

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PLANING

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUSTION NO. \*102**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2022**

**INITIATIVES UNDER AIM**

**\*102: SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH:**

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of initiatives taken under Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) along with objectives of the Mission and progress made thereunder, State/UTwise; and
- (b) the details of other such measures being taken by the Government for encouraging aspiring entrepreneurs to solve the country's contemporary socio-economic problems?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS  
AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION; MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT  
CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

**(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)**

(a)& (b): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) of LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 102 FOR 14.12.2022 REGARDING INITIATIVE UNDER  
AIM BY SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH.**

- (a) The details of initiatives taken under the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), along with objectives and progress made thereunder, are as follows:

1. Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) – in Schools

Atal Tinkering Labs is a state-of-the-art space established in a school with a goal to foster curiosity and innovation in young minds between grade 6th to 12<sup>th</sup> to stimulate a problem-solving innovative mindset. Atal Tinkering Labs house 21st century tools and technologies such as Internet of Things (IoT), 3D printing, rapid prototyping tools, robotics, miniaturized electronics, do-it-yourself kits etc. Each Atal Tinkering Labs is given a grant of INR 20 lakhs over a period of 5 years.

Atal Innovation Mission has operationalized 10,000 Atal Tinkering Labs across the country along with developing 14 learning modules and engaging 75+ lakh students and creating over 12 lakh innovation projects. The state wise details of Atal Tinkering Labs set up by Mission are placed at **Annexure-A**.

2. Atal Incubation Centres – an ecosystem of start-ups and entrepreneurs

To create an ever-evolving ecosystem of start-ups and entrepreneurs, Atal Innovation Mission has been establishing world class incubators called Atal Incubation Centres at universities, institutions and corporates among others. Atal Incubation Centres' aim is to foster and support world class innovation, and entrepreneurs who want to build sustainable and scalable enterprises. Each Atal Incubation Centre is given a grant of up to INR 10 crores over a period of 5 years.

Atal Innovation Mission has operationalized 69 Atal Incubation Centres across the country which in-turn have incubated 2900+ start-ups and conducted 1000+ training sessions and 5000+ events. The state wise details of incubator centres set up by Mission are placed at **Annexure-B**.

3. Atal Community Innovation Centres

To promote the benefits of technology led innovation to the unserved/underserved regions of India including Tier 2, Tier 3 cities, aspirational districts, tribal, hilly and coastal areas, Atal Innovation Mission is setting up Atal Community Innovation Centres. Atal Community Innovation Centres' aim is to foster and support Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) based

innovations. Each Atal Community Innovation Centre is given a grant of up to INR 2.5 crores over a period of 5 years.

Atal Innovation Mission has operationalized 14 Atal Community Innovation Centres across the country which in-turn have incubated 100+ start-ups and supported 22 community innovator fellows. The state wise details of Community incubator centres set up by Mission are placed at **Annexure-C**.

#### 4. Atal New India Challenges – innovations with national impact

To help develop technology-based innovations to solve sectoral challenges of national importance and societal relevance, Atal Innovation Mission runs challenges to select and nurture start-ups through their journey from Concept to Prototype and Prototype to Commercialization. Each Atal New India Challenges winner is given a grant of up to INR 1 crore in 3 tranches over a total of 12 – 18 months. Atal Innovation Mission has directly supported 51 start-ups under this program and has selected further 82 start-ups to support. The state wise details of Start-ups being supported by the Mission through New India Challenges are placed at **Annexure-D**.

#### 5. Mentor India – mentors of change

The Mentor India program is a voluntary national movement, wherein skilled professionals provide pro-bono mentoring to young ATL innovators and start-ups across the Atal Incubation Centres, with a strong sentiment towards nation-building.

They work with a vision to give back to the country and play a significant role in building a new India – one which pioneers in technology and innovations and emerges as a world leader. So far, Atal Innovation Mission has been able to mobilize 5000+ mentors in Atal Tinkering Labs. Similarly, Atal Innovation Mission has been able to mobilize 100+ mentors in Incubation Centres.

(b) NITI Aayog has encouraged aspiring entrepreneurs to tackle country's contemporary socio-economic problems using the following programs:

- (i) **69 Atal Incubation Centres** at universities, institutions and corporates which have incubated 2993 startups till date,
- (ii) **14 Atal Community Innovation Centres** which promote the benefits of technology led innovation to the unserved/underserved regions of India including Tier 2, Tier 3 cities, aspirational districts, tribal, hilly and coastal areas, and,

- (iii) **51 Startups directly under Atal New India Challenge** program to select and nurture start-ups through their journey from Concept to Prototype and Prototype to Commercialization
- (iv) Through **Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP)** which offers incubation and acceleration support to women founded / co-founded startups through its various partners who handhold women entrepreneurs registered with WEP and provide them necessary support to help them start and scale-up.

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**State-wise Atal Tinkering Lab details**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State / UT</b>	<b>Total</b>
1	Andaman & Nicobar Island	10
2	Andhra Pradesh	713
3	Arunachal Pradesh	32
4	Assam	352
5	Bihar	97
6	Chandigarh	22
7	Chhattisgarh	368
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	4
9	Delhi	198
10	Goa	20
11	Gujarat	614
12	Haryana	435
13	Himachal Pradesh	112
14	Jammu & Kashmir	127
15	Jharkhand	126
16	Karnataka	798
17	Kerala	369
18	Ladakh	2
19	Madhya Pradesh	601
20	Maharashtra	1033
21	Manipur	119
22	Meghalaya	13
23	Mizoram	26
24	Nagaland	26
25	Odisha	331
26	Puducherry	19
27	Punjab	230
28	Rajasthan	511
29	Sikkim	27
30	Tamil Nadu	975
31	Telangana	379
32	Tripura	27
33	Uttar Pradesh	955
34	Uttarakhand	87
35	West Bengal	242
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10000</b>

**ANNEXURE-B**

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**State-wise Atal Incubation Centres details**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Total</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	2
2	Assam	2
3	Bihar	1
4	Chhattisgarh	1
5	Delhi	6
6	Goa	1
7	Gujarat	5
8	Haryana	1
9	Jammu And Kashmir	1
10	Karnataka	11
11	Kerala	2
12	Madhya Pradesh	4
13	Maharashtra	8
14	Odisha	2
15	Puducherry	1
16	Punjab	1
17	Rajasthan	4
18	Sikkim	1
19	Tamil Nadu	6
20	Telangana	5
21	Uttar Pradesh	4
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>69</b>

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**State-wise Atal Community Innovation Centres details**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Total</b>
1	Haryana	2
2	Telangana	1
3	Punjab	1
4	Jharkhand	1
5	Tamil Nadu	3
6	Uttar Pradesh	2
7	Rajasthan	1
8	Odisha	1
9	Andhra Pradesh	2
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>

**ANNEXURE-D**

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**State-wise Atal New India Challenge details**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Total</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	2
2	Delhi	4
3	Gujarat	1
4	Haryana	1
5	Karnataka	18
6	Kerala	2
7	Maharashtra	15
8	Punjab	1
9	Tamil Nadu	6
10	Telangana	1
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>51</b>