



Over 1 Lakh Startups have at Least One-Woman Director/Partner Among 2.12 Lakh Recognised by DPIIT

Government Strengthens Startup Ecosystem with Multi-Stage Funding and Support Schemes

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Startup India initiative was launched on 16th January 2016, with an intent to build a strong ecosystem for nurturing innovation, startups and encouraging investments in the startup ecosystem of the country.

As on 31st January 2026, a total of 2,12,283 entities have been recognised as startups by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). Of the total entities recognised as startups, 1,02,054 entities have at least one-woman director/partner.

As on 31st January 2026, a total of 2,12,283 entities have been recognised as startups by DPIIT. The data with respect to status of entities (active, dissolved, struck-off, etc.) is maintained by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) on a cumulative basis. As per the MCA, 6,789 recognised startups are categorized as closed (i.e., dissolved/struck-off). Of the total number of entities which are categorized as closed (i.e., dissolved/struck-off), 2,950 have at least one-woman director/partner.

Under the Startup India initiative, the Government is implementing flagship Schemes such as Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS), Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS) and Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups (CGSS) to support startups across categories at various stages of their business cycle.

FFS has been established to catalyse venture capital investments and is operationalized by Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), which provides capital to Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)-registered Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) which in turn invest in startups. As on 31st January 2026, supported AIFs under the Scheme have invested around Rs. 25,859 crore in selected startups. Further, from 2020 onwards, around Rs. 2,995 crore have been invested in women-led startups by AIFs under the Scheme, as on 31st January 2026.

SISFS provides financial assistance to seed stage startups through incubators. SISFS is implemented from 1st April 2021. As on 31st January 2026, selected incubators under the Scheme have approved funding of around Rs. 592 crore to selected startups, of which funds of around Rs. 294 crore have been approved to women-led startups.

CGSS is implemented for enabling debt funding to startups through eligible financial institutions. CGSS is operationalized by the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company (NCGTC) Limited and has been operationalized from 1st April 2023. As on 31st January 2026, loans amounting to around Rs 925 crore have been guaranteed to startup borrowers, of which loans amounting to around Rs 39 crore have been guaranteed to women-led startups.

The total number of startups selected and the total number of startups that are categorized as closed (i.e., dissolved/struck-off) as per the MCA, under the Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS), Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS), and Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups (CGSS) are as follows:

Scheme	No. of startups selected for support under the Scheme as on 31st January 2026	No. of startups supported which are categorized as closed (i.e., dissolved/struck-off) as per the MCA.
FFS	1,382	17
SISFS	3,311	26
CGSS	281	1

This information was given by Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Shri Jitin Prasada in Lok Sabha today.

ANNEXURE-I

The State/UT-wise and year-wise number of entities recognized as startups that have at least one-woman director/partner, as on 31st January 2026, are as under:

State/UT	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	1	1	4	2	5	4	3	10	8	2
Andhra Pradesh	37	85	92	102	137	173	294	313	670	59
Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	-	-	4	5	8	5	16	-
Assam	8	28	30	53	83	122	168	170	216	24
Bihar	23	53	59	114	183	257	384	417	600	63
Chandigarh	8	10	21	27	38	36	64	49	57	4
Chhattisgarh	18	55	69	54	82	91	148	218	230	25
Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	1		1	3	4	7	6	12	12	1

State/UT	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Delhi	240	568	671	834	1197	1283	1607	1471	1911	166
Goa	13	24	22	27	41	49	40	64	86	5
Gujarat	108	217	313	365	800	944	1431	1568	1845	184
Haryana	98	233	360	375	532	674	893	888	1250	116
Himachal Pradesh	1	6	14	12	23	56	65	74	83	12
Jammu and Kashmir	2	14	12	23	40	71	82	111	150	20
Jharkhand	16	35	37	85	89	108	172	151	207	22
Karnataka	298	536	807	757	1065	1242	1500	1629	2219	196
Kerala	49	112	267	249	398	431	534	506	736	81
Ladakh	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	2	1	-
Lakshadweep	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Madhya Pradesh	32	123	150	173	264	421	622	616	846	121
Maharashtra	388	839	1110	1305	1937	2412	2913	3043	4043	386
Manipur	3	1	1	5	21	13	7	22	42	4
Meghalaya	-	1	5	-	5	5	6	11	12	-
Mizoram	-	-	-	1	1	3	6	6	6	-
Nagaland	1	1	1	3	4	3	13	21	15	-
Odisha	40	80	90	126	196	230	329	296	409	40
Puducherry	2	7	6	3	7	11	21	13	28	5
Punjab	9	35	54	72	125	147	226	219	268	31

State/UT	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Rajasthan	53	114	192	205	301	458	691	657	906	87
Sikkim	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	-	3	-
Tamil Nadu	105	221	318	378	591	922	1333	1341	1674	159
Telangana	134	232	306	390	520	723	919	933	1619	146
Tripura	-	1	4	10	4	13	8	20	17	4
Uttar Pradesh	174	364	449	662	1065	1303	1788	1842	2525	301
Uttarakhand	11	27	57	53	77	121	125	131	204	16
West Bengal	72	142	158	199	360	527	622	585	804	83
Total	1945	4165	5680	6670	10199	12868	17032	17414	23718	2363

ANNEXURE-II

The State/UT-wise details of the total number of entities which are categorized as closed (i.e., dissolved/struck-off) as per the MCA with at least one woman director/partner are as follows:

State/UT	No. of entities which are categorized as closed (i.e., dissolved/struck-off) with at least one woman director/partner
Andhra Pradesh	48
Assam	25
Bihar	36
Chandigarh	12
Chhattisgarh	28
Delhi	324
Goa	14
Gujarat	156

Haryana	133
Himachal Pradesh	7
Jammu and Kashmir	16
Jharkhand	24
Karnataka	384
Kerala	97
Madhya Pradesh	81
Maharashtra	586
Manipur	4
Meghalaya	1
Mizoram	1
Nagaland	2
Odisha	49
Puducherry	6
Punjab	29
Rajasthan	95
Tamil Nadu	173
Telangana	176
Tripura	5
Uttar Pradesh	303
Uttarakhand	19
West Bengal	116

Total	2950
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ANNEXURE-III

The year-wise details of funds invested in startups by AIFs supported under the FFS, as on 31st January 2026, are as under:

Year	Amount invested by selected AIFs in startups (in Rs. crore)	Amount invested by selected AIFs in women-led startups (in Rs. crore)*
2017	343.52	-
2018	676.84	-
2019	1623.56	-
2020	2066.89	333.96
2021	3491.10	576.14
2022	5973.40	430.72
2023	3292.10	57.24
2024	3809.20	616.82
2025	4271.60	914.47
2026	311.40	65.79

*Note: Data on investment in women-led startups is available from 2020.

ANNEXURE-IV

The year-wise details of funds approved to startups by incubators selected under the SISFS, as on 31st January 2026, are as under:

Year	Amount approved to startups by selected incubators (in Rs. crore)	Amount approved to women-led startups by selected incubators (in Rs. crore)
2021	27.59	14.05
2022	111.78	53.74
2023	175.98	87.43

2024	165.83	84.22
2025	110.04	54.52
2026	0.9	0.79

ANNEXURE-V

The year-wise details of loans guaranteed to startups under the CGSS, as on 31st January 2026, are as under:

Year	Amount of loans guaranteed to startups (in Rs. crore)	Amount of loans guaranteed to women-led startups (in Rs. crore)
2023	220.78	13.6
2024	381.08	13.44
2025	206.32	10.18
2026	117.72	2

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