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Here's what has happened in the last few days and what's to come!

The TS@IiT start-up ecosystem offers unparalleled support to those driving innovation, whether it is mentors or investors, guiding startups effectively. All that the start-ups need is the chance and direction to unleash their potential. This ecosystem aims to unite all stakeholders under one roof, facilitating budding entrepreneurs with speacialised skills and expertise, sharing professional insights and contacts gained from years of experience.

In this newsletter you can expect:

News from Startup world

Curefoods Raises ₹160 Cr from Binny Bansal's 3State Ventures, Plans Major Expansion

IPO-bound Curefoods has secured ₹160 crore in funding from 3State Ventures, led by Flipkart co-founder Binny Bansal. The company will invest ₹152 crore to expand its kitchen and outlet network by 2029.
With a portfolio of 10 brands—including EatFit, Sharief Bhai Biryani, Olio Pizza, and Krispy Kreme—Curefoods aims to grow through organic expansion, acquisitions, and infrastructure development. Plans include scaling in existing markets, entering Tier II cities, and expanding globally, starting with the UAE launch of Sharief Bhai Biryani.

Vedantu Raises $11M to Double Down on AI and Personalised Learning

Edtech unicorn Vedantu has secured $11 million (₹100 Cr) in an ongoing funding round from existing investors. The company plans to use the capital to invest in AI, adaptive content, and personalised learning tech, while also expanding into new categories.
Vedantu is reportedly in talks with external investors to raise more funds and facilitate secondary exits for its Chinese and early-stage shareholders.

SOURCE: WWW.INC42.COM

From Compliance to Growth: What GST growth means for Start-ups

India's startup ecosystem just got a boost — and it comes in the form of the latest GST reform. 💡
Here's what it really means for startups:

✅ Simplified Compliance
Less time on paperwork, more time on product, customers, and scaling. Automation in filings & fewer returns = operational efficiency.

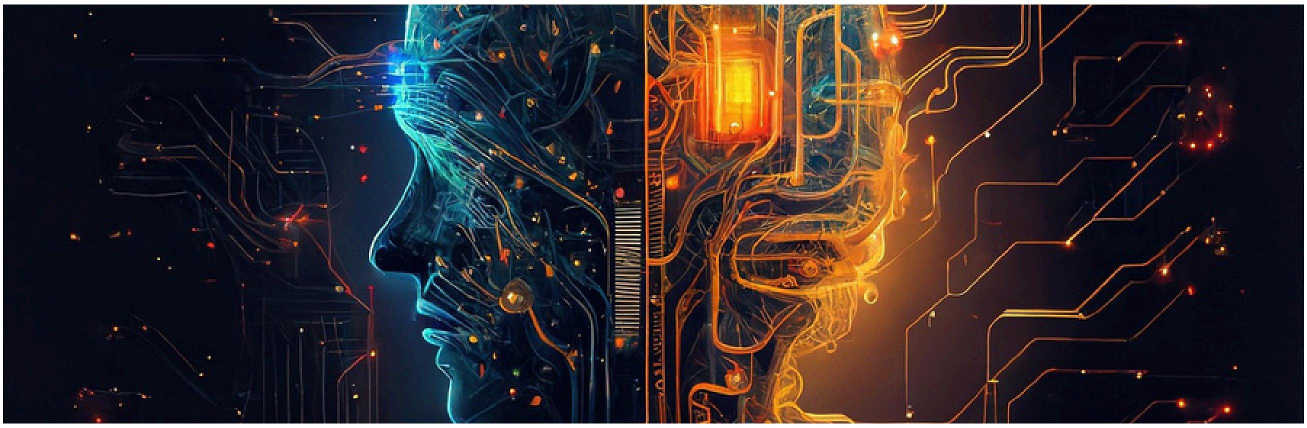
✅ Improved Cash Flow
Faster input tax credit (ITC) processing means less working capital locked up in the system — critical for startups where cash is king.

✅ Easier Expansion Across States
With greater uniformity and transparency, expanding to new states becomes smoother — no more fear of compliance nightmares.

✅ Boost to Investor Confidence
Clarity and ease of doing business matter to investors. A transparent tax regime makes startups a more attractive bet.

✅ Support for Digital-First Models
The digital push in GST aligns well with the tech-driven nature of startups — expect more API integrations, automated tax tech, and real-time reconciliation.

This is more than a policy update — it's a signal that enables innovation and entrepreneurship.
If you're a founder, CFO, or early-stage team member, now's the time to revisit your tax strategy and leverage the benefits.



How startups can leverage AI in Learning and Development

Startups are built on speed, adaptability, and smart scaling. But here's the thing — growth without continuous learning is just chaos.

In our latest blog, "How Startups Can Leverage AI in Learning & Development to Scale Smarter", we explore how early-stage and scaling companies can use AI to:

- Personalize learning for faster employee ramp-up
- Automate onboarding and knowledge sharing
- Identify skill gaps before they become roadblocks
- Drive a culture of continuous, data-driven improvement

AI isn't replacing L&D — it's supercharging it. And for startups, that could be the edge between surviving and scaling.

Whether you're building your first team or scaling a fast-growing one, this is a must-read.
Read the full article here: **https://lnkd.in/gBNbFrCB**

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Deadline - Oct 5, 2025

Energy Launchpad 2025
Deadline - Oct 5, 2025

STBI- NIDHI - SEED SUPPORT (SS) PROGRAM
Deadline - Oct 9, 2025

Cinepreneur Cohort 6
Deadline - Oct 10, 2025

IKP's International One Health Incubator (IOHI)
Deadline - Oct 10, 2025

Runway Incubator UPES – MeitY GENESIS EIR Application (Cohort 2)
Deadline - Oct 12, 2025

STARTUP NATION OLYMPIAD 2025

WORLD'S LARGEST STARTUP COMPETITION

The Startup Nation Olympiad 2025 is the world's largest startup competition, uniting 10 million young minds and supporting early-stage founders.

Startup Nation is a founder based not-for-profit initiative developed to support early stage and first time founders. Every member of our team is a founder of their own startups and is here to create a nurtuing and supportive network of expereinced founders, education institutions, industry partners and incubation centers

The Startup Nation Olympiad 2025 Grand Finale takes place from **December 21-23, 2025**, in Pune, India. The registration deadline was July 31, 2025.

Key Information:

- **Event: Startup Nation Olympiad 2025**
- **Grand Finale Dates: December 21-23, 2025**
- **Registration Deadline: July 31, 2025 (past deadline)**
- **Registration Website: www.startupnationindia.com**