

55,200+ Startups in FY 2025-26 Recognized; Total Crosses 2.23 Lakh

- Total recognized startups cross 2.23 lakh with over 23.36 lakh jobs created; strong growth in funding, credit support and public procurement
- **Milestone Achievement:**
 - Over **55,200 startups recognized in FY 2025-26**, the highest ever in a single year since **Startup India launch (16 Jan 2016)**.
 - Total recognized startups now exceed **2.23 lakh**, generating **23.36 lakh+ direct jobs**.
- **Growth Trends:**
 - **51.6% YoY increase** in recognized startups compared to FY 2024-25.
 - **36.1% rise** in direct jobs created during FY 2025-26.
 - **Women-led startups:** 1.07 lakh+ with at least one woman director/partner (~48% of total).
- **Regional Leaders (as of 31 March 2026):**
 - **Maharashtra:** 38,660+ startups, 4,13,900+ jobs.
 - **Karnataka:** 22,600+, 2,46,000+ jobs.
 - **Uttar Pradesh:** 21,960+, 2,11,580+ jobs.
 - **Delhi:** 21,120+, 2,36,640+ jobs.
 - **Gujarat:** 19,270+, 2,14,800+ jobs.
- **Flagship Schemes Support:**
 - **Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS):** ₹7,000+ crore disbursed to 135+ AIFs; ₹26,900+ crore invested in 1,420+ startups.
 - **FFS 2.0** notified with ₹10,000 crore corpus.
 - **Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups (CGSS):** Guarantee cover per borrower raised from ₹10 crore to ₹20 crore.
 - 410+ loans worth ₹1,250+ crore guaranteed in FY 2025-26.
 - **Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS):** ₹945 crore corpus committed; 219 incubators selected; ₹605+ crore approved for 3,400+ startups.
- **Innovation & IP Growth:**

- **Patent filings:** 4,480+ in FY 2025-26 (up from 2,850+ in FY 2024-25).
- **Total filings by startups:** 19,400+.
- **Public Procurement via GeM:**
 - 6,540+ startups onboarded.
 - 1,40,260+ orders placed worth ₹19,190+ crore in FY 2025-26.
- **Strategic Impact:**
 - Startup India ecosystem continues to **drive innovation, job creation, and women-led entrepreneurship.**
 - Enhanced funding, credit support, and procurement integration strengthen India's **startup-led growth trajectory.**

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The Government has recognized more than 55,200 startups during Financial Year 2025-26, marking the highest number of startups recognized in a single year since the launch of the Startup India initiative.

The Startup India initiative was launched on 16th January 2016 with an Action Plan comprising schemes and incentives aimed at creating a robust ecosystem for nurturing innovation, encouraging private investments, and supporting startups across the country. Various programmes are being implemented to recognize, develop and empower startups.

Since inception, the number of recognized startups has crossed 2.23 lakh as on 31st March 2026, generating more than 23.36 lakh direct jobs. More than 1.07 lakh recognized startups have at least one woman director or partner, accounting for approximately 48% of total recognized startups.

The number of startups recognized increased by 51.6% year-on-year in FY 2025-26 compared to FY 2024-25, while direct jobs created rose by 36.1% during the same period.

Table 1: Startups and jobs spread across the country

Details	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26
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Year-wise no. of entities recognized as startups	36,400+	55,200+
Year-wise no. of direct jobs created by recognized startups	3,66,870+	4,99,400+

Startups are now present across all States and Union Territories. Maharashtra, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi and Gujarat have emerged as leading regions in terms of the number of recognized startups and direct employment generation as on 31st March 2026.

Table 2: States and UTs with highest number of recognized startups

State / UT	Entities recognized as startups as on 31 st March 2026	Direct jobs created by startups as on 31 st March 2026
Maharashtra	38,660+	4,13,900+
Karnataka	22,600+	2,46,000+
Uttar Pradesh	21,960+	2,11,580+
Delhi	21,120+	2,36,640+
Gujarat	19,270+	2,14,800+
Tamil Nadu	14,830+	1,52,900
Telangana	12,520+	1,36,570+
Haryana	11,620+	1,39,600+
Kerala	8,620+	74,130+
Rajasthan	8,100+	83,100+

The Government continues to support startups through flagship schemes including the Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS), Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS), and Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups (CGSS), providing financial support at various stages of the startup lifecycle.

Under FFS, more than Rs. 7,000 crore has been disbursed to over 135 Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) by the end of FY 2025-26, which have further invested more than Rs. 26,900 crore in over 1,420 startups. Building on this, the Government has notified Startup India Fund of Funds 2.0 with a corpus of Rs. 10,000 crore.

Table 3: Extensive support under flagship schemes - FFS

Details	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26
Amount disbursed to AIFs to support startups under the FFS 1.0 (in Rs. crore)	980+	1,039+

The Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups has been expanded in FY 2025-26 to enhance capital mobilization by increasing the guarantee cover per borrower from Rs. 10 crore to Rs. 20 crore, enhancing the extent of guarantee cover, and reducing the annual guarantee fee

for lenders in identified sectors. By the end of FY 2025-26, more than 410 loans amounting to over Rs. 1,250 crore have been guaranteed.

Table 4: Extensive support under flagship schemes - CGSS

Details	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26
No. of loans guaranteed to startups	130	135+
Amount of loans guaranteed to startups (in Rs. crore)	305	600+

Under the Startup India Seed Fund Scheme, 219 incubators have been selected and the entire corpus of Rs. 945 crore has been committed. These incubators have approved funding of over Rs. 605 crore to more than 3,400 startups. The scheme has been extended to enable continued disbursement and completion of approved activities.

Startup-led innovation has also strengthened intellectual property generation, with more than 19,400 patent applications filed by startups. Patent filings increased from over 2,850 in FY 2024-25 to more than 4,480 in FY 2025-26.

Table 5: Increase in patent filing by startups

Details	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26
Patent applications filed by startups	2,850+	4,480+

The Government e-Marketplace (GeM) has further facilitated startup participation in public procurement. More than 38,600 startups have been onboarded on the platform.

Table 6: Public procurement to support startup innovation

Details	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26
Total no. of startups onboarded on GeM	5,140+	6,540+
Total number of orders placed to startups on GeM	1,19,620+	1,40,260+
Total value of orders placed to startups on GeM (in Rs. crore)	14,103+	19,190+



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2.23 lakh+

Government recognized startups



23.36 lakh+

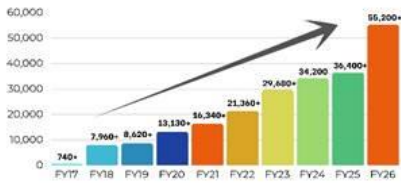
Direct-jobs created by recognized startups



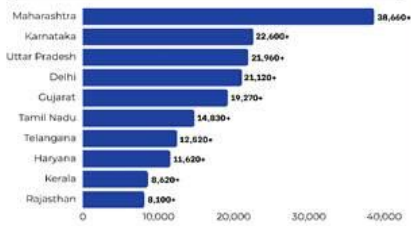
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YoY growth in startups FY26 vs FY25

Year-wise no. of startups recognized



States/UTs with highest no. of recognized startups



Nari Shakti

48% of recognized startups with at least one woman director/partner

Expanding Startup Definition

Enhanced turnover limit, recognition of deep tech startups and cooperatives

Startup India Fund of Funds 2.0

Established with corpus of ₹10,000 crore for mobilizing growth capital for startups

Record Number of Startups in FY26

56,200+ startups recognized - highest in a single year

Expansion of Credit Guarantee for Startups (CGSS)

Enhanced coverage from ₹10 cr to ₹20 cr; Guarantee fee for champion sectors reduced to 1%

-2x YoY growth under CGSS in FY26

Loans worth more than ₹600 crore guaranteed in FY26

Translating policy into action

