>[GRANT]</b></p> <p>Grant + mentoring / social innovation immersion</p>	Up to ₹50 lakh, subject to call guidelines
17.	<p><b>AgriSURE – Agri Fund for Startups &amp; Rural Enterprises</b></p> <p><i>Ministry of Agriculture &amp; Farmers Welfare / NABVENTURES (NABARD)</i></p>	<p><b>Scaling</b></p> <p><i>Agri &amp; rural enterprise finance</i></p>	Category-II AIF catalysing equity/debt capital for agri-tech, rural and allied-sector ventures. Jointly sponsored by MoAFW and NABARD.	Agri-tech startups, rural enterprises, FPO-linked innovations and value-chain ventures in agriculture.	<p><b>[EQUITY]</b></p> <p>Equity / debt / blended capital (direct and fund route)</p>	Fund corpus ₹750 crore; direct equity up to ₹25 crore per startup
18.	<p><b>Innovation &amp; Agri-Entrepreneurship Program (RKVY)</b></p> <p><i>Ministry of Agriculture &amp; Farmers Welfare</i></p>	<p><b>Ideation to Seed</b></p> <p><i>Agri-startups</i></p>	PM-RKVY agri-startup incubation programme supporting pre-seed and seed-stage agripreneurs through R-ABIs.	Agri and allied-sector startups/agripreneurs through RKVY-supported agri-business incubators.	<p><b>[GRANT]</b></p> <p>Grant-in-aid + incubation / mentoring</p>	Up to ₹5 lakh (pre-seed); up to ₹25 lakh (seed stage)
19.	<p><b>SAMRIDH – Startup Accelerators of MeitY for Product Innovation, Development &amp; Growth</b></p>	<p><b>Scaling</b></p>	MeitY programme enabling accelerators to support promising software/product startups with services and matching funding.	Existing IT/software product startups selected through SAMRIDH accelerators.	<p><b>[EQUITY]</b></p>	Matching funding up to ₹40 lakh per startup via selected accelerators

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	<i>Ministry of Electronics &amp; Information Technology (MeitY)</i>	<i>Accelerator-led product growth</i>			Acceleration + matching funding support	
20.	<b>GENESIS – Gen-Next Support for Innovative Startups</b>  <i>Ministry of Electronics &amp; Information Technology (MeitY)</i>	<b>Ideation to Scaling</b>  <i>Tier-II/III tech startups</i>	MeitY scheme discovering, supporting and scaling technology startups in Tier-II/III cities via implementing agencies.	Technology startups and entrepreneurs in Tier-II/III locations, including deep-tech ventures.	<b>[GRANT]</b>  EiR, pilot, investment and deep-tech funding support through implementing agencies	Scheme outlay ₹490 crore; startup-level support varies by component
21.	<b>STPI – Next Generation Incubation Scheme (NGIS)</b>  <i>Ministry of Electronics &amp; Information Technology (MeitY) / STPI</i>	<b>Ideation to Scaling</b>  <i>Tier-II/III software products</i>	STPI scheme supporting software product startups in selected Tier-II/III locations through incubation and seed support.	Tech/software product startups in identified NGIS cities.	<b>[INCUBATION]</b>  Incubation, mentoring, cloud credits, seed support and market access	Scheme outlay ₹95.03 crore; support varies per startup/city
22.	<b>Chips to Startup (C2S)</b>  <i>Ministry of Electronics &amp; Information Technology (MeitY)</i>	<b>R&amp;D to Prototype</b>  <i>Semiconductor or design talent &amp; startups</i>	MeitY programme for chip design, VLSI training and development of working silicon prototypes.	Academic institutions, startups/MSMEs and R&D organisations in semiconductor design.	<b>[INCUBATION]</b>  Design tools, mentoring, prototyping and project support	Project/institution-based; support varies under approved C2S project
23.	<b>Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX)</b>	<b>Prototype to Procurement</b>	Challenge-led defence innovation platform connecting	Startups, MSMEs and individual innovators solving defence	<b>[GRANT]</b>	SPARK grants up to ₹1.5 crore; iDEX Prime

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	Ministry of Defence / Defence Innovation Organisation (DIO)	Defence & aerospace	startups/MSMEs with armed forces and defence PSUs.	and aerospace problem statements.	Prototype grant + user mentoring + procurement pathway	up to ₹10 crore
24.	<b>ADITI – Acing Development of Innovative Technologies with iDEX</b>  Ministry of Defence / Defence Innovation Organisation (DIO)	<b>Advanced Prototype</b>  Strategic defence deep-tech	iDEX sub-scheme for critical and strategic defence technologies requiring larger R&D investments.	Startups, MSMEs and innovators developing advanced deep-tech defence technologies.	<b>[GRANT]</b>  Large R&D grant + user engagement under iDEX framework	Up to ₹25 crore grant-in-aid per project
25.	<b>Technology Development Fund (TDF)</b>  DRDO, Ministry of Defence	<b>Prototype to Product</b>  Defence technology development	DRDO programme supporting indigenous defence technology development by industry, especially MSMEs/startups.	Indian industries, MSMEs and startups developing technologies for DRDO/Services needs.	<b>[GRANT]</b>  Grant-in-aid / project funding with DRDO mentoring	Up to ₹10 crore per project, generally up to 90% of project cost
26.	<b>IN-SPACE Seed Fund Scheme</b>  IN-SPACE, Department of Space	<b>Seed</b>  Space-tech R&D	Seed grant encouraging startups and NGEs to develop space technologies and applications.	Indian space-tech startups and non-government entities developing space-sector products/applications.	<b>[GRANT]</b>  Grant-in-aid for R&D / prototype development	Up to ₹1 crore per startup / NGE
27.	<b>Digital Communication Innovation Square (DCIS)</b>  Department of Telecommunications (DoT)	<b>Prototyping to Pilot</b>  Telecom innovation	Grant programme supporting indigenous telecom and ICT product innovation and commercialisation.	Startups, MSMEs, academia and innovators developing telecom/digital communication solutions.	<b>[GRANT]</b>  Grant-in-aid + mentoring / testing support	Up to ₹50 lakh per selected proposal for startups

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28.	<p><b>GREAT – Grant for Research &amp; Entrepreneurship across Aspiring Innovators in Technical Textiles</b></p> <p><i>Ministry of Textiles (National Technical Textiles Mission)</i></p>	<p><b>Prototype to Commercialisation</b></p> <p><i>Technical textiles</i></p>	Startup grant under National Technical Textiles Mission to convert prototypes into marketable technologies/products.	Individual innovators and startups in technical textiles, associated with approved incubators.	<p><b>[GRANT]</b></p> <p>Grant-in-aid (no royalty/equity); incubator support</p>	Up to ₹50 lakh for up to 18 months
29.	<p><b>BHARATI – Bharat’s Hub for Agritech, Resilience, Advancement &amp; Incubation for Export Innovation</b></p> <p><i>APEDA, Ministry of Commerce &amp; Industry</i></p>	<p><b>Market Access</b></p> <p><i>Export acceleration for agri-food</i></p>	APEDA export-readiness accelerator for agri-food and agri-tech startups targeting global markets.	Agri-food and agri-tech startups, high-value producers and tech solution providers for exports.	<p><b>[MARKET ACCESS]</b></p> <p>Acceleration, mentoring, compliance and market-access support</p>	Pilot cohort supports 100 startups; no fixed grant disclosed
30.	<p><b>S&amp;T-PRISM – Research &amp; Innovation in Mining, Minerals &amp; Recycling Sector</b></p> <p><i>Ministry of Mines</i></p>	<p><b>Prototype to Pilot</b></p> <p><i>Mining &amp; metallurgy innovation</i></p>	Scheme supporting startups and MSMEs developing innovations in mining, mineral processing, metallurgy and recycling.	Early-stage startups in mining and metals industry.	<p><b>[GRANT]</b></p> <p>Grant / project support + technical mentoring</p>	Up to ₹2 crore per approved project

## Part B - Startup-Relevant Schemes

These schemes have broader eligibility (MSMEs, companies, institutions, individuals) but regularly benefit and are accessed by startups.

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1.	<b>NIDHI – Entrepreneur in Residence (EIR)</b>  <i>Department of Science &amp; Technology (DST)</i>	<b>Ideation (Just an idea)</b>  <i>Pre-startup fellowship</i>	Fellowship letting aspiring entrepreneurs work full-time on technology business ideas before incorporation.	Graduate students and individual innovators with technology-based entrepreneurial ideas.	<b>[GRANT]</b>  Monthly stipend + mentoring + TBI access	₹10,000–₹30,000 per month for up to 12 months
2.	<b>NM-ICPS – Technology Innovation Hubs (National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems)</b>  <i>Department of Science &amp; Technology (DST)</i>	<b>Prototype to Scaling</b>  <i>Deep-tech CPS</i>	Mission creating 25 Technology Innovation Hubs for R&D, translational research and startup incubation in CPS technologies.	Deep-tech startups, researchers and innovators in AI, IoT, robotics, cyber security and autonomous systems.	<b>[INCUBATION]</b>  Incubation, grants/seed support, testbeds, mentoring and market connects via TIHs	Mission outlay ₹3,660 crore; startup support varies by TIH/call
3.	<b>NIDHI-TBI – Technology Business Incubator</b>  <i>Department of Science &amp; Technology (DST)</i>	<b>Incubation</b>  <i>Technology startup infrastructure</i>	DST support establishing and strengthening technology business incubators for tech startups.	Host institutions/incubators supporting knowledge-based and technology-driven startups.	<b>[INCUBATION]</b>  Grant to incubator + incubation services for startups	Incubator-level support varies; generally multi-crore per DST approval

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4.	<b>NIDHI-i-TBI – Inclusive Technology Business Incubator</b>  <i>Department of Science &amp; Technology (DST)</i>	<b>Incubation (Underserved regions)</b>  <i>Inclusive regional startup support</i>	DST initiative creating inclusive technology incubators in underserved institutions/regions.	Host institutions supporting local innovators and early-stage technology startups.	<b>[INCUBATION]</b>  Grant to incubator + maker-space/mentoring for startups	Up to ₹5 crore over 3 years to incubator
5.	<b>NIDHI – Accelerator</b>  <i>Department of Science &amp; Technology (DST)</i>	<b>Acceleration</b>  <i>Market readiness</i>	DST-supported accelerator mechanism to help incubated startups rapidly validate markets and scale.	Technology startups selected through supported incubators/accelerators.	<b>[INCUBATION]</b>  Structured acceleration, mentoring, investor connects and demo days	Up to ₹40 lakh (₹30 lakh to accelerator; ₹10 lakh to startups)
6.	<b>NIDHI – Centres of Excellence</b>  <i>Department of Science &amp; Technology (DST)</i>	<b>Scaling (Incubation excellence)</b>  <i>High-impact incubator support</i>	DST support for high-performing incubators to become Centres of Excellence and scale deep startup support.	Mature incubators with strong track record; startups benefit indirectly.	<b>[INCUBATION]</b>  Large incubator grant, infrastructure, seed/scale support and networks	Up to ₹50 crore over 5 years to incubator
7.	<b>BioAngels</b>  <i>Department of Biotechnology (DBT) / BIRAC</i>	<b>Scaling</b>  <i>Angel investment readiness</i>	Biotech angel investment and investor-connect platform curated for BIRAC-supported life-science startups.	Biotech, medtech, healthtech and life-sciences startups seeking angel capital.	<b>[EQUITY]</b>  Investor connects / angel equity (private investment facilitation)	Varies by angel round / investor decision

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8.	<b>BioNEST Programme</b>  <i>Department of Biotechnology (DBT) / BIRAC</i>	<b>Incubation</b>  <i>Biotech incubation infrastructure</i>	BIRAC programme creating bio-incubators with wet labs, equipment, mentoring and commercialisation support.	Incubators, academic institutions and research parks supporting biotech startups.	<b>[INCUBATION]</b>  Bio-incubation infrastructure + startup services	Incubator-level grant varies by call; startup support indirect
9.	<b>BIPP – Biotechnology Industry Partnership Programme</b>  <i>Department of Biotechnology (DBT) / BIRAC</i>	<b>Validation to Commercialisation</b>  <i>High-risk biotech R&amp;D</i>	BIRAC partnership programme for high-risk, high-impact industry-led biotech innovation.	Biotech companies/startups and academia-industry consortia with transformational R&D proposals.	<b>[GRANT]</b>  Grant / soft loan / cost-sharing support	Project-based; varies by approved cost and scheme terms
10.	<b>E-YUVA – Empowering Youth for Value Added Translational Research</b>  <i>Department of Biotechnology (DBT) / BIRAC</i>	<b>Ideation (Students)</b>  <i>Student biotech innovation</i>	BIRAC programme encouraging students and young researchers to pursue translational biotech innovation.	Undergraduate/postgraduate students, fellows and young innovators through E-YUVA centres.	<b>[GRANT]</b>  Fellowship + innovation grant + mentoring	Commonly fellowship plus innovation support up to ₹5 lakh per project
11.	<b>SITARE – Students Innovations for Translation &amp; Advancement of Research Explorations</b>	<b>Ideation to Translation (Students)</b>	BIRAC student innovation programme encouraging translational biotech ideas and early validation.	Students and young innovators with biotech/life-science innovations.	<b>[GRANT]</b>	Translational support commonly up to ₹15 lakh, subject to call

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	<i>Department of Biotechnology (DBT) / BIRAC</i>	<i>Student biotech innovation</i>			Fellowship / award / translational grant + mentoring	
12.	<b>PACE – Promoting Academic Research Conversion to Enterprise</b>  <i>Department of Biotechnology (DBT) / BIRAC</i>	<b>Research Translation</b>  <i>Academic biotech to enterprise</i>	BIRAC programme helping academic innovations move toward validation and commercial pathways.	Academic researchers, institutions and industry partners translating biotech research.	<b>[GRANT]</b>  Grant / partnership support for validation and translational research	Project-based; commonly up to ₹50 lakh–₹1 crore depending on PACE component
13.	<b>SBIRI – Small Business Innovation Research Initiative</b>  <i>Department of Biotechnology (DBT) / BIRAC</i>	<b>Prototype to Validation</b>  <i>Biotech R&amp;D</i>	BIRAC public-private partnership scheme supporting early/late-stage biotech product development.	Biotech startups, SMEs and industry-led consortia undertaking innovative R&D.	<b>[GRANT]</b>  Grant-in-aid / soft loan / cost-sharing support	Early-stage support commonly up to ₹50 lakh grant; larger support as per call
14.	<b>TIDE 2.0 – Technology Incubation &amp; Development of Entrepreneurs</b>  <i>Ministry of Electronics &amp; Information Technology (MeitY)</i>	<b>Ideation to Prototype</b>  <i>ICT emerging tech</i>	Incubator-led programme supporting ICT startups using emerging technologies for societal challenges.	ICT startups and entrepreneurs working in AI, IoT, blockchain, robotics and emerging technologies.	<b>[INCUBATION]</b>  Grant, incubation and technical mentoring through TIDE centres	PoC grants up to ₹7 lakh; larger support varies by centre/component
15.	<b>Design Linked Incentive (DLI) Scheme</b>	<b>Prototype to Commercialisation</b>	Incentive and infrastructure support scheme for	Domestic companies, startups and MSMEs engaged in	<b>[MIXED]</b>	Product design-linked incentive up to 50%

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	<i>Ministry of Electronics &amp; Information Technology (MeitY) / C-DAC</i>	<i>Semiconductor design</i>	semiconductor design companies, startups and MSMEs.	IC/chipset/SoC/IP-core design.	Design infrastructure + reimbursement / deployment-linked incentives	of eligible expenditure; deployment incentive 4–6% of net sales (cap ₹30 crore)
16.	<b>Antariksh Venture Capital Fund (Space VCF)</b>  <i>IN-SPACe, Department of Space</i>	<b>Scaling</b>  <i>Space-tech equity</i>	Dedicated venture capital fund for Indian space-tech enterprises across the private space value chain.	Early and growth-stage Indian space-tech companies/startups.	<b>[EQUITY]</b>  Equity / venture capital investment	Target corpus ~₹1,600 crore; first close ₹1,005 crore; company ticket varies
17.	<b>Space Technology Adoption Fund (TAF)</b>  <i>IN-SPACe, Department of Space</i>	<b>TRL Advancement</b>  <i>Space commercialisation</i>	IN-SPACe fund moving space technologies from lab validation toward commercialisation and adoption.	Space startups, industry and NGEs advancing space technologies/applications.	<b>[GRANT]</b>  Grant / funding support for technology development and commercialisation	TAF corpus ₹500 crore; project-level funding varies
18.	<b>Credit Guarantee Trust Fund for Micro &amp; Small Enterprises (CGTMSE)</b>  <i>Ministry of Micro, Small &amp; Medium Enterprises</i>	<b>Credit Support</b>  <i>Collateral-free MSME loans</i>	Guarantee scheme enabling collateral-free loans to micro and small enterprises through member lending institutions.	MSEs including startup MSMEs borrowing from eligible banks/NBFCs/FIs.	<b>[LOAN / CREDIT]</b>  Credit guarantee cover for lender; easier access to debt without collateral	Guarantee coverage ceiling up to ₹10 crore; guarantee percentage varies

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19.	<b>Self-Reliant India Fund (SRI Fund)</b>  <i>Ministry of Micro, Small &amp; Medium Enterprises</i>	<b>Scaling</b>  <i>MSME equity infusion</i>	Fund-of-funds for equity/quasi-equity infusion into growth-oriented MSMEs through daughter funds.	Viable MSMEs and startup MSMEs with growth potential, indirectly through AIFs.	<b>[EQUITY]</b>  Equity / quasi-equity via daughter funds	Overall provision ₹50,000 crore; mother fund ₹10,000 crore; enterprise ticket varies
20.	<b>MSME Champions Scheme</b>  <i>Ministry of Micro, Small &amp; Medium Enterprises</i>	<b>Competitiveness</b>  <i>Quality, lean, innovation, digital</i>	Umbrella MSME scheme including ZED, Lean and Innovative components to improve competitiveness.	MSMEs including startup MSMEs seeking quality, design, IP, lean or digital support.	<b>[MARKET ACCESS]</b>  Subsidy / reimbursement / incubation and advisory support	Component-wise; varies under ZED, Lean and Innovative guidelines
21.	<b>International Cooperation Scheme</b>  <i>Ministry of Micro, Small &amp; Medium Enterprises</i>	<b>Market Access</b>  <i>Global exposure for MSMEs</i>	MSME scheme supporting participation in international exhibitions, trade fairs and buyer-seller meets.	MSMEs, industry associations and startup MSMEs seeking export/market linkages.	<b>[MARKET ACCESS]</b>  Reimbursement/ subsidy for travel, stall, registration and event costs	Assistance varies by event category and guidelines
22.	<b>National SC-ST Hub Scheme</b>  <i>Ministry of Micro, Small &amp; Medium Enterprises</i>	<b>Capacity Building / Market Access</b>  <i>SC/ST entrepreneurs</i>	MSME scheme supporting SC/ST entrepreneurs through capacity building, procurement linkages and mentoring.	SC/ST-owned MSMEs and entrepreneurs, including startup MSMEs.	<b>[MARKET ACCESS]</b>  Training, market linkages, vendor development, subsidy support under components	Component-wise; direct grant amount varies
23.	<b>Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL)</b>	<b>Ideation (School-level)</b>	School innovation labs building creativity,	Schools and students; relevant to future startup pipeline rather	<b>[GRANT]</b>	Up to ₹20 lakh per selected school over

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	<i>Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog</i>	<i>Innovation pipeline</i>	design thinking and problem-solving skills among students.	than current startups.	Lab grant, equipment, mentoring and innovation challenges	multiple years
24.	<b>Atal Incubation Centres (AICs)</b> <i>Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog</i>	<b>Incubation</b> <i>Startup ecosystem infrastructure</i>	AIM programme supporting world-class incubators across universities, institutions and private hosts.	Host institutions/incubators; startups benefit through incubation services.	<b>[INCUBATION]</b> Grant-in-aid to incubator + mentoring/network for startups	Up to ₹10 crore per incubator, subject to guidelines
25.	<b>Atal Community Innovation Centres (ACICs)</b> <i>Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog</i>	<b>Ideation to Incubation (Underserved)</b> <i>Community innovation ecosystems</i>	AIM programme setting up community innovation centres in underserved regions.	Institutions/or organisations supporting community innovators and early-stage startups.	<b>[INCUBATION]</b> Grant support to host centres + incubation ecosystem	Up to ₹2.5 crore over prescribed period
26.	<b>Established Incubation Centres (EICs)</b> <i>Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog</i>	<b>Incubation</b> <i>Scaling established incubators</i>	AIM/related incubation support for established incubators to scale startup support capabilities.	Existing incubators and institutions supporting startups.	<b>[INCUBATION]</b> Grant / capacity support to incubator; indirect startup support	Up to ₹10 crore grant; matching private contribution required
27.	<b>Agriculture Infrastructure Financing Facility (AIF)</b> <i>Ministry of Agriculture &amp; Farmers Welfare</i>	<b>Scaling</b> <i>Agri infrastructure credit</i>	Medium/long-term debt financing for post-harvest and community farming assets.	Farmers, FPOs, agri-entrepreneurs, startups, cooperatives and related entities.	<b>[LOAN / CREDIT]</b> Interest subvention + credit guarantee support on loans	Loans up to ₹2 crore eligible for 3% interest subvention; scheme corpus ₹1 lakh crore

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28.	<b>Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY)</b> <i>Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance</i>	<b>Credit Support</b>  <i>Micro-enterprise loans</i>	Collateral-free micro-credit programme under Shishu, Kishor and Tarun categories.	Non-corporate, non-farm micro/small enterprises including early-stage businesses and startups.	<b>[LOAN / CREDIT]</b>  Term loan / working capital through banks, MFIs and NBFCs	Loans up to ₹10 lakh; Tarun Plus up to ₹20 lakh for eligible repeat borrowers
29.	<b>Stand Up India</b> <i>Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance</i>	<b>Credit Support</b>  <i>SC/ST &amp; women entrepreneurship</i>	Bank loan scheme for greenfield enterprises promoted by SC/ST and/or women entrepreneurs.	At least one SC/ST borrower or one woman borrower per bank branch for greenfield non-farm enterprise.	<b>[LOAN / CREDIT]</b>  Composite bank loan	₹10 lakh to ₹1 crore loan
30.	<b>PMFME – PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises</b>  <i>Ministry of Food Processing Industries</i>	<b>Formalisation / Scaling</b>  <i>Food micro-enterprises</i>	MoFPI scheme formalising and upgrading micro food-processing enterprises under One District One Product.	Individual micro food-processing units, SHGs, FPOs, cooperatives and food startups/micro-enterprises.	<b>[LOAN / CREDIT]</b>  Credit-linked subsidy, seed capital for SHGs, branding/marketing and capacity support	35% credit-linked subsidy up to ₹10 lakh per unit; SHG seed capital up to ₹40,000/member
31.	<b>IFSCA Fintech Incentive Scheme</b>  <i>International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)</i>	<b>Prototype to Market Entry</b>  <i>Fintech in GIFT IFSC</i>	Incentive scheme to attract and support fintechs engaging with the IFSC ecosystem at GIFT City.	Indian and foreign fintech entities, startups and accelerators operating/engaging with GIFT IFSC.	<b>[GRANT]</b>  Grant / incentive support (Sandbox, PoC, listing, accelerator and special grants)	Up to ₹75 lakh in many grant categories ; varies by incentive type








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32.	<b>Technology Development-cum-Incubation Centres</b>  <i>Department of Atomic Energy (DAE)</i>	<b>Incubation</b>  <i>DAE technology commercialisation</i>	DAE/AIC incubation centres translating DAE spin-off technologies into market-ready products.	Startups, MSMEs and entrepreneurs licensing/incubating DAE technologies.	<b>[INCUBATION]</b>  Technology transfer, lab access, scientist mentoring and incubation	No standard grant; support is incubation / technology access based
33.	<b>Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP)</b>  <i>Ministry of Rural Development</i>	<b>Ideation to Enterprise Creation</b>  <i>Rural livelihoods</i>	DAY-NRLM sub-scheme helping rural poor set up local enterprises through community enterprise support.	Rural entrepreneurs from SHG/NRLM ecosystem; relevant for rural startups/micro-enterprises.	<b>[GRANT]</b>  Training, mentoring, community enterprise fund and business support	Support varies by block and enterprise plan; up to ₹6.5 crore per block overall
34.	<b>Venture Capital Fund for Scheduled Castes</b>  <i>Ministry of Social Justice &amp; Empowerment</i>	<b>Scaling</b>  <i>SC entrepreneur equity/debt</i>	Social sector venture fund providing concessional financial assistance to SC entrepreneurs and companies.	Companies promoted by Scheduled Caste entrepreneurs, including startups/MSMEs.	<b>[EQUITY]</b>  Equity / quasi-equity / debt support	₹10 lakh to ₹15 crore, subject to fund guidelines
35.	<b>STI Hubs for SC/ST Communities</b>  <i>Department of Science &amp; Technology (DST)</i>	<b>Incubation / Livelihood Innovation</b>  <i>Inclusive technology deployment</i>	DST programme establishing STI hubs for technology-led livelihood and enterprise development in SC/ST communities.	Institutions/NGOs and community enterprises serving SC/ST communities.	<b>[GRANT]</b>  Project grants, technology deployment, training and enterprise support	Project-based; amount varies by sanctioned STI hub
36.	<b>National Livestock Mission (NLM)</b>	<b>Credit / Subsidy</b>	DAHD mission promoting entrepreneurship in	Individuals, FPOs, SHGs, JLGs, Section 8 companies and	<b>[LOAN / CREDIT]</b>	50% capital subsidy up to ₹50 lakh

S. No.	Scheme Name & Nodal Ministry	Stage & Focus	What Is This Scheme?	Who Can Apply?	What Do You Get?	How Much?
	<i>Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry &amp; Dairying</i>	<i>Livestock entrepreneurship</i>	poultry, sheep, goat, piggery and fodder sectors.	entrepreneurs in livestock.	Capital subsidy routed with loan/project finance	depending on project category
37.	<b>Mission on Advanced &amp; High Impact Research (MAHIR)</b>  <i>Ministry of Power &amp; Ministry of New &amp; Renewable Energy (MNRE)</i>	<b>R&amp;D to Pilot</b>  <i>Power sector deep-tech</i>	Joint MoP-MNRE mission to identify, develop and demonstrate emerging power-sector technologies indigenously.	Startups, industry, academia and research institutions working on power-sector technologies.	<b>[GRANT]</b>  R&D project funding, pilot support and commercialisation facilitation	Project-based; mission funded through MoP/MNRE/CPSE pooled resources
38.	<b>Yuva Sahakar – Cooperative Enterprise Support &amp; Innovation Scheme</b>  <i>National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), Ministry of Cooperation</i>	<b>Credit</b>  <i>Cooperative startups/innovation</i>	NCDC scheme supporting newly formed innovative cooperative societies and young cooperative entrepreneurs.	Cooperative societies in operation for minimum period as per scheme; youth-led/new cooperatives.	<b>[LOAN / CREDIT]</b>  Long-term loan + 2% interest subvention	Loan up to project norms; often up to ₹3 crore project cost reference; 2% interest subvention
39.	<b>Entrepreneurship &amp; Skill Development Programme (ESDP)</b>  <i>Ministry of Micro, Small &amp; Medium Enterprises</i>	<b>Capacity Building</b>  <i>Entrepreneurship training</i>	MSME training programme building entrepreneurial and managerial skills for prospective entrepreneurs.	Prospective and existing entrepreneurs, MSMEs, youth and startups needing business skills.	<b>[INCUBATION]</b>  Training, workshops and skill-development support	No direct startup funding; training cost supported per programme norms

# SECTION 3 | Scheme One-Pagers | PART A

# Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS)

Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p>The Startup India Seed Fund Scheme helps new startups get early funding so they can turn ideas into real products and grow, filling the gap when they typically struggle to find initial investment.</p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<p>Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS) aims to provide financial assistance to startups for proof of concept, prototype development, product trials, market entry and commercialisation. Through this funding support, startups graduate to a level where they will be able to raise investments from angel investors or venture capitalists or seek loans from commercial banks or financial institutions</p>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DPIIT recognised startups.</li> <li>• Incorporated not more than 2 years ago at the time of application.</li> <li>• Startup must have a business idea to develop a product or a service with market fit, viable commercialisation, and scope of scaling. Startup should be using technology in its core product or service, or business model.</li> <li>• Startup should not have received more than ₹10 lakh of monetary support under any other Central or State Government scheme</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to ₹20 lakh as grant for validation of Proof of Concept, or prototype development, or product trials.</li> <li>• Up to ₹50 lakh of investment for market entry, commercialisation, or scaling up through convertible debentures or debt or debt-linked instruments</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<p>Visit <a href="https://seedfund.startupindia.gov.in/">https://seedfund.startupindia.gov.in/</a> to apply. Last date for startups to apply under SISFS was 31 May 2026. Disbursals are ongoing.</p>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website: <a href="https://seedfund.startupindia.gov.in/">https://seedfund.startupindia.gov.in/</a></li> <li>• Guidelines: <a href="https://www.startupindia.gov.in/content/dam/invest-india/Templates/public/Guidelines%20for%20Startup%20India%20Seed%20Fund%20Scheme.pdf">https://www.startupindia.gov.in/content/dam/invest-india/Templates/public/Guidelines%20for%20Startup%20India%20Seed%20Fund%20Scheme.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Seed / Early-Stage</p>








# Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS)

Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p>The Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS) provides capital to venture funds so they can invest in startups, helping increase the availability of funding and support the growth of India's startup ecosystem.</p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<p>The Government has established FFS to catalyze venture capital investments. It is operationalized by Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), which provides capital to SEBI-registered Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) who in turn invest in startups through equity and equity-linked instruments.</p>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEBI-registered AIFs can apply for capital under the Scheme.</li> <li>• The funding is provided to DPIIT recognised startups by selected AIFs.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<p>The Scheme has a corpus of ₹10,000 crore, which is aimed to be provided to startup through AIFs. The AIFs supported under the Scheme are to invest at least twice the contribution out of FFS in startups across stages</p>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The application process for AIFs has been digitalised and a detailed application can be submitted by the AIFs on SIDBI's Fund Application Portal (<a href="https://vcfapplication.sidbi.in/login">https://vcfapplication.sidbi.in/login</a>). The AIF applications undergo an eligibility screening and screening based on preliminary questionnaire.</li> <li>• Eligible startups can approach selected AIFs for investments.</li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website: <a href="https://www.sidbivcf.in/en/funds/ffs">https://www.sidbivcf.in/en/funds/ffs</a></li> <li>• Operational guidelines: <a href="https://www.dpiit.gov.in/static/uploads/2025/07/ccffbf768a90e8445ba78f82d4c42bec.pdf">https://www.dpiit.gov.in/static/uploads/2025/07/ccffbf768a90e8445ba78f82d4c42bec.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Scaling</p>








# Startup India Fund of Funds 2.0

Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>Startup India Fund of Funds 2.0 supports startups by channeling government capital into venture funds to boost investment in emerging businesses, aiming to fuel innovation in priority sectors.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Government operationalized the Startup India Fund of Funds 2.0 (Startup India Fund of Funds 2.0 (FoF 2.0)) with a total corpus of ₹10,000 crore. Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), Implementation Agency (IA) of the FFS 1.0, shall also be the Implementing Agency for the Startup India Fund of Funds 2.0 (FoF 2.0).</li> <li>• In addition, another domestic IA(s) shall also be selected to implement the proposed Scheme. The IA(s) will provide capital to SEBI-registered Category I and Category II Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) who in turn will invest in startups through equity and equity-linked instruments.</li> <li>• Investments under Startup India FoF 2.0 AIFs supporting priority segments including deep tech startups, early growth stage startups supported by smaller AIFs, technology-driven and innovative manufacturing startups, and sector or stage agnostic startups.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEBI-registered AIFs can apply for capital under the Scheme.</li> <li>• The funding is provided to DPIIT recognised startups by selected AIFs.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<p>The Scheme has a corpus of ₹10,000 crore, which is aimed to be provided to startup through AIFs. AIFs supported under the Scheme are required to invest in startups across stages, adhering to the minimum investment multiplier for various segments as defined in the Operational Guidelines.</p>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The application process for AIFs has been digitalised and a detailed application can be submitted by the AIFs on SIDBI's Fund Application Portal (<a href="https://vcfapplication.sidbi.in/login">https://vcfapplication.sidbi.in/login</a>). The AIF applications undergo an eligibility screening and screening based on preliminary questionnaire.</li> <li>• Eligible startups can approach selected AIFs for investments.</li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gazette Notification: <a href="https://www.dpiit.gov.in/static/uploads/2026/04/d02f1b35bcc661c31e8cb2229dcd9475.pdf">https://www.dpiit.gov.in/static/uploads/2026/04/d02f1b35bcc661c31e8cb2229dcd9475.pdf</a></li> <li>• Operational Guidelines: <a href="https://www.dpiit.gov.in/static/uploads/2026/04/8949d8e0dabf11cb9291b00ec1d1f727.pdf">https://www.dpiit.gov.in/static/uploads/2026/04/8949d8e0dabf11cb9291b00ec1d1f727.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Scaling</p>








# Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups (CGSS)

Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>The Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups (CGSS) helps startups access loans by assuring lenders that the government will cover part of the risk, making it easier for young businesses to get funding without collateral.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups (CGSS) aims at providing credit guarantee up to a specified limit against loans extended by Member Institutions (MIs) to finance eligible borrowers viz. entities recognised as 'startups' by DPIIT. CGSS is operated by the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company (NCGTC) Limited.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eligible (i) Scheduled Commercial Banks and Financial Institutions; (ii) RBI registered Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs) and (iii) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) registered Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) can become member institutions (MIs) subject to requirements.</li> <li>• Eligible borrowers are DPIIT recognised startups.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<p>Maximum guarantee of ₹20 crore or actual outstanding credit amount, whichever is less. For both transaction-based and umbrella-based cover.</p>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit the website for details: <a href="https://www.ncgtc.in/en/product-details/CGSS/Credit-Guarantee%20Scheme%20for%20Start-ups%20(CGSS)">https://www.ncgtc.in/en/product-details/CGSS/Credit-Guarantee%20Scheme%20for%20Start-ups%20(CGSS)</a></li> <li>• For application through the Jan Samarth portal: <a href="https://www.jansamarth.in/business-loan-startup-scheme">https://www.jansamarth.in/business-loan-startup-scheme</a>.</li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scheme information and application instructions: <a href="https://www.ncgtc.in/en/product-details/CGSS/Credit-Guarantee%20Scheme%20for%20Start-ups%20(CGSS)">https://www.ncgtc.in/en/product-details/CGSS/Credit-Guarantee%20Scheme%20for%20Start-ups%20(CGSS)</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Credit Support</p>

# Scheme for Facilitating Startups Intellectual Property Protection (SIPP)

Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>The Scheme for Facilitating Startups Intellectual Property Protection (SIPP) helps startups protect their ideas by providing support and cost relief for filing patents, trademarks, and designs, encouraging innovation and safeguarding ownership.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To protect and promote Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) of Startups and to encourage innovation and creativity among them, a Scheme for facilitating Start-Ups Intellectual Property Protection (SIPP) has been launched.</li> <li>It facilitates startups in filing and processing of their patent, design or trademark application through the assistance of IP Facilitators, whose fee was borne by the Office of the Controller General of Patents Designs and Trademarks, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Government of India.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DPIIT recognised startups.</li> <li>Applicants must self-declare that they have not availed funds under any other government scheme for paying facilitator/patent agent/trademark agent fees for the same IP application.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support for filing and processing patent, trademark and design applications.</li> <li>Professional fees of facilitators are paid/reimbursed by the office of CGPDTM; startups generally bear only statutory government fees.</li> <li>End-to-end assistance including advisory, drafting, filing, responses to examination reports, hearings, opposition handling and final disposal of IP applications.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visit IP India SIPP Page / Facilitator Details: <a href="https://ipindia.gov.in/page-content/startups-intellectual-property-protection-sipp">https://ipindia.gov.in/page-content/startups-intellectual-property-protection-sipp</a></li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DPIIT SIPP Scheme Page: <a href="https://www.dpiit.gov.in/offerings/schemes-and-services/details/sipp-gTM1UDNtQWa">https://www.dpiit.gov.in/offerings/schemes-and-services/details/sipp-gTM1UDNtQWa</a></li> <li>IP India SIPP Page / Facilitator Details: <a href="https://ipindia.gov.in/page-content/startups-intellectual-property-protection-sipp">https://ipindia.gov.in/page-content/startups-intellectual-property-protection-sipp</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Any Stage</p>








# GeM Startup Runway

Department of Commerce

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>The GeM Startup Runway enables startups to showcase and sell their innovative products directly to government buyers, helping them access public procurement opportunities and grow their business.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GeM Startup Runway helps startups sell innovative products and services directly to government buyers through the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) by promoting solutions that are unique in concept, design, process, or functionality and improve startup participation in public procurement.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DPIIT-recognised startups registered as sellers/service providers on GeM.</li> <li>• Startups with products/services in existing GeM categories or in dedicated startup sectors such as AI, robotics, agritech, cleantech, cybersecurity, edtech, health tech, water tech, assistive tech, etc.</li> <li>• Other innovative entities.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to a large base of government buyers across ministries, departments, PSUs and other public entities.</li> <li>• Exemption/relaxation from requirements such as prior turnover, prior experience, and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD).</li> <li>• Dedicated marketplace visibility for startups and innovative products.</li> <li>• Ability to list innovative products even when standard categories may not exist.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit GeM Startup Runway: <a href="https://gem.gov.in/Startup_Runway">https://gem.gov.in/Startup_Runway</a></li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GeM Startup Runway: <a href="https://gem.gov.in/Startup_Runway">https://gem.gov.in/Startup_Runway</a></li> <li>• Startup India – Public Procurement / GeM: <a href="https://www.startupindia.gov.in/content/sih/en/public_procurement.html">https://www.startupindia.gov.in/content/sih/en/public_procurement.html</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Any Stage</p>








# NIDHI – Seed Support Program (SSP)

Department of Science & Technology (DST)

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>The NIDHI – Seed Support Program (SSP) provides early-stage funding and support to innovators to help them develop and validate their ideas, encouraging the creation of viable startups.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NIDHI-Seed Support Program (SSP) aims to provide seed support to deserving incubatee startups, through NIDHI Science &amp; Technology Entrepreneurs Parks (STEPs) and NIDHI Technology Business Incubators (TBIs).</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incubatee should be a DPIIT recognised startup with minimum of three months of residency at the STEP/TBIs. The shareholding by Indian promoters in the incubatee startup should be at least 51%.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Under the program, the startups are supported primarily for product development, testing and trials, test marketing, mentoring, professional consultancy (to attract professors/experts from institutions to work with startups.), IPR issues and any other area as deemed necessary and recommended by the Seed Support Management Committee of STEP/TBIs.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applications details are released on the website <a href="https://nidhi.dst.gov.in/nidhissp/">https://nidhi.dst.gov.in/nidhissp/</a></li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Website: <a href="https://nidhi.dst.gov.in/nidhissp/">https://nidhi.dst.gov.in/nidhissp/</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Seed / Post-Incubation</p>








# NIDHI – Promotion and Acceleration of Young and Aspiring Technology Entrepreneurs (PRAYAS) 2.0

Department of Science & Technology (DST)

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p>The NIDHI PRAYAS 2.0 scheme provides early-stage funding and prototyping support to young innovators, helping them turn their technology ideas into working products and viable startups.</p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The scheme aims to bridge the gap funding in the very early-stage idea/proof of concept. Building on the outcomes of NIDHI PRAYAS 1.0, the programme has evolved into NIDHI PRAYAS 2.0, with enhanced support for both technology-based and deep-tech innovations. It is a pre-incubation initiative that is implemented through incubators known as the PRAYAS Centres (PCs) and Advance PRAYAS Centres (APCs) (specialized centres to support DeepTech innovations).</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A DPIIT recognised startup or an individual innovator are eligible to apply under the program.</li> <li>In case of a recognised startup, it has to be incorporated in India, not more than 5 years of existence and its annual turnover for any financial year should not have exceeded ₹1 crore.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Level 1 – PCs: Each innovator/startup supported by a Level 1 Centre PC may receive up to ₹20 Lakhs grant for prototyping. DST provides up to ₹2 crore per annum to each PC.</li> <li>Level 2 – APCs: Provides prototyping grants of up to ₹40 lakh per innovator/ startup. DST provides up to ₹4 crore per annum to each APC.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicant incubators can submit the proposal online in the prescribed proforma, at the NIDHI PRAYAS PMU Portal <a href="https://nidhi-prayas.org/">https://nidhi-prayas.org/</a> or on <a href="https://nidhi.dst.gov.in/schemes-programmes/nidhiprayas/">https://nidhi.dst.gov.in/schemes-programmes/nidhiprayas/</a></li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Website: <a href="https://nidhi-prayas.org/">https://nidhi-prayas.org/</a></li> <li>Operational Guidelines: <a href="https://nidhi-prayas.org/documents/dst-nidhi-prayas-2.0-program-guidelines-2026.pdf">https://nidhi-prayas.org/documents/dst-nidhi-prayas-2.0-program-guidelines-2026.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Ideation to Prototype</p>








# Research, Development & Innovation (RDI) Scheme

Department of Science & Technology (DST)

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p>The Research, Development &amp; Innovation (RDI) Scheme provides funding and support to help organizations create and improve new technologies or ideas so they can boost innovation, economic growth, and global competitiveness.</p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DST has launched the Research, Development, and Innovation (RDI) Scheme, approved by the Cabinet on 1st July 2025, with a total outlay of ₹1 lakh crore.</li> <li>The initiative aims to catalyze private sector participation in high-impact R&amp;D and strengthen India's capabilities in strategic technologies and promote technological self-reliance, aligning with the nation's long-term innovation and Atmanirbhar Bharat vision.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The RDI Fund is provided to Second Level Fund Managers (SLFM) which include Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs), Development Finance Institutions (DFIs), Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs), and Focused Research Organisations (FROs).</li> <li>The SLFM then provides funds to private companies including DPIIT recognised startups advancing RDI-intensive technologies.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loan – Debt funding (via loan or optionally convertible debt) from the SLFM, calculated as 50% of the project cost.</li> <li>Equity – Funding via equity or equity linked instruments from the SLFM, calculated as 50% of the value of each funding round.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visit - <a href="https://rdifund.anrf.gov.in/images/pdf/RDIF-%20AIF_and_FOF.pdf">https://rdifund.anrf.gov.in/images/pdf/RDIF-%20AIF_and_FOF.pdf</a></li> <li>Startups can apply directly through the SLFMs, for instance the Technology Development Board (TDB) (<a href="https://www.e-techcom.tdb.gov.in/rdif-registration.php">https://www.e-techcom.tdb.gov.in/rdif-registration.php</a>)</li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Website: <a href="https://rdifund.anrf.gov.in/">https://rdifund.anrf.gov.in/</a></li> <li>Operational Guidelines: <a href="https://rdifund.anrf.gov.in/images/pdf/2026_IG.pdf">https://rdifund.anrf.gov.in/images/pdf/2026_IG.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Deep-Tech Scaling</p>








# National Quantum Mission (NQM)

Department of Science & Technology (DST)

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>The National Quantum Mission (NQM) supports research and development of advanced quantum technologies (like quantum computing and secure communication) so India can build cutting-edge capabilities and stay competitive in future tech.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The National Quantum Mission (NQM) aims to seed, nurture and scale up scientific and industrial R&amp;D and create a vibrant &amp; innovative ecosystem in Quantum Technology (QT) in the country.</li> <li>• As part of the mission, four Thematic Hubs (T-Hubs) will be established as Section-8 Companies, not-for-profit entities, within premier academic institutions and national research and development labs. These T-Hubs will specialize in four distinct technology verticals: Quantum Computing, Quantum Communication, Quantum Sensing &amp; Metrology, and Quantum Materials &amp; Devices.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic institutions, R&amp;D labs, and consortia working in quantum computing, communication, sensing/metrology, and materials/devices.</li> <li>• Startups working in quantum technology, preferably DPIIT-registered and Indian-owned/controlled as per startup support guidelines.</li> <li>• For teaching lab support, eligible institutions include Government-funded/aided technical institutions/universities and eligible AICTE/UGC-recognised institutions meeting quality benchmarks.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding and institutional support for quantum R&amp;D, prototypes, product development, and commercialisation through NQM T-Hubs.</li> <li>• Startup support can include seed/prototype funding and scale-up support routed through T-Hubs/TIHs.</li> <li>• Creation of skilled manpower, research infrastructure, and industry-academia collaboration in quantum technologies.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Startups apply through online calls/challenges; applications are evaluated on need, feasibility, impact, novelty, team strength, and fund-utilization plan.</li> <li>• Other applicants apply through DST/NQM calls or the relevant Thematic Hub (T-Hub) based on the focus area</li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Quantum Mission: <a href="https://www.psa.gov.in/mission/national-quantum-mission/26">https://www.psa.gov.in/mission/national-quantum-mission/26</a></li> <li>• Startup Support Guidelines: <a href="https://dst.gov.in/sites/default/files/Guidelines%20to%20support%20start-ups.pdf">https://dst.gov.in/sites/default/files/Guidelines%20to%20support%20start-ups.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Deep-Tech R&amp;D</p>








# Promoting Innovations in Individuals, Start-ups and MSMEs (PRISM)

Department of Science & Technology (DST)

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p>The PRISM scheme provides funding and support to individual innovators, startups, and small businesses so they can turn new ideas into useful products and grow their businesses.</p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PRISM (Promoting Innovations in Individuals, Start-ups and MSMEs) Scheme supports individual innovators with financial assistance that helps them build prototypes, develop technologies, and move toward patenting &amp; commercialisation.</li> <li>DSIR has established a robust mechanism to implement this scheme across the country through TePP Outreach cum Cluster Innovation Centres (TOCICs) in Universities and National research laboratories and PRISM Advisory and Screening Committee PASC at Delhi to receive and evaluate the proposals from innovators for funding.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public funded institutions or organizations viz. Autonomous Organizations or Society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 or Indian Trusts Act, 1882 engaged in promotion of innovation. Any Indian citizen having an innovative idea and wish to translate their idea into working prototypes/models/processes.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<p>Support of ₹12 lakh per annum would be given to TOCICs to cover expenses. In addition, 10% of the grants released to the innovators/autonomous organisation/R&amp;D labs etc. supported by the agency/TOCICs will be given to the agency per project for monitoring the project execution. For innovators:</p> <p>Phase I</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Category-I Up to ₹2 lakh or 90% of the approved project cost</li> <li>Category II - Up to ₹20 lakh or 90% of the approved project cost</li> </ul> <p>Phase II</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to ₹50 lakh or 50% of the approved project cost</li> </ul> <p>PRISM-R&amp;D Proposals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum support may be up to ₹50 lakh, limited to 50% of the total project cost for developing technology solutions aimed at helping MSME clusters.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Website: <a href="https://www.dsir.gov.in/offerings/schemes-and-services/details/promoting-innovations-in-individuals-start-ups-and-msmes-prism-kjMwITMtQWa">https://www.dsir.gov.in/offerings/schemes-and-services/details/promoting-innovations-in-individuals-start-ups-and-msmes-prism-kjMwITMtQWa</a></li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Website: <a href="https://www.dsir.gov.in/offerings/schemes-and-services/details/promoting-innovations-in-individuals-start-ups-and-msmes-prism-kjMwITMtQWa">https://www.dsir.gov.in/offerings/schemes-and-services/details/promoting-innovations-in-individuals-start-ups-and-msmes-prism-kjMwITMtQWa</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Ideation to Prototype</p>

# Biotechnology Ignition Grant Scheme (BIG)

Department of Biotechnology / Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC)

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>The Biotechnology Ignition Grant (BIG) Scheme provides early-stage funding and support to biotech innovators and startups so they can turn promising scientific ideas into viable products and businesses.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biotechnology Ignition Grant (BIG) is a flagship programme of BIRAC, which provides support to young startups and entrepreneurial individuals. BIG is the largest early-stage biotech funding programme in India.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual Entrepreneurs and startups</li> <li>• The applicant must be incubated in an incubator (may/may not be supported by BIRAC).</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grant-in-aid of up to ₹50 lakh provided to startup for a period of up to 18 months.</li> <li>• During the BIG tenure, BIRAC extends several networking opportunities to connect with experts, mentors, industry, investors, peer to peer learning, specialized trainings &amp; workshops, exposure to various platforms on merit basis</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BIRAC issues a national call inviting applications under BIG at least twice a year (typically on 1st of January &amp; 1st of July). The Call for Proposals is typically open for a period of 30-45 days. Application for BIG needs to be submitted online only through BIRAC website <a href="http://www.birac.nic.in">www.birac.nic.in</a></li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detailed guidelines: <a href="https://birac.nic.in/webcontent/1761936564_big_new_guidelines_nov_2025.pdf">https://birac.nic.in/webcontent/1761936564_big_new_guidelines_nov_2025.pdf</a></li> <li>• FAQs: <a href="https://birac.nic.in/big.php">https://birac.nic.in/big.php</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Ideation to PoC</p>








# Biotechnology Innovation Fund – Accelerating Entrepreneurs (AcE)

Department of Biotechnology / Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC)

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>The Biotechnology Innovation Fund – Accelerating Entrepreneurs (AcE) provides financial support to biotech startups so they can develop and scale innovative solutions faster and bring them to market.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The AcE Fund is a 'fund of funds' that aims to partner with fund managers (AcE Fund Partners) and invest in SEBI-registered AIFs (Daughter Funds). AcE Daughter Funds commit investment of 2x BIRAC's contribution into biotech startups.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AcE Fund invests and partners with SEBI-registered Category I and II AIFs in biotech sector.</li> <li>Startups and SMEs in subsectors such as Healthcare, Life Sciences, Pharma, Biopharma, Med-tech, Diagnostics, Industrial-Biotech, Agri-tech, Bio-IT/Services and allied areas.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The AcE Fund shall make a maximum capital commitment of up to ₹30 crore or up to 30% of the total aggregate capital commitment amount (i.e. fund corpus) in each Daughter Fund.</li> <li>Ticket size of up to ₹7 crore, with provision of additional follow-on funding up to ₹3.5 crore is provided to an eligible startup.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply on: <a href="https://birac.nic.in/aceFund.php">https://birac.nic.in/aceFund.php</a></li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guidelines: <a href="https://birac.nic.in/webcontent/ace_fund_guidelines.pdf">https://birac.nic.in/webcontent/ace_fund_guidelines.pdf</a> ; <a href="https://birac.nic.in/webcontent/fund_of_funds_AcE_fund.pdf">https://birac.nic.in/webcontent/fund_of_funds_AcE_fund.pdf</a></li> <li>FAQs: <a href="https://birac.nic.in/webcontent/1680262332_AcE_FAQ_revised.pdf">https://birac.nic.in/webcontent/1680262332_AcE_FAQ_revised.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Scaling</p>








# BIRAC Incubator SEED Fund (SEED)

Department of Biotechnology / Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC)

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>The BIRAC Incubator SEED Fund (SEED) provides early-stage funding through incubators to biotech startups so they can develop their ideas into viable products and launch successful businesses.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BIRAC Sustainable Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Development Fund (“SEED Fund”) primarily addresses the financial support requirements of technology startups in their initial phase of operations. Funding is disbursed to startups under this program through the incubators. The funding support aims to enhance startups’ ability to raise investments from Angel/Venture capitalist or to seek loans from commercial banks /financial institutions.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biotech/Med-Tech/Life Sciences startups.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seed funding as equity and equity linked instruments up to ₹30 lakh per startup.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to the BIRAC Incubator SEED Fund Scheme website for more information of the incubators associated with the program: <a href="https://www.birac.nic.in/seedFundNew.php">https://www.birac.nic.in/seedFundNew.php</a></li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website: <a href="https://www.birac.nic.in/seedFundNew.php">https://www.birac.nic.in/seedFundNew.php</a></li> <li>• Operational Guidelines: <a href="https://www.birac.nic.in/webcontent/1616486925_seed_fund_Guidelines.pdf">https://www.birac.nic.in/webcontent/1616486925_seed_fund_Guidelines.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Seed</p>








# LEAP Fund – Launching Entrepreneurial Driven Affordable Products

Department of Biotechnology (DBT) / BIRAC

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>The LEAP Fund supports entrepreneurs in creating affordable, innovative products so more people can access useful technologies while encouraging business growth.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LEAP Fund assists potential biotech startups in piloting &amp; commercialising their products &amp; technologies enabling them to raise venture capital investment.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Startups in Biotech/med-tech/life science sectors.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding support of more than ₹30 lakh and up to ₹1 crore per startup. Startup eligible and suitable for up to the threshold of ₹30 lakh investment support will be considered under SEED fund and not the LEAP fund.</li> <li>BioNEST Bioincubators (LEAP fund partners) will be given up to ₹5 crore fund/ partner for investing in potential startup against equity and equity linked instruments.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply on: <a href="https://birac.nic.in/leapFundNew.php">https://birac.nic.in/leapFundNew.php</a></li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operational Guidelines: <a href="https://birac.nic.in/webcontent/1616486900_leap_fund_guidelines.pdf">https://birac.nic.in/webcontent/1616486900_leap_fund_guidelines.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Commercialisation</p>








# SPARSH – Social Innovation Programme for Products Affordable & Relevant to Social Health

Department of Biotechnology (DBT) / BIRAC

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>The SPARSH programme supports innovators in developing affordable health-related solutions so that essential healthcare products can reach and benefit underserved communities.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SPARSH, the social innovation initiative designed biotechnological interventions to address critical societal issues.</li> <li>• SPARSH revolves around nurturing "Social Innovators" within the biotech domain, equipped to identify community needs and gaps, and formulate innovative product developments or services to bridge these disparities.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are two components under the initiative – (i) Affordable Product Development and (ii) Social Innovation Immersion Program (SIIP). Startups and entrepreneurs are eligible for Category A under Component I. Specific eligibility criteria include the following:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biotechnology Indian startups (less than 3 years old)</li> <li>• Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) – less than 3 years old</li> <li>• Indian academic scientists, researchers etc.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grant-in-aid assistance up to ₹50 lakh for a period of up to 18 months.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The call for Letter of Intent (LoI) is announced twice a year on a thematic area with high societal impact</li> <li>• The LoI is to be submitted online on the BIRAC website: <a href="https://www.birac.nic.in/">https://www.birac.nic.in/</a></li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website: <a href="https://www.birac.nic.in/">https://www.birac.nic.in/</a></li> <li>• Operational Guidelines: <a href="https://birac.nic.in/webcontent/Sparsh_Guidelines_Ver4.pdf">https://birac.nic.in/webcontent/Sparsh_Guidelines_Ver4.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Ideation to Validation</p>







# AgriSURE – Agri Fund for Startups & Rural Enterprises

Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>The AgriSURE Fund supports agri-startups and rural enterprises with funding and resources so they can develop innovative farming and rural solutions, improving livelihoods and strengthening the agricultural sector.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With a focus on technology-driven, high-risk, high-impact ventures, AgriSURE is designed to fuel growth and foster innovation in the agricultural and rural startup ecosystem. A blended capital fund of ₹750 crore with SEBI Registered Category II, Alternative Investment Fund (AIF), contributions from the Government of India is ₹250 crore, NABARD is ₹250 crore, and ₹250 crore is being mobilized from banks, insurance companies, and private investors.</li> <li>• Aims to support innovative, technology-driven, high-impact startups in agriculture and allied sectors, improve the farm produce value chain, including support for FPOs/FPCs, farm mechanisation, IT-based solutions and rural enterprises, attract more investment into the agri and rural startup ecosystem through AIFs and direct investments, and create employment opportunities and encourage youth entrepreneurship in agriculture.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Startups working in agriculture and rural development sectors.</li> <li>• SEBI-registered Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs), sector-specific, sector-agnostic and debt AIFs that invest in agri/rural startups</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investment through two routes: Fund of Funds Scheme with ₹450 crore corpus and Direct Scheme with ₹300 crore corpus.</li> <li>• Supports around 85 startups, with ticket size up to ₹25 crore, subject to investment merit and fund guidelines.</li> <li>• Provides grant-in-aid, incubation and mentoring support to eligible agri startups.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eligible startups or AIFs can approach NABVENTURES. <a href="https://nabventures.in/agrisure.aspx">https://nabventures.in/agrisure.aspx</a></li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NABARD AgriSURE page: <a href="https://www.nabard.org/agrisure.aspx">https://www.nabard.org/agrisure.aspx</a></li> <li>• NABVENTURES AgriSURE page: <a href="https://nabventures.in/agrisure.aspx">https://nabventures.in/agrisure.aspx</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Scaling</p>








# Innovation & Agri-Entrepreneurship Program (RKVY)

Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>The Innovation &amp; Agri-Entrepreneurship Program (RKVY) supports agri-startups with funding, mentorship, and incubation so they can develop innovative farming solutions and strengthen the agricultural sector.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To promote innovation and agripreneurship by providing financial support and nurturing the incubation ecosystem.</li> <li>• To strengthen infrastructure in agriculture and allied areas.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DPIIT-recognised startups.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-seed support up to ₹5 lakh and seed-stage support up to ₹25 lakh via R-ABIs.</li> <li>• Provides grant-in-aid, incubation and mentoring support to eligible agri startups.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit <a href="https://agristartup.gov.in/">https://agristartup.gov.in/</a> to apply</li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operational guidelines: <a href="https://agristartup.gov.in/LetterAndCircular/OperationalGuidelineRKVY.pdf">https://agristartup.gov.in/LetterAndCircular/OperationalGuidelineRKVY.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Ideation to Seed</p>








# SAMRIDH – Startup Accelerators of MeitY for Product Innovation, Development & Growth

Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY)

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>SAMRIDH is a government program that supports startups by funding and accelerating innovative tech products so they can grow faster and succeed in the market.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SAMRIDH scheme supports existing and upcoming Accelerators to select and accelerate potential IT-based startups to scale.</li> <li>• The programme focuses on accelerating the startup by providing customer connect, investor connect, and internationalisation connect services.</li> <li>• The Scheme supports selected Accelerators for extending Accelerator services to startup and provide funding.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accelerators – registered as Section 8 company under Companies Act 2013 or as Society under Societies Registration Act (not-for-profit).</li> <li>• IT-based startups.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To startups: An investment of up to ₹40 lakh to the beneficiary startup (with an average of ₹30 lakh per startup per cohort). An equal matching private investment by the accelerator / investor of up to ₹40 lakh is disbursed to startups based on their current valuation and growth stage.</li> <li>• To Accelerators: Accelerators develop customized acceleration programs to fit the needs of each startup in the cohort and provide services ranging from customer connect, investor connect, capacity enhancement, product enhancement etc. for which they are provided a budget of ₹2 lakh per startup to a maximum of ₹20 lakh per cohort.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Startups to refer to the MeitY Startup Hub (MSH) to access the list of incubators and accelerators in India benefitting from the SAMRIDH scheme and gauge the accelerators most suitable to their needs.</li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website: <a href="https://msh.meity.gov.in/schemes/samridh">https://msh.meity.gov.in/schemes/samridh</a></li> <li>• Operational Guidelines: <a href="https://msh.meity.gov.in/assets/Scheme-Report.pdf">https://msh.meity.gov.in/assets/Scheme-Report.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Scaling</p>








# GENESIS – Gen-Next Support for Innovative Startups

Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY)

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>GENESIS is a government scheme that helps early-stage startups turn innovative ideas into viable businesses by providing funding, support, and guidance so new ventures can grow and create economic value.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Gen-Next Support for Innovative Startups (GENESIS) supports eligible Implementing Agencies (IAs) to provide funding, mentor access, and access to innovation infrastructure and ecosystem to technology startups in Tier-II and Tier-III cities in India.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entities registered under Section 8, Incubators, Accelerators, Educational Institutes recognised by UGC/AICTE/formed under Central/State Act and other startups ecosystem entities that are engaged in supporting startups.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recurring financial support will be offered to approximately 50 IAs for the duration of the scheme.</li> <li>Investment and pilot funding support to startups ranging from ₹10 lakh (for early-stage startups), to up to ₹1 crore (deep-tech startups).</li> <li>Capacity building initiatives for the startup ecosystem in Tier II and III cities.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applications are accepted throughout the year.</li> <li>Interested applicants may submit their applications online via <a href="https://msh.meity.gov.in/schemes/genesis">https://msh.meity.gov.in/schemes/genesis</a></li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="https://www.meity.gov.in/static/uploads/2024/02/GENESIS_Admin_Approval-1.pdf">https://www.meity.gov.in/static/uploads/2024/02/GENESIS_Admin_Approval-1.pdf</a></li> <li><a href="https://www.meity.gov.in/static/uploads/2024/02/Brochure_GENESIS.pdf">https://www.meity.gov.in/static/uploads/2024/02/Brochure_GENESIS.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Ideation to Scaling</p>





# STPI – Next Generation Incubation Scheme (NGIS)

Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) / STPI

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p>NGIS is a government scheme that helps nurture early-stage tech startups by providing incubation support, funding, and mentorship so they can develop strong, scalable business ideas.</p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is a startup incubation scheme by Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) under MeitY, aimed at strengthening India's software product startup ecosystem, especially in Tier-II/III cities. It aims to handhold 300 tech startups across 12 STPI incubation locations in Tier-II/III cities.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indian startups working on software product development / technology-based solutions.</li> <li>DPIIT-recognised startups are encouraged; individuals, academicians, researchers, entrepreneurs, LLPs, and partnership firms may also participate but may need to register as a private limited company if selected.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seed / risk funding up to ₹25 lakh for promising startups.</li> <li>Access to state-of-the-art incubation infrastructure, labs, equipment, and testing facilities.</li> <li>Mentoring, startup-connect, industry networking, marketing support, and product lifecycle guidance.</li> <li>Internship / challenge grants for selected startups.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicants submit proposals online through the STPI/NGIS application portal during open calls.</li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>STPI Startup Portal: <a href="https://startup.stpi.in/">https://startup.stpi.in/</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Ideation to Scaling</p>








# Chips to Startup (C2S) Programme

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>The program is to build India's semiconductor/chip-design ecosystem by training skilled manpower and supporting chip development.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It aims to train specialised professionals in VLSI and Embedded System Design over 5 years, promote design and development of ASICs, SoCs, FPGAs, reusable IP cores, and prototypes, and create a strong fabless chip-design startup ecosystem in India and support indigenous semiconductor innovation.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic institutions and R&amp;D organisations across India, including IITs, NITs, IIITs, government/private colleges, and R&amp;D bodies.</li> <li>• Startups and MSMEs can participate through academia-industry collaborative projects, grand challenges, hackathons, or RFPs for System/SoC/IP Core development.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial and technical support for chip-design projects under approved categories.</li> <li>• Access to chip-design ecosystem support such as EDA tools, IP repository, fabrication/MPW support, prototyping, and mentoring.</li> <li>• Support for manpower training, R&amp;D, hardware IP design, system design, prototype development, and deployment.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicants submit project proposals online through the C2S portal in the prescribed MeitY provided format.</li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C2S Official Portal: <a href="https://www.c2s.gov.in/">https://www.c2s.gov.in/</a></li> <li>• About C2S: <a href="https://www.c2s.gov.in/about_c2s.jsp">https://www.c2s.gov.in/about_c2s.jsp</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>R&amp;D to Prototype</p>








# Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX)

Ministry of Defence / Defence Innovation Organisation (DIO)

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>iDEX is a government initiative that supports startups and innovators in building defence solutions so the military can access advanced, homegrown technologies and reduce reliance on imports.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) is the operational framework of the Defence Innovation Organization (DIO), a special purpose vehicle under the aegis of the Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence.</li> <li>• The iDEX framework was launched in 2018 to support the attainment of self-reliance in the fields of defence and defence production.</li> <li>• iDEX partners with incubators, i.e. Partner Incubators (PIs) to facilitate mentoring and access to infrastructure/test facilities to innovators, including amongst the smaller enterprises, startups and MSMEs, to foster innovation in the defense sector in an integrated manner.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DPIIT recognised startups.</li> <li>• Any company incorporated under the Companies Act, primarily a MSME as defined under the MSME Act 2016.</li> <li>• Individual innovators can also apply.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beneficiaries are provided grants/funding and other support to carry out R&amp;D development.</li> <li>• Innovation activities like accelerator programs, challenges etc., are carried under the initiative, by the iDEX Partner Incubators.</li> <li>• Grants ranging from ₹1.5 crore to ₹10 crore awarded to startups based on the scheme/challenge applied to.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit <a href="https://idex.gov.in/challenges">https://idex.gov.in/challenges</a> for more information on Challenges organized under iDEX.</li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operational guidelines: <a href="https://idex.gov.in/res">https://idex.gov.in/res</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Prototype to Procurement</p>





# Acing Development of Innovative Technologies with iDEX (ADITI)

Ministry of Defence / Defence Innovation Organisation (DIO)

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>ADITI is a government program that supports startups and innovators in building new defence and aerospace technologies so India can become more self-reliant and technologically advanced.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The ADITI Scheme aims to facilitate rapid development of strategically critical technologies which are sensitive and innovative from the defence perspective and required by the country.</li> <li>Under this, relevant Challenges/Hackathons are organized for startups to seek solutions for problem statements pertaining to the earmarked technology. Winners of the ADITI challenges are incubated by Partner Incubators (PIs).</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DPIIT recognised startups.</li> <li>Any Indian company incorporated under the Companies Act 1956/2013.</li> <li>Individual innovators can also apply.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For Partner Incubators: The limit of payment amounting to ₹9 lakh per PI, based on facilitation/completion of each milestone of their associated challenge winner.</li> <li>For Startups/Innovators: Quantum of Grant up to 50% of product development budget (PDB) with maximum limit of ₹25 crore, leading to a PDB around ₹50 crore or beyond.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visit <a href="https://idex.gov.in/">https://idex.gov.in/</a> for more information.</li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Website: <a href="https://idex.gov.in/">https://idex.gov.in/</a></li> <li>Operational guidelines: <a href="https://idex.gov.in/uploads/page/aditi_scheeme.pdf">https://idex.gov.in/uploads/page/aditi_scheeme.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Advanced Prototype</p>








# Technology Development Fund (TDF)

DRDO, Ministry of Defence

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>Technology Development Fund (TDF) is a government scheme that gives funding and support to Indian companies and startups to develop defence technologies locally so the country can reduce dependence on imports and strengthen self-reliance.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The TDF Scheme has been established to promote self-reliance in defence technology as a part of the 'Make in India' initiative.</li> <li>• The Scheme enlists requirements of Service Headquarters (SHQs) of upgrading products/ systems and futuristic defence technologies as Projects for which eligible stakeholders can apply through their platform.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public limited company, a private limited company, a partnership firm, a limited liability partnership, one-person company, sole proprietorship registered as per applicable Indian laws.</li> <li>• DPIIT recognised startups that should be incubated at one of the Central/State Government assisted incubators.</li> <li>• At least 50% of the shares of the startup must be owned and controlled by Indian citizens.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The funding will be through provision of grants.</li> <li>• Project cost of up to ₹10 crore will be considered for funding, subject to a maximum funding of 90%.</li> <li>• Aims to provide financial assistance to startups for prototype development and trials.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application process for the TDF is digitized. Applicants can register on the TDF portal - <a href="https://tdf.drdo.gov.in/">https://tdf.drdo.gov.in/</a></li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website: <a href="https://tdf.drdo.gov.in/">https://tdf.drdo.gov.in/</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Prototype to Product</p>








# IN-SPACE Seed Fund Scheme

IN-SPACE, Department of Space

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>IN-SPACE Seed Fund Scheme helps early-stage space startups build and test new space-tech ideas by giving them grant funding, mentoring, and support to move from concept to prototype.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACE) has been formed under the Department of Space (DoS) to promote, enable, authorize and supervise non-government entities to undertake space activities.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DPIIT recognised early-stage startups with innovative ideas and projects that use space technology to address challenges in space sector</li> <li>Startups should not have received more than ₹50 lakh of monetary support under any Central or State Government Scheme.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding, mentorship, training and networking opportunities.</li> <li>Grant of ₹1 crore provided to selected startups on milestone-basis.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Announcement of opportunities made from time to time on <a href="https://www.inspace.gov.in/inspace?id=announcement_for_opportunities">https://www.inspace.gov.in/inspace?id=announcement_for_opportunities</a></li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Website: <a href="https://www.inspace.gov.in/inspace?id=announcement_for_opportunities">https://www.inspace.gov.in/inspace?id=announcement_for_opportunities</a></li> <li>Guidelines: <a href="https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&amp;rct=j&amp;q=&amp;esrc=s&amp;source=web&amp;cd=&amp;ad=rja&amp;uact=8&amp;ved=2ahUKEwiW5aGn3vuRAXXQUGcHHWntG8sQFnoECBsQAQ&amp;url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.inspace.gov.in%2Fsys_attachm ent.do%3Fsys_id%3D2d09969c879a755082e163d70cbb3518&amp;usg=AOvVaw2w0pT1229-wJskQEypKV3p&amp;opi=89978449">https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&amp;rct=j&amp;q=&amp;esrc=s&amp;source=web&amp;cd=&amp;ad=rja&amp;uact=8&amp;ved=2ahUKEwiW5aGn3vuRAXXQUGcHHWntG8sQFnoECBsQAQ&amp;url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.inspace.gov.in%2Fsys_attachm ent.do%3Fsys_id%3D2d09969c879a755082e163d70cbb3518&amp;usg=AOvVaw2w0pT1229-wJskQEypKV3p&amp;opi=89978449</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Seed</p>








# Digital Communication Innovation Square (DCIS)

Department of Telecommunications (DoT)

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>Digital Communication Innovation Square (DCIS) supports startups and innovators in developing new digital communication technologies so India can strengthen its telecom sector and drive self-reliance.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To promote the ecosystem for research, design, development, proof of concept testing, Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) creation, pilot project and manufacturing i.e. complete value chain to make India a global hub for production of telecommunication equipment and a centre for digital communication services.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DPIIT recognised startups</li> <li>Any Indian company incorporated under the Companies Act 1956/2013, primarily a Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) as defined in the MSME Act, 2006 having over 51% stakes by the Indian Citizen / NRI / OCI and Headquarter in India.</li> <li>Individual Innovators will also be encouraged to apply (research &amp; academic institutions can use this category to apply). However, release of fund shall be subjected to compliance of eligibility condition for either Startup or MSME before agreement signing.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<p>Milestone based support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Startups up to ₹50 lakh</li> <li>MSMEs up to ₹2 crore</li> <li>Technology products requiring higher funding up to ₹10 crore</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply on: <a href="https://dcis.dot.gov.in/">https://dcis.dot.gov.in/</a></li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scheme guidelines: <a href="https://www.dot.gov.in/offerings/schemes-and-services/details/dcis-QjNzETMtQWa">https://www.dot.gov.in/offerings/schemes-and-services/details/dcis-QjNzETMtQWa</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Prototyping to Pilot</p>

# GREAT – Grant for Research & Entrepreneurship across Aspiring Innovators in Technical Textiles

Ministry of Textiles (National Technical Textiles Mission)

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>GREAT gives funding and incubator support to innovators and startups in technical textiles so they can turn prototypes into market-ready products and technologies.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A scheme under the National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM) to support technical-textile innovators and startups. It help young innovators, entrepreneurs and startups convert technical-textile prototypes into market-ready products/technologies.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual innovators who are Indian citizens aged 21 years or above, incubated with an eligible incubator, and working on technical-textile innovation.</li> <li>• Startup companies incorporated as a private limited company, partnership firm or LLP, with turnover below ₹100 crore, not older than 5 years, and at least 51% Indian resident ownership/control.</li> <li>• Projects must relate to technical-textile areas such as agro-textiles, geo-textiles, medical textiles, protective textiles, smart textiles, high-performance fibres, sustainable textiles, composites, or indigenous machinery/equipment.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grant-in-aid of normally up to ₹50 lakh per approved proposal for up to 18 months.</li> <li>• Funding is released milestone-wise, generally in 40:40:20 instalments.</li> <li>• Associated incubators receive an additional 10% of the sanctioned Government grant share for mentoring, due diligence and monitoring support.</li> <li>• Intellectual property generated remains with the innovator/startup or may be jointly shared with the incubator as per their agreement.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply online through the GREAT portal when applications are invited by NTTM/Ministry of Textiles. <a href="https://nttm.texmin.gov.in/StartupRegistration/StartupUserRegistration">https://nttm.texmin.gov.in/StartupRegistration/StartupUserRegistration</a></li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GREAT Application Portal: <a href="https://nttm.texmin.gov.in/StartupRegistration/StartupUserRegistration">https://nttm.texmin.gov.in/StartupRegistration/StartupUserRegistration</a></li> <li>• Scheme guidelines: <a href="http://www.nttm.texmin.gov.in/pdf/WhatsNew/Revised%20GREAT%20guidelines.pdf">http://www.nttm.texmin.gov.in/pdf/WhatsNew/Revised%20GREAT%20guidelines.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Prototype to Commercialisation</p>








# BHARATI – Bharat’s Hub for Agritech, Resilience, Advancement & Incubation for Export Innovation

APEDA, Ministry of Commerce & Industry

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>BHARATI helps agri-food and agritech startups become export-ready by giving them acceleration support, market access, and connections to the ecosystem needed to sell innovative products globally.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is a flagship initiative of Agricultural &amp; Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) to strengthen India’s agri-food and processed food export ecosystem through innovation and startup acceleration.</li> <li>• It aims to empower agri-food and agri-tech startups and create new export opportunities, promote innovation in high-value agri-food products, export technologies, packaging, traceability, logistics, sustainability, and quality assurance.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agri-food startups developing innovative/high-value products for export, technology and service startups offering export-enabling solutions across the value chain.</li> <li>• Solution providers for SPS challenges, including startups, individual researchers, innovators and solo/self-employed entrepreneurs.</li> <li>• APEDA-registered exporters seeking to innovate or expand high-value product portfolios for international markets.</li> <li>• Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs) developing innovative/high-value agri-food products or SPS-related solutions.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acceleration support covering product development, export readiness, regulatory compliance and market access.</li> <li>• Access to APEDA’s ecosystem, including industry bodies, state agricultural boards, universities, IITs/NITs and accelerators.</li> <li>• Support for innovative categories such as GI-tagged products, organic foods, superfoods, processed Indian foods, livestock products and AYUSH products.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit <a href="https://apeda.gov.in/bharati/">https://apeda.gov.in/bharati/</a> for more information.</li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BHARATI official portal: <a href="https://apeda.gov.in/bharati/">https://apeda.gov.in/bharati/</a></li> <li>• Who can apply: <a href="https://apeda.gov.in/bharati/Who_Can_Apply.html">https://apeda.gov.in/bharati/Who_Can_Apply.html</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Market Access</p>

# S&T-PRISM – Promotion of Research & Innovation in Mining, Minerals & Recycling Sector








Ministry of Mines

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>S&amp;T-PRISM helps early-stage startups in mining, minerals, metals, and recycling turn innovative ideas into working prototypes and pilot-ready solutions through funding and incubation support.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The S&amp;T-PRISM program aims to promote the ecosystem for research, design, development, proof of concept testing, IPR creation, pilot project and manufacturing i.e., complete value chain in mining, mineral processing, metallurgy and recycling sector. There are two components in the program: Startup Funding and Setting up Incubation Centres.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Startups operating at the early stages in the mining and metal industry.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To Startups: Grant of up to ₹2 crore on milestone basis to startups showing capability, intent, and promise to be able to produce functional prototypes or to productize existing technologies.</li> <li>To Incubators: Grant of up to ₹10 crore to incubators disbursed on milestone-basis.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow the instructions provided in the scheme guidelines <a href="https://mines.gov.in/admin/storage/app/uploads/655212bdb9e5b1699877565.pdf">https://mines.gov.in/admin/storage/app/uploads/655212bdb9e5b1699877565.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operational Guidelines: <a href="https://mines.gov.in/admin/storage/app/uploads/655212bdb9e5b1699877565.pdf">https://mines.gov.in/admin/storage/app/uploads/655212bdb9e5b1699877565.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Prototype to Pilot</p>

# SECTION 3 | Scheme One-Pagers | PART B








# NIDHI – Entrepreneur in Residence (EIR)

Department of Science and Technology (DST)

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>NIDHI–EIR is a fellowship scheme that gives young people with startup ideas monthly financial support, workspace, and mentoring so they can turn their idea into a business</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The initiative NIDHI – Entrepreneur in Residence (EIR) is executed at selected NIDHI-Technology Business Incubator (TBI) known as Programme Executing Partner (PEP). These approved TBIs then select entrepreneurs under the programme pursuing a promising technology business idea. The objective is to encourage graduating students to take to entrepreneurship by providing support as a fellowship.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The entrepreneur should be an Indian citizen. They should have completed minimum 4 years of formal full time undergraduate/post graduate education or 3 years degree or diploma program and have 2-year full time work experience post degree or diploma.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grant ranging from ₹10,000 to ₹30,000 per month for a period of 12 months, extendable up to 18 months.</li> <li>The selected NIDHI-TBI will received a grant of ₹39.6 lakh each year, of which ₹36 lakh is to be provided to the NIDHI EIRs.</li> <li>Co-working spaces for developing the idea into a marketable product.</li> <li>Guidance from experienced, innovative and highly successful entrepreneurs on the business concept, strategy or venture and insight into specific industries or markets.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<p>The program is announced by the NIDHI-TBI locally. Applications by the EIR are to be submitted in a prescribed format</p>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Website: <a href="https://nidhi.dst.gov.in/">https://nidhi.dst.gov.in/</a></li> <li>Guidelines: <a href="https://nidhi.dst.gov.in/nidhieir/">https://nidhi.dst.gov.in/nidhieir/</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Ideation</p>








# National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems (NM-ICPS) – Technology Innovation Hubs

Department of Science & Technology (DST)

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>NM-ICPS Technology Innovation Hubs support people and startups working on advanced technologies by giving them funding and non-financial support to turn ideas into real products and businesses.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Department of Science &amp; Technology (DST) is implementing multi-stakeholder National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber Physical System (NM-ICPS). The Mission works with all the concerned Ministries/ Departments to identify their technology needs, develop solutions and technical support. It aims at development of technology platforms to carry out R&amp;D, Translational Research, Product Development, Incubating &amp; Supporting Startups as well as Commercialization. Under NM-ICPS, 25 Technology Innovation Hubs (TIH) have been set up across the country.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Under the 25 TIHs, individuals and entities including startups, students, entrepreneurs, and researchers, are invited to apply.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eligible beneficiaries are provided with financial and non-financial support for research and development.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Technology Innovation Hubs release call for proposals periodically for different projects. Interested individuals/entities are advised to regularly check the call for proposals section on the NM-ICPS website.</li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Website: <a href="https://nmicps.in/">https://nmicps.in/</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Prototype to Scaling</p>








# National Initiative for Developing and Harnessing Innovations - Technology Business Incubator (NIDHI-TBI)

Department of Science and Technology

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>NIDHI-TBI supports institutions in setting up incubators so they can help technology-based ideas grow into startups.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The initiative aims to convert technology-based innovations into startups by supporting institutions in setting up Technology Business Incubators (TBIs). The initiative provides support for non-recurring and recurring expenses of TBIs.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Host Institute (HI) such as Academic/Technical/R&amp;D Institutes and other institutions with a proven track record in promotion of technology-based entrepreneurship, with adequate expertise and infrastructure to support incubation activities, or</li> <li>A legal entity registered in India with the clear purpose and objective of promoting research, innovation, and entrepreneurial ecosystem. Not-for-profit legal entity registered as a society/trust/section 8 company</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-recurring capital: For publicly funded institutes, 100% support can be provided for renovation/furnishing. In case of other institutes, certain percentage of the total cost (excluding land &amp; building) will be provided.</li> <li>Recurring: Out of the total recurring expenditure incurred by the NIDHI-TBI against the approved amount, following mode of funding by DST would be followed on actual recurring expenditure.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposal is to be submitted in the prescribed proforma available at <a href="https://nidhi.dst.gov.in/">https://nidhi.dst.gov.in/</a></li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operational Guidelines: <a href="https://nidhi.dst.gov.in/nidhitbi/">https://nidhi.dst.gov.in/nidhitbi/</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Incubation</p>








# NIDHI - Inclusive-Technology Business Incubator (i-TBI)

Department of Science and Technology (DST)

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>NIDHI i-TBI supports institutions in underserved regions to set up incubators so local innovators and startups can get the space, funding, and support needed to build new ventures.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The NIDHI i-TBI initiative aims to support institutions in regions where innovation and startup incubation ecosystem is at nascent stages and 'Inclusive TBI' can play a vital role in normalizing resources and value creation across the country. The i-TBI would create a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship in the Host Institute (HI) and nearby geographies.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The HI is to provide up to 10,000 square feet (minimum 7,000 square feet) of built-up space to host i-TBI in the campus.</li> <li>The HI shall agree to establish separate Section 8 company to professionally manage the i-TBI and will execute a lease agreement between HI and new (Section 8) entity, to lease the space earmarked for the i-TBI to new entity at no cost or at minimum rate for 10 years or beyond.</li> <li>The i-TBI should be capable of accommodating at least 30 innovative ventures/startups.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DST will provide the necessary capital fund to establish the infrastructure of i-TBI.</li> <li>The i-TBI is provided with a maximum funding of ₹5 crore over a period of 3 years.</li> <li>Funding for non-recurring expenditure:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For private institutions – 50:50 share between DST and HI</li> <li>For public institutions – 75:25 share between DST and HI, respectively.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The ignition grant shall be for development of prototype/products.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<p>Visit the online portal i.e., <a href="https://nidhi.dst.gov.in/">https://nidhi.dst.gov.in/</a></p>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Website: <a href="https://nidhi.dst.gov.in/nidhiitbi/">https://nidhi.dst.gov.in/nidhiitbi/</a></li> <li>Guidelines: <a href="https://nidhi.dst.gov.in/nidhiitbi/">https://nidhi.dst.gov.in/nidhiitbi/</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Incubation (Underserved regions)</p>








# NIDHI-Accelerator

Department of Science and Technology (DST)

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>NIDHI-Accelerator helps incubators run short, intensive programs that give promising startups mentoring, networks, and demo-day support so they can grow faster.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The umbrella programme ‘National Initiative for Developing and Harnessing Innovations (NIDHI)’ developed in 2016 aims to nurture the innovation ecosystem in India. Key components of the NIDHI program are outlined in the following sections.</li> <li>• NIDHI Accelerators are positioned as post-incubation initiatives linked with the existing incubators to supplement, complement the scaling up of the startup value chain. Under the programme, DST encourages its existing TBIs and other incubators to extensively adopt and evolve the accelerator mode. It aims to fast track the growth of potential startups through rigorous mentoring and networking support in a short span through existing TBIs.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TBIs previously funded or currently funded by DST or any other Central or State government with a minimum 3 years in existence, having nurtured and incubated at least 20 startups in multiple domains.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contribution towards the overall budget for running accelerators shall not exceed ₹40 lakh per program of one cohort. It is further divided into two categories:</li> <li>• Accelerator Program with a maximum limit of ₹30 lakh, that includes manpower, logistics, travel, mentoring, infrastructure, training, and all other cost.</li> <li>• Demo Day Award with maximum budget of ₹10 lakh where top 3 to 5 startups of the batch are awarded on the basis of their performance/achievements during the accelerator program.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit the online portal <a href="https://nidhi.dst.gov.in/">https://nidhi.dst.gov.in/</a></li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website: <a href="https://nidhi.dst.gov.in/">https://nidhi.dst.gov.in/</a></li> <li>• Guidelines: <a href="https://nidhi.dst.gov.in/schemes-programmes/nidhiaccelerator/">https://nidhi.dst.gov.in/schemes-programmes/nidhiaccelerator/</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Acceleration</p>








# NIDHI-Centres of Excellence (CoE)

Department of Science and Technology (DST)

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>NIDHI-CoE supports established incubators in building world-class facilities and services so that high-potential technology startups can turn innovations into scalable businesses.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Under NIDHI-Centres of Excellence (CoE), the DST empowers incubators to provide an enabling environment for the growth of technology startups to enhance the prospects of their success. The NIDHI-CoE proposes to strengthen existing capacities of STEP/TBIs and support potential startups with different pursuits and practices in transferring technological innovations into marketable products/high-growth companies. DST has priority areas for supporting NIDHI-CoEs.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing incubator with incubation experience of at least 5 years.</li> <li>For non-academic institution, it should be a legal entity registered in India with the clear purpose of promoting research, innovation, and entrepreneurial ecosystem.</li> <li>The financial support for establishing a NIDHI-CoE would be extended to a not-for-profit legal entity registered as a Society/Trust/Section 8 company.</li> <li>The host institution should be in existence for at least 8 years. This will not apply to entities created by the Central or State governments.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An enhanced support of maximum of ₹50 crore in 5 years.</li> <li>Public funded institutions: Would be eligible for 100% support including building</li> <li>Private institution: Eligible for recurring support of ₹20 crore and a maximum of ₹1 crore for equipment</li> <li>The support would include design/prototype development &amp; Validation Centres along with the Patent Facilitation centres, state-of-the-art technology based TBI facilities to accommodate minimum 100 startups and an accelerator for 10 high potential startups.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposals are received throughout the year. Format for the proposal is provided on the portal <a href="https://nidhi.dst.gov.in/">https://nidhi.dst.gov.in/</a></li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Website: <a href="https://nidhi.dst.gov.in/">https://nidhi.dst.gov.in/</a></li> <li>Guidelines: <a href="https://nidhi.dst.gov.in/nidhicoe/">https://nidhi.dst.gov.in/nidhicoe/</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Scaling</p>








# BioAngels

Department of Biotechnology (DBT) / BIRAC

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>BioAngels helps biotech and related startups raise investment by connecting them with angel investors who also provide expert mentoring and industry access.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BioAngels is a unique partnership between BIRAC, an enterprise of the Department of Biotechnology, and IAN, India's single largest horizontal platform for seed and early-stage investing. It is focused on supporting Biotech, Medtech, Healthtech, Pharma, Agritech &amp; Cleantech startups to raise their angel round from Angel Investors who bring deep domain expertise.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Startups and entrepreneurs operating in Biotech, Medtech, Healthtech, Pharma, Cleantech &amp; Agritech sectors.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BioAngels provides financial incentives, mentoring, and market access.</li> <li>• It aims to fuel the ecosystem through interactions with high-quality investors and industry leaders, whilst emphasizing a strong operational focus, frameworks, processes, and governance.</li> <li>• The inclusive group of ecosystem stakeholders at BioAngels comprises HNIs, angel investors, family offices, strategic investors, corporates, and VCs.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply here: <a href="https://bioangels.vc/">https://bioangels.vc/</a></li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website: <a href="https://bioangels.vc/about-us/">https://bioangels.vc/about-us/</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Early-stage</p>








# BioNEST Programme

Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), Department of Biotechnology

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>The BioNEST program enables certain entities (educational institutions, incubators etc.) to create globally competent bio-incubation facilities for targeted scaling up of biotech startup ecosystem.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The BioNEST (Bioincubators Nurturing Entrepreneurship for Scaling Technologies) program is supported by BIRAC to create globally competent bio-incubation facilities across the country in order to facilitate the targeted scaling up of biotech startup ecosystem.</li> <li>• To provide entrepreneurs with incubation space with shared access to high end infrastructure, specialized and advanced equipment</li> <li>• To provide entrepreneurs with business mentorship, IP, legal and regulatory guidance, and networking opportunities.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relevant incorporated Indian legal entities including: Educational institutions, Business Incubators, Biotech-Parks, State government Science and Technology bodies, Biotech State Councils, Research Hospitals.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grant-in-aid, based on the need and scope of the project as adjudged by the BioNEST committee.</li> <li>• BIRAC funding to cater to refurbishment/ renovation of space, equipment, furniture and operational cost.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interested applicants may submit their applications online via <a href="https://www.birac.nic.in/desc_new.php?id=1120">https://www.birac.nic.in/desc_new.php?id=1120</a>.</li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website: <a href="https://www.birac.nic.in/desc_new.php?id=1120">https://www.birac.nic.in/desc_new.php?id=1120</a></li> <li>• Operational Guidelines: <a href="https://www.birac.nic.in/webcontent/1707480045_BioNEST_Guidelines.pdf">https://www.birac.nic.in/webcontent/1707480045_BioNEST_Guidelines.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Incubation</p>

# Biotechnology Industry Partnership Programme (BIPP)

Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), Department of Biotechnology

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>Under BIPP, the Government offers support to startups in partnership with industries for research in frontier futuristic technology areas.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Biotechnology Industry Partnership Programme (BIPP) is a government partnership with industries for support on a cost sharing basis for research in frontier futuristic technology areas. It is focused on IP creation with ownership retained by Indian industry and wherever relevant, by collaborating scientists.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<p>Single company or consortia of companies incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013; or Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) incorporated under the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008, jointly with or without the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public/private university/colleges in India</li> <li>National research laboratories</li> <li>Not-for-profit private research labs/societies/foundation/NGO</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One time grant-in-aid (subject to a maximum of ₹50 lakh) is provided by BIRAC to those startups which have not received grant-in-aid under any scheme of BIRAC in past.</li> <li>If the startup has received funding from BIRAC before, BIRAC contribution will be restricted to a maximum of 70% of the total budget of the respective entity (Minimum 30% of the total budget will be contributed by the respective Company).</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call for Applications are announced twice a year (1st April – 15th May; 1st September – 15th October)</li> <li>Proposals are required to be submitted online only. Call for proposals and application link can be found on the BIRAC website: <a href="https://birac.nic.in/cfp.php">https://birac.nic.in/cfp.php</a></li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Detailed guidelines: <a href="https://birac.nic.in/webcontent/1745298172_BIPP_scheme_guidelines_16_04_2025.pdf">https://birac.nic.in/webcontent/1745298172_BIPP_scheme_guidelines_16_04_2025.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Validation to Commercialisation</p>




# Empowering Youth for Undertaking Value Added Innovative Translational Research (E-YUVA)

Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), Department of Biotechnology

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>E-YUVA supports students and young researchers with funding, mentoring, and incubation support so they can turn useful biotech ideas into real solutions or startups.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>E-YUVA was initiated by BIRAC to promote a culture of applied research and need-oriented (societal or industry) entrepreneurial innovation among young students and researchers. It is implemented through dedicated hubs called E-Yuva Centers (EYCs), housed within the University/Institute set up and mentored by a BIRAC BioNEST supported bio-incubator. The Scheme provides support under two categories: BIRAC's Innovation Fellows (post-graduates and above), and BIRAC's E-YUVA Fellows (undergraduate students).</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Innovation Fellows: An Indian Student who has completed Masters/ Ph.D. in any discipline.</li> <li>E-YUVA Fellows: Indian students pursuing under graduation in any domain.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Scheme provides funding support – through fellowship and research grants.</li> <li>Monthly fellowship grant provided under the Scheme ranges between ₹30,000-₹50,000. Annual research grant range between ₹3 lakh to ₹5 lakh.</li> <li>Technical and business mentoring, exposure to bioincubation model, orientation to entrepreneurial culture etc. is also provided to students.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two Calls for Applications announced in a year.</li> <li>Online applications are to be submitted through the BIRAC website: <a href="https://birac.nic.in">https://birac.nic.in</a></li> <li>The shortlisted applicants/teams are called for a presentation before a Technical Expert Committee along with BIRAC nominee at respective EYCs</li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Website: <a href="https://birac.nic.in/e_yuva.php">https://birac.nic.in/e_yuva.php</a></li> <li>Operational Guidelines: <a href="https://birac.nic.in/webcontent/1658838527_EYUVA_Guideline_Version_1.1.pdf">https://birac.nic.in/webcontent/1658838527_EYUVA_Guideline_Version_1.1.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Ideation (Students)</p>








# Students Innovations for Translation & Advancement of Research Explorations (SITARE)

Department of Biotechnology (DBT)

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>SITARE supports student innovators in biotechnology with funding, training, and mentoring so they can turn promising research ideas into practical solutions or startups.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students Innovations for Translation &amp; Advancement of Research Explorations (SITARE) Scheme aims to promote and support innovative student projects in the area of biotechnology.</li> <li>The scheme has two components, SITARE-Gandhian Young Technological Innovation Award Grant (SITARE-GYTI), and SITARE-Appreciation Grant.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SITARE-GYTI: An Indian Student pursuing Ph.D./Masters in any discipline.</li> <li>SITARE-Appreciation Grant: Students pursuing undergraduate programme in any discipline, preferably from Tier II/Tier III cities and aspirational districts within India.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SITARE-GYTI: Innovative student projects receive funding support of up to ₹15 lakh each for projects with commercial potential leading to creation of biotech startups.</li> <li>SITARE-Appreciation Grant: Students selected to attend Biotech Innovation Ignition School (BIIS) workshops are eligible to receive funding support of up to ₹1 lakh each, followed by training and mentoring.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For SITARE-GYTI: The call for application opens once a year in August/September for 45-60 days. Proposals shall be submitted online only.</li> <li>SITARE-Appreciation Grant: Applications need to be submitted online only. Call for applications are invited against advertisement by SITARE Partner</li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To apply, visit <a href="https://www.birac.nic.in/">https://www.birac.nic.in/</a> and login as a registered user.</li> <li>Guidelines: <a href="https://birac.nic.in/webcontent/1584008982_SITARE_Scheme_Guidelines.pdf">https://birac.nic.in/webcontent/1584008982_SITARE_Scheme_Guidelines.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Ideation to Translation (Students)</p>








# Promoting Academic Research Conversion to Enterprise (PACE)

Department of Biotechnology (DBT)

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>PACE helps academic institutions turn important research into early-stage products and then supports industry partnerships to validate and take those innovations closer to real-world use.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The PACE (Promoting Academic Research Conversion to Enterprise) encourages academia to develop technology/product (up to PoC stage) of societal/national importance (under Academic Innovation Research or AIR), and its subsequent validation by an industrial partner (under Contract Research Scheme or CRS).</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For AIR: Academia (Public or Private Institute, University, NGO, or Research Foundation) with a well-established support system for research shall be the primary applicant. Collaboration with Industry/LLP is optional in this component.</li> <li>For CRS: Mandatory collaboration with Industry/LLP is needed. The Industry collaborator must have a minimum of 51% of the shares of the Company held by Indian Citizens holding Indian passport.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PACE provides for BIRAC contribution of up to 100% of the project cost.</li> <li>Financial support under AIR: Total cost of the project must not exceed ₹50 lakh (non-recurring cost must not exceed 10% of the total cost)</li> <li>Financial support under CRS: Funding in the form of grant is provided to both academic as well as industrial partners. There is no ceiling to the funding under CRS.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call for Applications are announced twice a year (1st April – 15th May; and 1st September – 15th October). Besides two regular calls, BIRAC may also announce need-based additional calls whose terms and conditions would be worked out separately and described in their respective RFPs.</li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Website: <a href="https://birac.nic.in/desc_new.php?id=286">https://birac.nic.in/desc_new.php?id=286</a></li> <li>Operational Guidelines: <a href="https://birac.nic.in/webcontent/1613355528_PACE_scheme_document_15_02_2021.pdf">https://birac.nic.in/webcontent/1613355528_PACE_scheme_document_15_02_2021.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Research Translation</p>








# Small Business Innovation Research Initiative (SBIRI)

Department of Biotechnology (DBT)

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>SBIRI supports biotech startups by funding product and process innovation, often with research partners, so they can develop and validate ideas for commercial use.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small Business Innovation Research Initiative (SBIRI) aims to boost innovation focused Public-Private Partnership (PPP) approach in the area of Biotechnology.</li> <li>• SBIRI creates an enabling platform for the creation of product and process development and their commercialisation.</li> <li>• It facilitates innovation by enabling collaboration between startups, industry, public institutions, and the Government to promote research and innovation in the Indian biotechnology sector.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biotechnology startups with/without partnerships with public/private universities, public or private research institutions, or societies/foundation/NGO.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For a project cost of up to ₹50 lakh, 100% BIRAC grant-in-aid is given to select applicants and collaboration company (if any)</li> <li>• For a project cost over ₹50 lakh, BIRAC grant-in-aid would be ₹50 lakh along with 70% of the project cost over and above ₹50 lakh. The remaining cost is to be borne by the applicant.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call for Applications are announced twice a year (1st April – 15th May; and 1st September - 15th October).</li> <li>• Besides two regular calls, BIRAC may also announce need-based additional calls whose terms and conditions would be worked out separately and described in their respective RFPs.</li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website: <a href="https://birac.nic.in/desc_new.php?id=217">https://birac.nic.in/desc_new.php?id=217</a></li> <li>• Operational Guidelines: <a href="https://www.birac.nic.in/webcontent/1745298212_SBIRI_scheme_guidelines_16_04_2025.pdf">https://www.birac.nic.in/webcontent/1745298212_SBIRI_scheme_guidelines_16_04_2025.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Prototype to Validation</p>








# TIDE 2.0 – Technology Incubation & Development of Entrepreneurs

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>TIDE 2.0 helps early-stage tech startups get funding, incubation, and mentoring so they can turn ideas and prototypes into market-ready products.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TIDE 2.0 scheme is a fellowship/grant for aspiring entrepreneurs, aiming to create a holistic ecosystem by providing financial and technical support to technology startups by creating necessary linkages.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information Technology based, DPIIT-recognised startups.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<p>Extended to Entrepreneurs-in-residence (EiR) at various stages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to ₹4 lakh for idea to Proof of Concept.</li> <li>Up to ₹7 lakh grants for prototype development.</li> <li>Up to ₹40 lakh investment for product development and market outreach.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Startups to refer to the MeitY Startup Hub (MSH) to access the list of incubators in India benefitting from the TIDE 2.0 scheme and gauge the incubators most suitable to their needs.</li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Website: <a href="https://msh.meity.gov.in/schemes/tide">https://msh.meity.gov.in/schemes/tide</a></li> <li>Operational Guidelines: <a href="https://www.meity.gov.in/offerings/schemes-and-services/details/technology-incubation-and-development-of-entrepreneurs-QMwEjNtQWa">https://www.meity.gov.in/offerings/schemes-and-services/details/technology-incubation-and-development-of-entrepreneurs-QMwEjNtQWa</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Early-stage</p>








# Design Linked Incentive (DLI) Scheme

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>DLI provides incentives and access to advanced design infrastructure for domestic startups and MSMEs.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Design Linked Incentive (DLI) Scheme is a key instrument under the Semicon India Programme to catalyze a strong, self-reliant chip design ecosystem by providing financial incentives and access to advanced design infrastructure for domestic startups and MSMEs.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Domestic companies, startups and MSMEs engaged in semiconductor design or semiconductor-linked design.</li> <li>Target areas include ICs, chipsets, SoCs, systems, IP cores and semiconductor-linked designs.</li> <li>Applicants claiming incentives must retain domestic status, i.e., more than 50% beneficial ownership by resident Indian citizens / Indian companies ultimately owned and controlled by resident Indians, for 3 years after claiming incentives.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chip Design Infrastructure Support: Access to EDA tools, IP cores, MPW prototyping and post-silicon validation support.</li> <li>Product Design Linked Incentive: Reimbursement of up to 50% of eligible expenditure, capped at ₹15 crore per application.</li> <li>Deployment Linked Incentive: Incentive of 6% to 4% of net sales turnover over 5 years, capped at ₹30 crore per application.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visit the official DLI portal and register/login.</li> <li>Submit the online application with required project and applicant details.</li> <li>Track application status online; approvals/certificates are issued electronically</li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Official DLI Portal: <a href="http://chips-dli.gov.in/">http://chips-dli.gov.in/</a></li> <li>India Semiconductor Mission — DLI Scheme: <a href="https://ism.gov.in/design-linked-incentive">https://ism.gov.in/design-linked-incentive</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Prototype to Commercialisation</p>








# Antariksh Venture Capital Fund/ Space VCF

Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe), Department of Space

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>Antariksh Venture Capital Fund is a SEBI registered Alternative Investment Fund that invests in unlisted Indian space companies.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Antariksh Venture Capital Fund is a SEBI registered Alternative Investment Fund with the key investor being Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe), Department of Space, Government of India. The fund received registration from SEBI in October 2025 and achieved its initial closing with a committed corpus of ₹1,005 crore. The Fund's investment objective is to provide capital to companies in the space sector at various stages of development as well as support the scaling of operations and the commercialisation of new technologies, empowering the companies to contribute to India's broader space ambitions.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indian companies operating in the Space sector with Technology Readiness Level (TRL) of 4 and above.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Fund would invest primarily by way of investments in privately negotiated equity, convertible instruments and / or other permissible instruments in unlisted Indian space companies.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interested companies can apply on the website: <a href="https://www.sidbiventure.co.in/antariksh_venture_capital_fund.html">https://www.sidbiventure.co.in/antariksh_venture_capital_fund.html</a></li> <li>Application form: <a href="https://forms.cloud.microsoft/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=aRgAbgzE306qFp7_Srf-s0ExpWkb3JRCt9X0vPRtOjRUNDVJWE5JNDJJQjcyR1g1S0xDMIFFNkZMTS4u&amp;route=shorturl">https://forms.cloud.microsoft/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=aRgAbgzE306qFp7_Srf-s0ExpWkb3JRCt9X0vPRtOjRUNDVJWE5JNDJJQjcyR1g1S0xDMIFFNkZMTS4u&amp;route=shorturl</a>.</li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Website: <a href="https://www.sidbiventure.co.in/antariksh_venture_capital_fund.html">https://www.sidbiventure.co.in/antariksh_venture_capital_fund.html</a></li> <li>Other: <a href="https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2247865&amp;req=3&amp;lang=2">https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2247865&amp;req=3&amp;lang=2</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Scaling</p>








# Space Technology Adoption Fund (TAF)

Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe), Department of Space

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p>The Space Technology Adoption Fund (TAF) helps Indian space companies turn early-stage technologies into commercial products by giving funding to support development and market readiness.</p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IN-SPACe aims to foster commercialisation in space system by promoting Indian non-government entities (NGEi) to develop space products which in turn shall lead to scaling up the productionisation to meet the Global and Domestic Space Sector demands.</li> <li>As part of this endeavor, the Technology Adoption Fund (TAF), a funding scheme designed to promote innovation and drive the commercialisation of cutting-edge technologies in the space sector has been instituted with a total funding of ₹500 crore.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indian non-government entities (NGEi) including startups, MSMEs and large industry.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partial funding provided to the NGEi to work towards transforming early-stage technologies (TRL-3/4) into commercially viable product (TRL-8/9). The funding would be up to 60% for Startups/MSME and 40% for large industry of the project cost. The maximum funding which can be offered for a project is capped at ₹25 crore.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interested companies can register and apply on the website: <a href="https://www.inspace.gov.in/inspace?id=inspace_taf">https://www.inspace.gov.in/inspace?id=inspace_taf</a></li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Website: <a href="https://www.inspace.gov.in/inspace?id=inspace_taf">https://www.inspace.gov.in/inspace?id=inspace_taf</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>TRL Advancement</p>








# Credit Guarantee Trust Fund for Micro & Small Enterprises (CGTMSE)

Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>Under the CGTMSE, collateral free loan is provided to Micro and Small Enterprises (MSE) units.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) jointly established a Trust named Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) in order to implement Credit Guarantee Scheme for Micro and Small Enterprises. The corpus of CGTMSE is contributed by Government of India and SIDBI. 75% of the loan amount to the bank is guaranteed by the Trust Fund.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loans sanctioned to Micro and Small Enterprises (MSE) units, as per the definition of the Ministry of MSMEs engaged in all eligible activities including trading activity.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collateral free loan is available for individual MSE on payment of guarantee fee to bank by the MSE</li> <li>The cap of ₹10 crore is the maximum guarantee coverage limit (irrespective of the unit activity including Trading) per borrower based on the outstanding credit facilities and the borrowers can avail incremental credit facilities</li> <li>Modified guarantee cover is available for Women entrepreneurs / Units located in Northeast Region.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply to a MLI (Banks, NBFCs, FIs) registered with CGTMSE for MSE loan (Term Loan or Working Capital). Check the official CGTMSE website for the list of MLIs: <a href="https://www.cgtmse.in/">https://www.cgtmse.in/</a></li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Detailed scheme guidelines: <a href="https://www.cgtmse.in/Default/ViewFile/?id=1743176302611_CGTMSE%20-%20Scheme%20Document%20CGS%20I_updated%20as%20on%20Apr%201%202025.pdf&amp;path=Page">https://www.cgtmse.in/Default/ViewFile/?id=1743176302611_CGTMSE%20-%20Scheme%20Document%20CGS%20I_updated%20as%20on%20Apr%201%202025.pdf&amp;path=Page</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Credit Support</p>

# Self-Reliant India Fund (SRI Fund)

Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>The Self-Reliant India Fund (SRI Fund) helps MSMEs raise equity or quasi-equity capital through government-backed investment funds.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SRI fund has the provision of ₹10,000 crore from Government of India and ₹40,000 crore through Private Equity / Venture Capital Funds. In totality, it will create a provision of ₹50,000 crore equity support to MSMEs, who have the potential and viability to grow and become large units.</li> <li>• SRI Fund is being implemented by NSIC Venture Capital fund Limited (NVCFL), which is an Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) of Category II registered with SEBI. SRI fund is oriented to provide the funding support through NVCFL to the Daughter Funds for onward provision to MSMEs as growth capital, in the form of equity or quasi- equity.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MSMEs, defined as per the MSMED Act, as amended from time to time.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of growth capital in the form of equity or quasi-equity through Daughter Funds.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interested MSMEs can fill the form to show their interest: <a href="https://nvcfl.co.in/Home/InterestAsMSME">https://nvcfl.co.in/Home/InterestAsMSME</a></li> <li>• Further, NVCFL also publishes an official list of empaneled Daughter Funds, including fund names, investment managers, sector focus, contact persons, email IDs, phone numbers, and addresses, which can be used to directly approach funds aligned to respective sector/stage - <a href="https://nvcfl.co.in/Corporate/EmpanelledDaughterFunds">https://nvcfl.co.in/Corporate/EmpanelledDaughterFunds</a></li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website: <a href="https://dcmsme.gov.in/CLCS_TUS_Scheme/SRI_Fund/Scheme_Guidelines.aspx">https://dcmsme.gov.in/CLCS_TUS_Scheme/SRI_Fund/Scheme_Guidelines.aspx</a></li> <li>• Detailed scheme guidelines: <a href="https://www.nvcfl.co.in/Contents/pdfs/Revised_Final_SRI_Operating_Guidelines_approved_by_Minister_20210917.pdf">https://www.nvcfl.co.in/Contents/pdfs/Revised_Final_SRI_Operating_Guidelines_approved_by_Minister_20210917.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Scaling</p>








# MSME Champions Scheme (erstwhile Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme for Technology Upgradation (CLCS-TU))

Ministry of MSME

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>The MSME Champions Scheme helps MSMEs improve quality, adopt better technology, become more competitive, and grow through support for certification, innovation, design, and lean manufacturing.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ministry of MSME had been implementing Credit Linked Capital Subsidy and Technology Upgradation Scheme (CLCS-TUS) for promoting competitiveness amongst Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) by the way of wastage reduction through Lean Manufacturing, support for Design improvement, building awareness on Intellectual Property Rights, Zero Defect Zero Effect (ZED) Scheme, digitally empowerment of MSME through Digital MSME and to promote adoption of latest technologies in manufacturing as well as knowledge based innovation MSMEs through Incubation across India.</li> <li>• MSME Champions scheme has been formulated through Standing Finance Committee (SFC) by merging all 6 components of erstwhile Technology Upgradation Scheme (TUS) for a period of 5 years i.e., 2021-22 to 2025-26.</li> <li>• There are 3 components under the new MSME Champions scheme:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MSME-Sustainable (ZED)</li> <li>• MSME-Competitive (Lean)</li> <li>• MSME-Innovative (for Incubation, IPR, Design)</li> </ul>             Digital MSME (yet to be launched)           </li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MSMEs</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subsidy on cost of ZED certification, Financial Assistance in Testing/Quality/Product, Handholding Support, Support in Technology Upgradation for Zero Effect, MSME KAWACH (Knowledge Acquisition through WASH for an Accelerated COVID-19 Handling) Certification, Graded incentives.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply here: <a href="https://champions.gov.in/Government-India/Ministry-MSME-Portal-handholding/msme-problem-complaint-welcome.htm">https://champions.gov.in/Government-India/Ministry-MSME-Portal-handholding/msme-problem-complaint-welcome.htm</a></li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schemes and guidelines: <a href="https://champions.gov.in/Government-India/Ministry-MSME-Portal-handholding/msme-problem-complaint-welcome.htm">https://champions.gov.in/Government-India/Ministry-MSME-Portal-handholding/msme-problem-complaint-welcome.htm</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Competitiveness</p>








# International Cooperation Scheme

Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>The International Cooperation Scheme helps MSMEs explore export markets by supporting their participation in international trade fairs, exhibitions, buyer-seller meets, and other activities that build global market access.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This scheme aims to support MSMEs in entering the international market, by providing them opportunity to participate in international exhibitions, fair, buyer-seller market abroad. Incentives/reimbursements are offered to MSMEs for support. The objective of the Scheme is to provide opportunities to MSMEs to continuously update themselves to meet the challenges emerging out of changes in technology, changes in demand, emergence of new markets, etc.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MSMEs, State/Central Government Organizations/Institutions and Registered Industry/Enterprise Associations etc.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The scheme provides financial assistance on reimbursement to beneficiaries.</li> <li>The Scheme has envisaged three components to provide support: 'Market Development Assistance' and 'Capacity Building of First Time Exporters (CBFTE)', and Framework for International Market Intelligence Dissemination (IMID).</li> <li>The 'Capacity Building of First Time Exporters (CBFTE)' component of the Scheme provides reimbursement to new Micro &amp; Small Enterprises (MSE) exporters for costs incurred on certain defined exports.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applications can be made through the portal <a href="https://ic.msme.gov.in/IC_APP/IC_Welcome.aspx">https://ic.msme.gov.in/IC_APP/IC_Welcome.aspx</a></li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Website: <a href="https://ic.msme.gov.in/IC_APP/IC_Welcome.aspx">https://ic.msme.gov.in/IC_APP/IC_Welcome.aspx</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Market Access</p>








# National SC-ST Hub Scheme

Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>The National SC-ST Hub Scheme helps SC/ST entrepreneurs start and grow businesses by providing support with funding, training, technology, marketing, and access to government procurement opportunities.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The objective of the Scheme is to provide professional support to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe entrepreneurs to fulfill the obligations under the Central Government Public Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprises Order 2012, adopt applicable business practices and leverage the Stand-Up India initiatives. The National SC-ST Hub works leverages various sub-schemes of the Government for the benefit of the SC/ST entrepreneurs.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing and aspiring SC/ST entrepreneurs are the targeted beneficiaries.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Special Credit Linked Capital Subsidy for technology enablement</li> <li>Capacity building of the beneficiaries</li> <li>25% subsidy on purchase of plant &amp; machinery/equipment or ₹25 lakh whichever is less.</li> <li>Marketing and mentoring support through different programs, along with skills training and distribution of trade specific tool kits</li> <li>Reimbursement of fees charged for bank loan processing, testing services, membership of Export Promotion Council, membership in Govt. promoted eCommerce Portals, Single Point Registration Scheme of NSI.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The scheme is implemented through online provision developed on NSSH website. <a href="https://www.scsthub.in/">https://www.scsthub.in/</a></li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Website: <a href="https://www.scsthub.in/">https://www.scsthub.in/</a></li> <li>Guidelines: <a href="https://www.scsthub.in/sites/default/files/training/NSSH_Guidelines.pdf">https://www.scsthub.in/sites/default/files/training/NSSH_Guidelines.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Capacity Building / Market Access</p>








# Atal Innovation Mission – Atal Tinkering Labs

Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>Atal Tinkering Laboratories (ATLs) are being established in schools across India as a workspace where students can learn innovation skills.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Atal Innovation Mission is establishing Atal Tinkering Laboratories (ATLs) in schools across India. The objective is to foster curiosity, creativity, and imagination in young minds; and inculcate skills such as design mindset, computational thinking, adaptive learning, physical computing etc. ATL is a workspace where young minds can give shape to their ideas through hands on do-it-yourself mode; and learn innovation skills. Young children will get a chance to work with tools and equipment to understand the concepts of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Schools in India (having at least Grade/Class VI to X) managed by State/Union Territory/Central Government, Local body (Municipality/Nagar Nigam), Private Trusts/Society or Tribal/Social welfare Department can apply for financial support in the form of ATL Grant-in-Aid</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An ATL school is eligible for grant-in-aid of ₹20 lakh, with ₹10 lakh for capital expense and remaining ₹10 lakh for operational and maintenance expenses over a period of five years</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interested schools intending to apply for ATLs may visit the AIM website and submit their application online to the Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog. <a href="https://aim.gov.in/">https://aim.gov.in/</a></li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All details with respect to ATL: <a href="https://aim.gov.in/atl-overview.php">https://aim.gov.in/atl-overview.php</a> ; <a href="https://aim.gov.in/pdf/ATL-Guidebook.pdf">https://aim.gov.in/pdf/ATL-Guidebook.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Ideation (School-level)</p>








# Atal Incubation Centres (AICs)

Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p>Academic and non-academic institutions can apply to AIM to set up Atal Incubation Centres (AICs) that provide infrastructure and access to sectoral expertise to innovative startups.</p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Atal Incubation Centres (AICs) aim to promote and establish world-class, sector-specific incubation centres. The AICs provide physical infrastructure, access to sectoral experts for mentoring, business planning support, access to seed capital, industry partners, and capacity building, among others to encourage innovative startups.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academic institutions such as higher educational institutes, R&amp;D institutes, etc.</li> <li>Non-academic institutions such as corporate sector enterprises, alternative investment funds registered with Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI),</li> <li>Business accelerators, groups of individuals, and individuals, etc. are eligible to apply</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<p>Successful applicants would be provided grants-in-aid to set up the AIC for a period of 5 years to cover the capital and operational expenditures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to ₹5 crore (in case no lab facilities are established) and Up to ₹10 crore (in case of sector-specific lab facilities are established)</li> <li>In the case of government applicants, no matching contribution is applicable.</li> <li>In the case of non-government applicants, matching grants-in-aid shall be applicable in the range of 25% to 100%, based on the nature of the applicant.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interested applicants may visit <a href="https://aim.gov.in/aic-overview.php">https://aim.gov.in/aic-overview.php</a> to know more.</li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operational Guidelines: <a href="https://aim.gov.in/pdf/AIC-Guidelines-Final_24Nov-2023.pdf">https://aim.gov.in/pdf/AIC-Guidelines-Final_24Nov-2023.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Incubation</p>








# Atal Community Innovation Centres (ACIC)

Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p>Academic and non-academic institutions can apply to AIM to set up ACICs that provide infrastructure facilities and capacity building opportunities to entrepreneurs in aspiring cities.</p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Atal Community Innovation Centres (ACIC) are supported by the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM). It aims to offer infrastructure facilities and capacity building opportunities to potential entrepreneurs in aspiring regions.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<p>The following academic and non-academic applicants with a minimum of 3 years of existence are eligible to apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Academic applicants:</i> UGC and AICTE affiliated Universities / College; Educational Institutions like ITIs &amp; other technical diploma colleges.</li> <li><i>Non-academic applicants:</i> Voluntary and other organizations with strong experience in the promotion of Science and Technology.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support up to ₹2.5 crore in multiple tranches, based on the approved budget made by the applicant.</li> <li>Funding from AIM to cover 50% of total project.</li> <li>Applicant to match the remaining contribution either through PPP or private contribution.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interested applicants may submit their applications online via <a href="https://aim.gov.in/">https://aim.gov.in/</a></li> <li>The applications are evaluated a Screening and Selection Committee.</li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operational Guidelines: <a href="https://aim.gov.in/pdf/Flag-O_Revised_ACIC_Guidelines_June-2022.pdf">https://aim.gov.in/pdf/Flag-O_Revised_ACIC_Guidelines_June-2022.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Ideation to Incubation (Underserved regions)</p>








# Scheme for Scale-up Support to Established Incubation Centres (EICs)

Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>This Scheme helps established incubators expand their space, services, funding support, and infrastructure so they can support more startups.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Established Incubation Centres (EICs) are existing incubators who are supported by the AIM to further enhance their incubation capacity.</li> <li>The aim is to refurbish the existing incubation space, enhance capabilities and capacity, including team, infrastructure, tools and equipment, services, seed funding support, outreach initiatives, training programs and/or other incubation related events.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EICs registered in India as a legal entity in public, private or public-private partnership mode.</li> <li>Operational for a minimum of three years as of 1st August 2017.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grant-in-aid support of up to ₹10 crore will be provided to EICs.</li> <li>Balanced utilisation of fund as per suggestive activity-wise breakup is to be ensured.</li> <li>EICs would be eligible to apply and avail grant-in-aid under this scheme for a maximum of three times.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interested applicants may visit <a href="https://aim.gov.in/atal-incubation-centres.php">https://aim.gov.in/atal-incubation-centres.php</a> to know more</li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operational Guidelines: <a href="https://aim.gov.in/pdf/EIC_guidelines_2019.pdf">https://aim.gov.in/pdf/EIC_guidelines_2019.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Incubation</p>








# Agriculture Infrastructure Financing Facility

Agricultural & Farmers Welfare Department

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p>The facility offers an interest subvention of 3% per annum on loans for viable projects focused on post-harvest management infrastructure and community farming assets.</p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aims to mobilise medium-long term debt financing facility for investment in viable projects for post-harvest management infrastructure and community farming assets through incentives and financial support.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funds to be provided by banks and financial institutions as loans to Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), Marketing Cooperative Societies, Farmer Producers Organizations(FPOs), Self Help Group (SHG), Farmers, Joint Liability Groups (JLG), Multipurpose Cooperative Societies, Agri-entrepreneurs, Startups and Central/State agency or Local Body sponsored Public Private Partnership Projects, State Agencies, Agricultural Produce Market Committees (Mandis), National &amp; State Federations of Cooperatives, Federations of FPOs (Farmer Produce Organizations) and Federations of Self Help Groups (SHGs)</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interest subvention of 3% per annum on loans up to ₹2 crore, available for a maximum period of 7 years.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applications are open round the year.</li> <li>Visit <a href="https://agriinfra.dac.gov.in/Home/BeneficiaryRegistration">https://agriinfra.dac.gov.in/Home/BeneficiaryRegistration</a></li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operational Guidelines: <a href="https://agriinfra.dac.gov.in/Content/DocAttachment/FINALSchemeGuidelinesAIF.pdf">https://agriinfra.dac.gov.in/Content/DocAttachment/FINALSchemeGuidelinesAIF.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Scaling</p>








# Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY)

Ministry of Finance

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>PMMY helps small businesses and entrepreneurs get collateral-free loans so they can start, run, or expand income-generating activities.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MUDRA is a refinancing Institution. It provides loans of up to ₹20 lakh to income generating micro/small business entities engaged in trading, manufacturing, service, activities allied to agriculture, poultry, farming etc.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individuals, Proprietary, Partnership Firm, Private Ltd. Company, Public Company, any other legal forms.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Term Loan / Overdraft/ Working Capital / Composite Loan for acquiring assets are required.</li> <li>• Loans shall be granted across the following types of loans:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shishu Loan: up to ₹50,000</li> <li>• Kishor Loan: ₹50,000 to ₹5 lakh</li> <li>• Tarun Loan: ₹5 lakh to ₹10 lakh</li> <li>• TarunPlus Loan: ₹10 lakh to ₹20 lakh.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mudra loans are available at all bank branches across the country. Mudra loans are also issued by NBFCs / MFIs who are engaged in financing for micro enterprises in small business activities.</li> <li>• It can also be applied through the Jan Samarth Business Loan Portal (<a href="https://www.jansamarth.in/business-loan-pradhan-mantri-mudra-yojana-scheme">https://www.jansamarth.in/business-loan-pradhan-mantri-mudra-yojana-scheme</a>) or Udyamimitra portal (<a href="http://www.udyamimitra.in">www.udyamimitra.in</a>).</li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website: <a href="https://www.mudra.org.in/">https://www.mudra.org.in/</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Credit Support</p>








# Stand-Up India

Department of Financial Services

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>Stand-Up India helps SC/ST and women entrepreneurs get bank loans to start a new business for the first time.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Scheme aims to finance Scheduled Caste (SC)/ Scheduled Tribe (ST) and/or women entrepreneurs by facilitating bank loans for setting up a greenfield project enterprise in manufacturing, services, trading sector and activities allied to agriculture.</li> <li>• The objective is to facilitate bank loans between ₹10 lakh and ₹1 crore to at least one SC or ST entrepreneur and at least one-woman entrepreneur per bank branch for setting up a greenfield enterprise.</li> <li>• This enterprise may be in manufacturing, services, agri-allied activities or the trading sector.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicant must be from the SC/ST category or a woman, above 18 years of age. Finance is provided only for greenfield enterprises.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eligible applicants are provided composite loan (inclusive of term loan and working capital) above ₹10 lakh and up to ₹1 crore.</li> <li>• The loan is repayable in 7 years with a maximum moratorium period of 18 months.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Stand-Up India Scheme was launched on 05.04.2016 and was valid/ operational till March 2025.</li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://static.pib.gov.in/WriteReadData/specificdocs/documents/2022/apr/doc20224535701.pdf">https://static.pib.gov.in/WriteReadData/specificdocs/documents/2022/apr/doc20224535701.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Credit Support</p>








# Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme

Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI)

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>PMFME helps small food processing businesses become formal, improve their products, and grow by giving them financial support, training, and access to incubation facilities.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme promotes the formalisation of the unorganized microenterprises in the food processing sector through the establishment of Incubation Center based on One District One Product (ODOP).</li> <li>• To support establishment and utilization of Incubation Centers for ODOP and other products to be used on commercial basis</li> <li>• To provide training and capacity building support micro entrepreneurs/ SHGs/FPOs/Cooperatives and groups through Incubation Centers at the training rates prescribed under PMFME Scheme based on National Skill Framework.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Existing individual microentrepreneurs/micro units/ SHGs/ FPOs/ Individuals.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual Units are provided with credit linked capital subsidy at 35% of the project cost with the maximum ceiling of ₹10 lakh per unit.</li> <li>• FPOs and Producer Cooperatives are provided with 35% grant with credit linkage.</li> <li>• SHGs are provided with seed capital of ₹40,000 per member for working capital and purchase of small tools.</li> <li>• Support through incubation centres.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<p>To know more: <a href="https://pmfme.mofpi.gov.in/pmfme/#/Login">https://pmfme.mofpi.gov.in/pmfme/#/Login</a></p>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Links: <a href="https://static.pib.gov.in/WriteReadData/specificdocs/documents/2025/sep/doc202592626401.pdf">https://static.pib.gov.in/WriteReadData/specificdocs/documents/2025/sep/doc202592626401.pdf</a>; <a href="https://pmfme.mofpi.gov.in/c6def576-2b36-4314-b37e-5b0f8ad9ddd9">https://pmfme.mofpi.gov.in/c6def576-2b36-4314-b37e-5b0f8ad9ddd9</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Formalisation / Scaling</p>






# IFSCA Fintech Incentive Scheme

International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p>The IFSCA Fintech Incentive Scheme gives grants to fintech startups to help them build products, test solutions, and grow from prototype to market at GIFT IFSC.</p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The IFSCA Fintech Incentive Scheme aims to promote the establishment of a world class FinTech Hub, at GIFT International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) India by providing financial support to the eligible fintech entities.</li> <li>The Fintech Startup Grant is to be utilized for developing a product or a service and related 'go-to market' initiatives for a startup with a novel FinTech idea or solution.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FinTech startup with a novel FinTech idea or solution with the focus on converting that idea into a Minimum Viable Product.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fintech Startup Grant of up to ₹15 lakh</li> <li>Proof of Concept (PoC) grant of up to ₹50 lakh</li> <li>Sand-box grant of up to ₹30 lakh</li> <li>Green FinTech Grant of up to ₹75 lakh</li> <li>For accelerators - Accelerator Grant of up to ₹10 lakh.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<p>To know more: <a href="https://ifsc.gov.in/Pages/Contents/HowToApply">https://ifsc.gov.in/Pages/Contents/HowToApply</a></p>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Website: <a href="https://ifsc.gov.in/Pages/Contents/FinTech">https://ifsc.gov.in/Pages/Contents/FinTech</a></li> <li>Operational Guidelines: <a href="https://ifsc.gov.in/Document/Developments/29-ifsc-fintech-incentive-scheme-202225042022010125.pdf">https://ifsc.gov.in/Document/Developments/29-ifsc-fintech-incentive-scheme-202225042022010125.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Prototype to Market Entry</p>








# Technology Development-cum-Incubation Centers

Department of Atomic Energy

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>Technology Development-cum-Incubation Centers provide startups and industries research facilities, and mentoring to turn strong technology ideas into real products and businesses.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The aim is to link India's robust startup ecosystem to the nuclear sector by setting up Technology Development-cum-Incubation Centers for fostering synergy between research facilities and tech-entrepreneurs.</li> <li>• The main objective of Incubation Centres is to foster nucleation, incubation and growth of startups/enterprises based on technologies or available know-how.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Startups/MSMEs/Industries that have robust proposals, based on sound original ideas.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing infrastructure and value-added services through prototyping facilities, test beds, pilot implementation, etc. to Indian industries; and creating a network of mentors who would provide sector-specific knowledge and real-world practical guidance.</li> <li>• Interested applicants are encouraged to visit the nearest incubation centres to collect more information on the Call for Proposals and benefits being provided.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interested stakeholder can visit the different Technology Development-cum-Incubation Centers for more details on benefits available and application process.</li> <li>• For example, in the case of the Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research (IGCAR), eligible applicants can submit their proposal along with an Expression of Interest for incubation of the technology to Head, IC-IGCAR (<a href="mailto:incubation@iqcar.gov.in">incubation@iqcar.gov.in</a>).</li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://dae.gov.in/video/dae-launches-technology-development-cum-incubation-centres/">https://dae.gov.in/video/dae-launches-technology-development-cum-incubation-centres/</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1883457">https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1883457</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://www.iqcar.gov.in/incubation.html">https://www.iqcar.gov.in/incubation.html</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Incubation</p>






# Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP)

Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD)

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>SVEP helps rural SHG members and their families start small non-farm businesses by giving them local business support and access to capital.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Startup Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP), the sub-scheme under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) supports members of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) or their family members to set-up small enterprises in the non-farm sector.</li> <li>• The ecosystem comprises of a cadre of Community Resource Person - Enterprise Promotion (CRP-EP) who will provide business support services to entrepreneurs.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• States/Union Territories (UTs) select blocks for the implementation on the SVEP which meet detailed criteria as defined in the guidelines.</li> <li>• Early-stage rural enterprises are the beneficiaries under the programme.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A dedicated fund called Community Enterprise Fund (CEF) is set-up to provide capital for enterprises.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply here: <a href="https://svep.nrlm.gov.in/landing">https://svep.nrlm.gov.in/landing</a></li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website: <a href="https://svep.nrlm.gov.in/landing">https://svep.nrlm.gov.in/landing</a></li> <li>• Guidelines: <a href="https://lakhpatididi.gov.in/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/SVEP_updated_Master_Circular.pdf">https://lakhpatididi.gov.in/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/SVEP_updated_Master_Circular.pdf</a></li> <li>• Other details: <a href="https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2081567&amp;reg=3&amp;lang=2">https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2081567&amp;reg=3&amp;lang=2</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Ideation to Enterprise Creation</p>








# Venture Capital Fund for Scheduled Castes (VCF-SC)

Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p>The Venture Capital Fund for Scheduled Castes (VCF-SC) helps SC entrepreneurs get affordable funding to start or grow businesses.</p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is implementing a Venture Capital Fund for Scheduled Castes with a corpus of ₹750 crore, intended for financial assistance to Scheduled Caste (VCF-SC) Entrepreneurs.</li> <li>It is aimed at providing concessional finance to SC entrepreneurs, who will create wealth and value for society and at the same time will promote profitable businesses. This fund is managed by IFCI Venture Capital Ltd.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The projects/units being set up in manufacturing, services and allied sector, including startups and units being incubated in the technology business incubators, ensuring asset creation out of the funds deployed in the unit shall be considered.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For Companies applying for assistance up to ₹50 lakh: Companies having at least 51% shareholding by Scheduled Castes entrepreneurs for the past 6 months with management control.</li> <li>For Companies applying for assistance above ₹50 lakh: Companies having at least 51% shareholding by Scheduled Castes (SC) entrepreneurs for the past 12 months for the past 12 months with management control.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loans from ₹10 lakh to ₹15 crore to SC entrepreneurs, at a 4% coupon rate.</li> <li>For financial assistance up to ₹5 crore, up to 75% of the project cost are funded.</li> <li>For financial assistance above ₹5 crore, up to 50% of the project cost are funded.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply here: <a href="https://vcfsc.in/apply-online.html">https://vcfsc.in/apply-online.html</a></li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Website: <a href="https://vcfsc.in/index.html">https://vcfsc.in/index.html</a></li> <li>Other: <a href="https://www.vcfsc.in/VCF-SC%20Brochure.pdf">https://www.vcfsc.in/VCF-SC%20Brochure.pdf</a>; <a href="https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2112696&amp;reg=3&amp;lang=2">https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2112696&amp;reg=3&amp;lang=2</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Scaling</p>








# Science Technology and Innovation (STI) Hubs for Development of Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) Communities

Department of Science and Technology (DST)

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p>STI Hubs support local institutions in using science, technology, and innovation to improve livelihoods, preserve community knowledge, and create practical development solutions for SC and ST communities.</p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To capture the weakest linkages in the predominant livelihood systems of the SC and ST Communities and improving the livelihoods through Science and Technological intervention.</li> <li>To harness, document, research, validate and conserve the Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS), skills and practices of different communities through inputs of science and technology.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Academic or S&amp;T institutions, R&amp;D Labs, S&amp;T based Voluntary Organizations (NGOs) etc. having majority of SC or ST population in their catchment area.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial support to establish an STI Hub.</li> <li>This support can be used for equipment purchase, creation of small infrastructure, and common facility centres / construction costs for setting up the hub, as per DST norms.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please visit the DST website to know more: <a href="https://dst.gov.in/callforproposals/science-technology-and-innovation-sti-hubs-development-scheduled-caste-sc-and">https://dst.gov.in/callforproposals/science-technology-and-innovation-sti-hubs-development-scheduled-caste-sc-and</a></li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Website: <a href="https://dst.gov.in/callforproposals/science-technology-and-innovation-sti-hubs-development-scheduled-caste-sc-and">https://dst.gov.in/callforproposals/science-technology-and-innovation-sti-hubs-development-scheduled-caste-sc-and</a></li> <li>Operational Guidelines: <a href="https://dst.gov.in/sites/default/files/Science%20Technology%20and%20Innovation%20%28STI%29%20Hubs%20for%20Development%20of%20Scheduled%20Caste%20%28SC%29%20and%20Scheduled%20Tribe%20%28ST%29%20Communities_1.pdf">https://dst.gov.in/sites/default/files/Science%20Technology%20and%20Innovation%20%28STI%29%20Hubs%20for%20Development%20of%20Scheduled%20Caste%20%28SC%29%20and%20Scheduled%20Tribe%20%28ST%29%20Communities_1.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Incubation / Livelihood Innovation</p>








# National Livestock Mission

Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>The National Livestock Mission helps startups and institutions in animal husbandry build businesses, improve innovation, and strengthen the livestock value chain from production to market.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The National Livestock Mission (NLM) Scheme aims to develop entrepreneurs in the sector of animal husbandry in order to create the forward and backward linkages for the produce available at the unorganized sector with the organized sector.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Institutes, Central Institutes, State Government University farms and other credible institutions and startups</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Central Government will provide 100% assistance for conducting Extension, R&amp;D and Innovation activities, based on the need and scope of the proposal shared by the applicant. The startups will also be incentivized for problem solving in the sheep, goat, poultry, pig, feed and fodder. The Department will conduct a Startup Grand Challenge Programme.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Central Agencies/ University farms will submit the proposal to the NLM division of the Department through their parent organization/ State Animal Husbandry Department. The parent organization/ Department shall approve and recommend the project before forwarding. Applications can be applied on the portal: <a href="https://nlm.udyamimitra.in/Login/Login">https://nlm.udyamimitra.in/Login/Login</a></li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Website: <a href="https://nlm.udyamimitra.in/">https://nlm.udyamimitra.in/</a></li> <li>Operational Guidelines: <a href="https://nlm.udyamimitra.in/Home/OperationalGuidelines">https://nlm.udyamimitra.in/Home/OperationalGuidelines</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Credit / Subsidy</p>








# Mission on Advanced and High-Impact Research (MAHIR)

Ministry of Power and Ministry of New and Renewable Energy

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>MAHIR supports startups, industry, and research institutions in developing and testing advanced power and clean-energy technologies.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Ministry of Power and Ministry of New and Renewable Energy have launched a National Mission, titled “Mission on Advanced and High-Impact Research (MAHIR)”, to identify emerging technologies in the power sector, to facilitate indigenous research, development, and demonstration of said latest and emerging technologies, at scale, for deployment within and outside India.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academia, Industry, Startups and R&amp;D Institutions, and similar entities, working in the fields: Carbon Capture &amp; Utilization, Green hydrogen for mobility (High Efficiency Fuel Cell), Automation and Artificial Intelligence: indigenous development of the eco-system, Geothermal Energy, Alternatives to Lithium-Ion storage batteries.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The financial support rendered under this program is subjective to the nature of the project, budgetary requirements of the same, the infrastructure required to implement it, in addition to the research area it falls under.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interested applicants may learn more about the initiative and its application process on <a href="https://cpri.res.in/sites/default/files/MAHIR_Call%20for%20proposals.pdf">https://cpri.res.in/sites/default/files/MAHIR_Call%20for%20proposals.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Website: <a href="https://cpri.res.in/en/content/mahir">https://cpri.res.in/en/content/mahir</a></li> <li>Operational Guidelines and others: <a href="https://static.pib.gov.in/WriteReadData/specificdocs/documents/2023/jun/doc202367209801.pdf">https://static.pib.gov.in/WriteReadData/specificdocs/documents/2023/jun/doc202367209801.pdf</a> ; <a href="https://static.pib.gov.in/WriteReadData/specificdocs/documents/2023/jun/doc202367209801.pdf">https://static.pib.gov.in/WriteReadData/specificdocs/documents/2023/jun/doc202367209801.pdf</a> ; <a href="https://sansad.in/getFile/loksabhaquestions/annex/184/AU5414_le1brM.pdf?source=pqals">https://sansad.in/getFile/loksabhaquestions/annex/184/AU5414_le1brM.pdf?source=pqals</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>R&amp;D to Pilot</p>








# Yuva Sahakar – Cooperative Enterprise Support and Innovation Scheme

Ministry of Cooperation

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>Yuva Sahakar helps newly formed cooperative societies get easier long-term finance and interest support.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Scheme focuses on supporting newly formed cooperative societies with innovative and value chain–enhancing ideas through financial assistance and incentives.</li> <li>• The scheme is linked with a dedicated Cooperative Startup and Innovation Fund and provides special encouragement to cooperatives in Northeastern Region, Aspirational Districts, and those led by women, SC/ST, and PwD members.</li> <li>• The aim is to encourage young entrepreneurs to establish and manage cooperative enterprises. And to strengthen the cooperative ecosystem by enabling sustainable and scalable projects.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newly formed cooperative societies.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides long-term financial support to cooperative startups.</li> <li>• Offers a 2% interest concession on term loans.</li> <li>• Encourages innovation and new business ideas.</li> <li>• Supports young entrepreneurs in the cooperative sector.</li> <li>• Allows convergence with other government subsidies.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.ncdc.in/documents/other/3908071119Yuva.pdf">https://www.ncdc.in/documents/other/3908071119Yuva.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.ncdc.in/documents/booklet/3812280223E-Book-NCDC.pdf">https://www.ncdc.in/documents/booklet/3812280223E-Book-NCDC.pdf</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://www.ncdc.in/documents/other/3908071119Yuva.pdf">https://www.ncdc.in/documents/other/3908071119Yuva.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Credit</p>

# Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Programme (ESDP)

Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

 <b>WHAT IS THIS?</b>	<p><i>ESDP helps aspiring and existing entrepreneurs build business and practical skills so they can start, manage, and grow MSMEs.</i></p>
 <b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To motivate people from different sections of society to consider entrepreneurship as a career option, by imparting technical and business skills training.</li> <li>• To provide entrepreneurship training to entrepreneurs in domains including e-commerce, software, biotech, modern agriculture, genomics and others</li> <li>• To support the establishment of new MSMEs and enhance growth of existing ones.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHO CAN APPLY?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Existing or aspiring entrepreneurs.</li> <li>• 40% of the beneficiaries are required to be from weaker sections of society including SC/ST/Women/Physically Handicapped.</li> </ul>
 <b>WHAT DO YOU GET?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training is provided under three modules – Entrepreneurship Awareness Program, Entrepreneurship-cum-Skill Development Program, and Management Development Program.</li> <li>• Hands-on practice or demonstration to upgrade skills of prospective entrepreneurs.</li> </ul>
 <b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply through the websites of MSME-DFOs, MSME-TC and other Implementing Agencies under ESDP scheme</li> </ul>
 <b>KEY LINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website: <a href="https://msmedi.dcmsme.gov.in/">https://msmedi.dcmsme.gov.in/</a></li> <li>• Operational Guidelines: <a href="https://msmedi.dcmsme.gov.in/Manuals/Approved%20ESDP%20Guidelines_new.pdf">https://msmedi.dcmsme.gov.in/Manuals/Approved%20ESDP%20Guidelines_new.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <b>BEST SUITED FOR</b>	<p>Capacity Building</p>

## SECTION 4

# Other Initiatives under PSUs, Regulators, and States / UTs

### Startup Initiatives of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and Regulators

PSU	Link to Initiatives
Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)	ONGC Startup Fund <a href="https://startup.ongc.co.in/web/ongcstartup">https://startup.ongc.co.in/web/ongcstartup</a>
Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)	SanRachna Platform <a href="https://sanrachna.bhel.in/home">https://sanrachna.bhel.in/home</a>
Bharat Petroleum (BPCL)	Project Ankur / Ankur Fund <a href="https://ebiz.bpc.co.in/BPCLStartup/">https://ebiz.bpc.co.in/BPCLStartup/</a> Launch Pad for Entrepreneurship <a href="https://www.bharatpetroleum.in/bharat-petroleum-for/startups/launch-pad-for-entrepreneurship">https://www.bharatpetroleum.in/bharat-petroleum-for/startups/launch-pad-for-entrepreneurship</a>
Coal India (CIL)	CIL Innovation & Incubation Centre (CII Centre) <a href="https://ciicentre.iitism.ac.in/">https://ciicentre.iitism.ac.in/</a>
GAIL (India) Limited	Pankh <a href="https://gailebank.gail.co.in/GSUICBG/frmStartUpGAIL.aspx">https://gailebank.gail.co.in/GSUICBG/frmStartUpGAIL.aspx</a> ; <a href="https://www.gailonline.com/PressRelease_01042025.html">https://www.gailonline.com/PressRelease_01042025.html</a>
Hindustan Petroleum (HPCL)	HP Udgam <a href="https://startup.hpcl.co.in/HPCLStartup/index.jsp">https://startup.hpcl.co.in/HPCLStartup/index.jsp</a>
Indian Oil (IOCL)	IndS_UP StartUp Scheme <a href="https://iocl.com/pages/r-and-d-centre">https://iocl.com/pages/r-and-d-centre</a>
Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)	Startup Connect <a href="https://webapp.sailcorp.in/startup/">https://webapp.sailcorp.in/startup/</a>
Oil India (OIL)	Start Up Fund <a href="https://www.oil-india.com/start-fund">https://www.oil-india.com/start-fund</a>

PSU	Link to Initiatives
Engineers India Limited	EngSUI <a href="https://www6.eil.co.in/engsui/Open/Default.aspx">https://www6.eil.co.in/engsui/Open/Default.aspx</a> ; <a href="https://www.engineersindia.com/startup-india@eil">https://www.engineersindia.com/startup-india@eil</a>
Bharat Dynamics Limited	BDL Start Ups <a href="https://bdl-india.in/en/start-ups">https://bdl-india.in/en/start-ups</a>
EXIM Bank	Ubharte Sitaare <a href="https://www.sidbventure.co.in/ubharte_sitaare_fund.html">https://www.sidbventure.co.in/ubharte_sitaare_fund.html</a>
Reserve Bank of India	Regulatory sandbox <a href="https://fintech.rbi.org.in/FS_Publications?id=1262">https://fintech.rbi.org.in/FS_Publications?id=1262</a>
Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)	Regulatory sandbox <a href="https://irdai.gov.in/document-detail?documentId=6541188">https://irdai.gov.in/document-detail?documentId=6541188</a>
International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)	Regulatory sandbox <a href="https://ifsc.gov.in/Legal/Index?MId=leTjhim8HvY=">https://ifsc.gov.in/Legal/Index?MId=leTjhim8HvY=</a>
Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)	Regulatory sandbox <a href="https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/jun-2021/revised-framework-for-regulatory-sandbox_50521.html">https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/jun-2021/revised-framework-for-regulatory-sandbox_50521.html</a>

## Startup Initiatives of State and Union Territories

States / UTs	Link to Initiatives
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	<a href="https://southandaman.nic.in/document/innovation-and-start-up-policy-2018/">https://southandaman.nic.in/document/innovation-and-start-up-policy-2018/</a>
Andhra Pradesh	<a href="https://apis.ap.gov.in/home/">https://apis.ap.gov.in/home/</a>
Arunachal Pradesh	<a href="https://www.startup.arunachal.gov.in/startup-policy">https://www.startup.arunachal.gov.in/startup-policy</a>
Assam	<a href="http://startup.assam.gov.in/">http://startup.assam.gov.in/</a>
Bihar	<a href="https://startup.bihar.gov.in/">https://startup.bihar.gov.in/</a>
Chandigarh	<a href="https://share.google/Cpz8sLzpTnVUvRI58">https://share.google/Cpz8sLzpTnVUvRI58</a>
Chhattisgarh	<a href="https://invest.cg.gov.in/startup">https://invest.cg.gov.in/startup</a>
Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	<a href="https://swp.dddgov.in/assets/pdf/Notification_IPS_2022_DNH_DD.pdf">https://swp.dddgov.in/assets/pdf/Notification_IPS_2022_DNH_DD.pdf</a>
Delhi	<a href="https://industries.delhi.gov.in/sites/default/files/Industries/marquee-files/draft_delhi_startup_policy.pdf">https://industries.delhi.gov.in/sites/default/files/Industries/marquee-files/draft_delhi_startup_policy.pdf</a>
Goa	<a href="https://www.startup.goa.gov.in/index">https://www.startup.goa.gov.in/index</a>
Gujarat	<a href="https://startup.gujarat.gov.in/home">https://startup.gujarat.gov.in/home</a>
Haryana	<a href="https://startupharyana.gov.in/">https://startupharyana.gov.in/</a>
Himachal Pradesh	<a href="https://emerginghimachal.hp.gov.in/startup/">https://emerginghimachal.hp.gov.in/startup/</a>
Jammu and Kashmir	<a href="https://startupjk.com/">https://startupjk.com/</a>
Jharkhand	<a href="https://abvil.jharkhand.gov.in/documents/Policy2023.pdf">https://abvil.jharkhand.gov.in/documents/Policy2023.pdf</a>
Karnataka	<a href="https://www.missionstartupkarnataka.org/?en">https://www.missionstartupkarnataka.org/?en</a>
Kerala	<a href="https://startupmission.kerala.gov.in/">https://startupmission.kerala.gov.in/</a>
Ladakh	<a href="https://ediiladakh.org/">https://ediiladakh.org/</a>
Lakshadweep	<a href="https://lakshadweep.gov.in/notice/25-capital-investment-subsidy/">https://lakshadweep.gov.in/notice/25-capital-investment-subsidy/</a>

States / UTs	Link to Initiatives
Madhya Pradesh	<a href="https://startup.mp.gov.in/">https://startup.mp.gov.in/</a>
Maharashtra	<a href="https://msins.in/">https://msins.in/</a>
Manipur	<a href="https://startupmanipur.in/">https://startupmanipur.in/</a>
Meghalaya	<a href="https://www.primemeghalaya.com/">https://www.primemeghalaya.com/</a>
Mizoram	<a href="https://startupmizoram.com/">https://startupmizoram.com/</a>
Nagaland	<a href="https://www.startupnagaland.in/">https://www.startupnagaland.in/</a>
Odisha	<a href="https://startupodisha.gov.in/">https://startupodisha.gov.in/</a>
Puducherry	<a href="https://industry.py.gov.in/startup-policy-2019">https://industry.py.gov.in/startup-policy-2019</a>
Punjab	<a href="https://pbindustries.gov.in/startup/home">https://pbindustries.gov.in/startup/home</a>
Rajasthan	<a href="https://istart.rajasthan.gov.in/">https://istart.rajasthan.gov.in/</a>
Sikkim	<a href="https://sikkimentrepreneur.org">https://sikkimentrepreneur.org</a>
Tamil Nadu	<a href="https://startuptn.in/">https://startuptn.in/</a>
Telangana	<a href="https://startup.telangana.gov.in/">https://startup.telangana.gov.in/</a>
Tripura	<a href="https://startup.tripura.gov.in/">https://startup.tripura.gov.in/</a>
Uttar Pradesh	<a href="https://startinup.up.gov.in/">https://startinup.up.gov.in/</a>
Uttarakhand	<a href="https://startuputtarakhand.uk.gov.in/">https://startuputtarakhand.uk.gov.in/</a>
West Bengal	<a href="https://www.startupbengal.in/">https://www.startupbengal.in/</a>

## SECTION 5

# Appendix Definitions & Glossary

*Key terms used throughout this Playbook*

Term	Definition / Explanation
<b>DPIIT-Recognised Startup</b>	A startup officially recognised by the Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade (DPIIT) as per notified eligibility criteria.
<b>Fund of Funds (FoF)</b>	A fund that invests in other venture funds (AIFs) rather than directly in startups. Startups receive funding when their venture fund makes an investment.
<b>AIF (Alternative Investment Fund)</b>	SEBI-registered private investment fund that pools capital from investors and deploys into startups/companies.
<b>Credit Guarantee</b>	A government-backed promise to repay a lender if the borrower (startup) defaults. Enables startups to access loans without pledging collateral.
<b>Grant</b>	Non-repayable financial assistance provided by the government. The startup does not repay the money and does not give equity.
<b>Equity Investment</b>	Capital provided in exchange for ownership stake (shares) in the startup. The investor becomes a part-owner.
<b>Convertible Debt</b>	A loan that can convert into equity at a later stage. Used when valuation is uncertain at the time of investment.
<b>Proof of Concept (PoC)</b>	Early demonstration that an idea or technology works, typically in a lab or controlled setting. Pre-prototype stage.
<b>TRL (Technology Readiness Level)</b>	A 1–9 scale measuring how mature a technology is. TRL-1 = basic research; TRL-9 = fully commercial system.
<b>TBI (Technology Business Incubator)</b>	An institution providing physical space, mentoring, seed funding and networks to early-stage technology startups.
<b>Incubator / Accelerator</b>	Organisations that support startups at early stages (incubator) or fast-track growth of already-validated startups (accelerator).
<b>EMD (Earnest Money Deposit)</b>	A security deposit required in government tenders. DPIIT-recognised startups are exempt from EMD on GeM.
<b>SEBI</b>	Securities and Exchange Board of India.
<b>CGPDTM</b>	Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trade Marks.
<b>Startup-Specific</b>	In this Playbook: schemes where startups are the primary or sole named eligible beneficiary in the scheme's eligibility criteria.
<b>Startup-Relevant</b>	In this Playbook: schemes with broader eligibility (MSMEs, companies, institutions) that startups commonly access and benefit from.



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