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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

Major Funding Highlights

- Urban Harvest: Raised \$35.4 million in a Series D round backed by Info Edge Ventures and other institutional investors.
- Carpl: Secured \$10 million in a Series A round featuring the International Finance Corporation (IFC).
- Omega Seiki Mobility: Collected \$5.18 million in a Series A financing round to scale electric vehicle manufacturing.

Notable Strategic Acquisitions

- Snitch: Acquired women's fashion brand Berrylush to expand beyond menswear into cross-category apparel.
- Physics Wallah: Absorbed Sarathi IAS to strengthen its presence in public service exam preparation.
- Redcliffe Labs: Bought Megavision Diagnostic Centers to expand its localized diagnostics network.

UPCOMING STARTUP & ENTREPRENEURSHIP EVENTS

- South Asia Summit-2026: July 30, 2026 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi; focuses on empowering women-owned businesses and corporate procurement access.
- Meet The Founder's | Gurugram: August 1, 2026 at BEYOND JUST WORK, Gurugram; connects builders, founders, and active investors.
- Build With Bharat: August 1, 2026 at Microsoft, Gurugram; an 8-hour national-level hackathon for innovators.
- Bharat Smart Factory & Automation Expo: August 5, 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi; highlights manufacturing innovation, AI integration, and emerging tech solutions.
- Bharatiya Vyapar Mahotsav: August 12, 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi; multi-sectoral trade exhibition promoting Make in India.

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STARTUP COMPETITIONS ACROSS INDIA

- **Electropreneur Park OCP 8.0**

Electropreneur Park OCP 8.0 is accepting applications until 9 August 2026 from startups and innovators in electronics, hardware, embedded systems, IoT, semiconductors, and other deep-tech sectors. Selected startups can receive funding between ₹5 lakh and ₹2.5 crore, along with incubation support, mentorship, access to advanced labs and infrastructure, industry partnerships, and investor networking to accelerate product development and commercialization.

- **Eureka!**

Applications for Eureka! are open until 14 August 2026. The business plan competition invites aspiring entrepreneurs and early-stage startups to present innovative ideas, with cash prizes ranging from ₹2 lakh to ₹4 lakh. Participants also gain access to expert mentorship, investor networking, and business model guidance, making it a valuable platform to validate ideas and build industry connections.

- **TATA Social Enterprise Challenge 2026 (14th Edition)**

The TATA Social Enterprise Challenge 2026 is accepting applications until 15 August 2026 from social entrepreneurs and impact-driven startups. Selected ventures can access funding support of up to ₹10 crore, along with mentorship, expert guidance, investor and industry networking, and ecosystem support to scale solutions addressing critical social and environmental challenges.

SAApply Roundup-Open Calls for Grants & Funding Opportunities

- Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Pvt. Ltd: August 3rd 2026
- NIDHI i-TBI Ignition Grant: August 5th, 2026
- Bharat Life Sciences Award (BLSA) 2026: August 10th 2026
- Incubation & Ignition Grant 2026: August 14th 2026
- DST NIDHI Seed Support Program (NIDHI-SSP):

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