

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
DEPARTMENT FOR PROMOTION OF INDUSTRY AND INTERNAL TRADE  
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2926.  
TO BE ANSWERED ON TUESDAY, THE 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026.**

**RECOGNISED STARTUPS IN ANDHRA PRADESH**

**2926. SHRI P V MIDHUN REDDY:**

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

**वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री**

- (a) the number of startups recognised by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade in Andhra Pradesh during the last ten years, sector-wise;
- (b) the number of startups that have availed tax exemptions under the Startup India initiative in the State;
- (c) the employment generated by startups in Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) the steps taken to promote startup culture among youth in the State; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to provide special support for startups in green technology and agri-technology sectors in Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जितिन प्रसाद)**

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- (a): 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. Under the initiative, from the State of Andhra Pradesh, 4,004 entities have been recognized as startups as on 31st January 2026 by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade. The industry-wise details of the recognized startups are placed as **Annexure-I**.
- (b): Under Section 80-IAC of the Income Tax Act 1961, an eligible startup can claim a deduction of an amount equal to 100% of the profits and gains derived from eligible business for three consecutive assessment years. From the State of Andhra Pradesh, 22 entities have received certificate of eligibility under Section 80- IAC as on 31st January 2026.
- (c): The recognized startups from the State of Andhra Pradesh have generated 34,584 direct jobs as on 31st January 2026.

**(d) & (e):** The Government has undertaken several measures to promote startup culture among youth across the country, including in the State of Andhra Pradesh. Details of such measures are placed as **Annexure-II**.

Additionally, the Government has also undertaken measures to support startups in green technology and agri-technology areas across the country, including in the State of Andhra Pradesh. Details of such measures are placed as **Annexure-III**.

As on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026, 72 entities have been recognized as startups in the green technology industry and 125 entities have been recognized as startups in the agri- tech sector from the State of Andhra Pradesh.

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**ANNEXURE-I****ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2926 FOR ANSWER ON 10.03.2026.**

The industry-wise number of entities recognized as startups in the State of Andhra Pradesh, as on 31st January 2026 is provided below:

<b>Industry</b>	<b>No. of entities recognized as startups</b>
Advertising	18
Aeronautics Aerospace & Defence	63
Agriculture	335
AI	153
Airport Operations	2
Analytics	18
Animation	7
AR VR (Augmented + Virtual Reality)	14
Architecture Interior Design	13
Art & Photography	6
Automotive	95
Biotechnology	39
Chemicals	26
Computer Vision	5
Construction	291
Dating Matrimonial	1
Design	20
Education	273
Enterprise Software	60
Events	12
Fashion	27
Finance Technology	80
Food & Beverages	220
Green Technology	72
Healthcare & Lifesciences	314
House-Hold Services	22
Human Resources	74
Indic Language Startups	11
Internet of Things	52
IT Services	605
Logistics	32
Marketing	60
Media & Entertainment	37
Nanotechnology	4
Non- Renewable Energy	59
Other Specialty Retailers	43
Others	42
Pets & Animals	4
Professional & Commercial Services	151

<b>Industry</b>	<b>No. of entities recognized as startups</b>
Real Estate	28
Renewable Energy	99
Retail	64
Robotics	43
Safety	7
Security Solutions	19
Social Impact	20
Social Network	12
Sports	12
Technology Hardware	134
Telecommunication & Networking	29
Textiles & Apparel	35
Toys and Games	13
Transportation & Storage	55
Travel & Tourism	43
Waste Management	31
<b>Total</b>	<b>4004</b>

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## ANNEXURE-II

### **ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (d) & (e) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2926 FOR ANSWER ON 10.03.2026.**

**Key measures undertaken by the Government to promote startup culture among youth across the country, including in the State of Andhra Pradesh are as follows:**

1. The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) through its autonomous organizations, namely National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD) and Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE) has taken various initiatives to promote entrepreneurship development amongst all sections of the society. These initiatives include Swavalambini programme, Entrepreneurship Awareness Programmes (EAP), Entrepreneurship Development Programmes (EDP), Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyaan (PMJANMAN), and Entrepreneurship Development Centres (EDC) in North East Region's Educational Institutions,
2. Ministry of Micro Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) is implementing the Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Programme (ESDP) which aims to motivate the youth/aspiring entrepreneurs to consider self-employment or entrepreneurship as one of the career options.
3. The Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) of NITI Aayog fosters innovation and entrepreneurship among India's youth through flagship programs like Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) and the Community Innovator Fellowship (CIF).
4. The Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell (MIC) and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) promotes innovation and entrepreneurship across educational institutions.
5. Youth-centric initiatives have been introduced by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports such as setting up of the autonomous body called Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat), the purpose of it, is to provide an over-arching institutional mechanism powered by technology for youth development and youth-led development through Experiential Learning Programs (ELPs), volunteering opportunities, mentorship programme, etc.
6. Under the Ministry of Defence the Scheme for Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) and Acing Development of Innovative Technologies with iDEX (ADITI) are fostering innovation and technology development in defence and aerospace by engaging startups.
7. Under the Department of Science & Technology, the Research, Development, and Innovation (RDI) Scheme has been approved to incentivize private sector participation in research and development (R&D). Further, DST is implementing the National Initiative for Developing and Harnessing Innovations (NIDHI) to promote innovation and entrepreneurship among the youth. The initiative comprises NIDHI-PRAYAS (prototype grant support), NIDHI-EIR (Entrepreneur-in-Residence fellowships), NIDHI iTBI (Inclusive TBIs in Tier-II and Tier-III regions). The DST is also implementing the National Quantum Mission (NQM), under which four thematic hubs (T-Hubs) have been established.

8. The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) through its constituent laboratories/institutes, is implementing the “Integrated Skill Initiative Program”, intending to equip young minds with the necessary technological skills through conducting training programs and workshops.
9. The Department of Biotechnology (DBT) has established biotechnology incubation and pre-incubation centres across States & Union Territories (UTs) under the BioNEST (Bioincubators Nurturing Entrepreneurship for Scaling Technologies) and EYUVA (Encouraging Youth for Undertaking Innovative Research Activities) schemes.
10. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) is undertaking initiatives such as GENESIS (Gen-Next Support for Innovative Startups) Scheme, TIDE 2.0 (Technology Incubation and Development of Entrepreneurs) Scheme, and IndiaAI Mission to promote the startup ecosystem.
11. Under the Government’s Skill India Mission (SIM), MSDE provides skill, re-skill and up-skill training through an extensive network of skill development centres/institutes etc. under various schemes, viz. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Craftsman Training Scheme (CTS) through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), across the country.
12. Under the Startup India initiative, the flagship Schemes namely, Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS), Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS) and Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups (CGSS) support startups at various stages of their business cycle. The Government also implements periodic exercises and programs including States’ Startup Ranking, National Startup Awards, and Innovation Week which play an important role in the holistic development of the startup ecosystem. Government also encourages and support ecosystem led initiatives as Startup Mahakumbh which serve as a vibrant platform for stakeholders to network and collaborate. Initiatives to improve market access and enable public procurement also support startups in growing and scaling up their businesses have also been undertaken. The Government has also taken various measures to enhance ease of doing business including starting up of business, raising capital, and reducing compliance burden to simplify the regulatory environment and create a conducive business environment.

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## ANNEXURE-III

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**Key measures undertaken by the Government to support startups in green technology and agri-technology areas across the country, including in the State of Andhra Pradesh are as follows:**

1. The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) launched Bharat's Hub for Agritech, Resilience, Advancement and Incubation for Export Enablement (BHARATI) to support startups engaged in agrifood and agri-tech, with a focus towards enhancing agri exports.
2. The Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare (DA&FW), Government of India is implementing "Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship Development" programme under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) with an objective to promote innovation and agri-entrepreneurship by providing financial support and nurturing an incubation ecosystem in the country.
3. The Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) has been supporting Agri-based startups under the project called National Agriculture Innovation Fund (NAIF). It has two components viz. (I) Innovation Fund; (II) Incubation Fund and National Coordinating Unit (NCU).
4. A Central Sector Scheme for blended Capital Support to finance startups for agriculture and rural enterprise relevant for Farm Produce Value Chain has been approved (AgriSURE).
5. The Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) has initiated the EV-Mission program under MAHA (Mission for Advancement in High-impact Areas) to promote research & development of Electric Vehicle (EV) adoption in India.
6. The Government is implementing the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM), with an objective to make India a global hub of production, usage and export of green hydrogen and its derivatives.
7. The Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for High Efficiency Solar PV Modules supports induction of the latest, state-of-art solar PV manufacturing technologies into the country, as the solar PV manufacturers are motivated to invest more in Research & Development in order to produce more efficient and resilient solar PV modules.
8. The PM E-DRIVE Scheme was notified to accelerate the transition to electric mobility across the country.
9. Production Linked Incentive Scheme on National Programme on Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) Battery Storage: The Government has approved PLI Scheme for manufacturing of ACC in the country. The scheme aims to establish a competitive domestic manufacturing ecosystem for ACC batteries.
10. Under the Research, Development, and Innovation (RDI) Scheme, various sectors have been identified for funding such as energy security and transition, and climate action (including various green technologies); Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its

application to Indian problems, including in agriculture, health, and education; as well as digital economy, including digital agriculture (agri-tech).

11. Certain key initiatives under Startup India to specifically encourage and support innovation in areas related to agri-technology and green technology include recognizing innovations with focus in sustainability and agri-innovation as part of the National Startup Awards, organisation of grand challenges in collaboration with the ecosystem for climate-tech sector under the Bharat Startup Grand Challenge and hackathons for startups in climate tech innovation, and sustainable solutions.

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