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TEAM TS@IIT AT WORK:

The TS@IIT team offers exceptional support to innovation stakeholders. We understand that promising young innovators need opportunities to gain visibility and tailored support to fully develop their potential. Our goal is to bring together all the players in this ecosystem, facilitating access to skills, expertise, professional knowledge, and business networks for budding innovators and entrepreneurs.



NEWS FROM STARTUP WORLD

Key Funding, Acquisitions & M&A Highlights

- Limelight Diamonds secured ₹275 crore (~\$27.5 million) to strengthen its retail presence and expand its lab-grown diamond ecosystem.
- The Indus Valley raised \$17 million in an early-stage funding round led by Gaja Capital.
- Incuspaze secured ₹150 crore (~\$15.6 million) to accelerate the growth of its proptech and managed workspace business.
- BatX Energies raised \$11 million in a Series A funding round led by IvyCap Ventures and other investors to scale its battery recycling and sustainability initiatives.

M&A

- Mynd Fintech acquired C2FO India.
- Crib App acquired CirclePe.
- Ananta Capital acquired Phitku for approximately ₹100 crore.

UPCOMING STARTUP & ENTREPRENEURSHIP EVENTS

- **Bharatpreneurs Edition:** July 25, 2026 | New Delhi
- **CyberCon India 2026:** July 25, 2026 | The Leela Ambience Convention Hotel, Delhi
- **Entrepreneurship & Business Management Summit:** August 3, 2026 | New Delhi
- **Bharatiya Vyapar Mahotsav (BVM) 2026:** August 12–15, 2026 | Pragati Maidan, New Delhi
- **New Delhi 2026 Venture Capital World Summit:** October 9, 2026 | CorporatEdge World Trade Center

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BLOG

IDEA VALIDATION: THE SMARTEST INVESTMENT EVERY FOUNDER CAN MAKE

Every startup begins with an idea, but success comes from validating it before investing in development. Instead of relying on assumptions, successful founders test market demand early to ensure they are solving a real customer problem.

Why Validation Matters

Early validation reduces risk, refines your value proposition, and provides evidence of market demand. Strong signals like waitlists, paid pilots, pre-orders, or Letters of Intent also make it easier to attract investors.

5 Steps to Validate Your Idea

- Define your hypothesis: Identify your target customer, their problem, and your solution.
- Validate the problem: Talk to potential customers to confirm the problem is real and important

Bottom Line – The fastest validators often become the strongest founders. Ideas are everywhere, but proof of market demand is what drives successful startups. Validate first, build second, and scale with confidence.

To read the blog, visit our website www.investingintalent.in or click on this link :

<https://investingintalent.in/blog/idea-validation-the-smartest-investment-every-founder-can-make/>

SAApply Roundup–Open Calls for Grants & Funding Opportunities

- ILSE Entrepreneur Training Program – July 17, 2026. 13-week hybrid program with 1:1 mentoring and fundraising prep. No equity taken; free to apply (one-time \$100 fee if admitted).
- SusCrunch 2026 – July 18, 2026 Global climate innovation festival – investor and ecosystem networking, startup showcase, and visibility across climate-tech, clean energy, and mobility.
- Physics Wallah AI Startup Challenge 2026 – July 30, 2026. Equity funding opportunity from Physics Wallah, investor exposure, and startup ecosystem access for AI-first startups (seed to Series A).
- Genesis by IKP – Cohort 1 – July 31, 2026. Up to ₹30 lakh (2–3% equity), 12 months of hands-on support, and access to the Genome Valley ecosystem, IKP labs, and follow-on investor network.

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