Investing In Talent

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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

- **CureBay**: Raised ₹100 crore ($7.3 million) in a Pre-Series C funding round led by IvyCap Ventures to expand its technology-enabled rural healthcare network.
- **TravClan:** Secured $5 million in funding from Flipkart and August One, along with additional debt financing from Trifecta Capital.
- **Karta** AI: Raised $3 million in a seed funding round led by PeerCapital and Cedar Hill to scale its voice-driven AI platform.
- **SpectraGaze Systems**: The Ahmedabad-based spacetech and sensor startup raised ₹3.7 crore ($391,000) in a seed round led by GVFL to develop indigenous optical imaging payloads for defence applications and ISRO missions.
- **Hunar.AI:** Raised ₹40 crore in a Series A funding round led by Blume Ventures to scale its AI-powered frontline workforce platform.

Key Acquisitions and Mergers

- **Focus Prism** acquired **Foodexo** in a business acquisition deal.
- **MSM Unify** acquired **Rj Vision**.
- **Atlasclear** acquired **ARK Financial Services**.
- **Info-Tech Research Group** acquired enterprise SaaS management platform **Zluri**.
- **Hoola** acquired edtech startup **UpTodd**

UPCOMING STARTUP & ENTREPRENEURSHIP EVENTS

Startup Dangal, Jaipur

- **Dates: November 19–20, 2026**
- **Venue: Jaipur, Rajasthan**
- **Focus: Founder pitch sessions and regional startup showcase**

Bengaluru Tech Summit

- **Dates: November 17–19, 2026**
- **Venue: Bengaluru, Karnataka**
- **Focus: Deeptech, innovation, and global tech collaboration**

Huddle Global 2026

- **Date & Time: November 11–13, 2026**
- **Venue: Kovalam, Kerala (by Kerala Startup Mission)**
- **Focus: Flagship coastal startup networking, investor matching, and global scaling panels.**

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BLOG - MEITY GENESIS PILOT 2.0

- Eligibility: DPIIT-recognised startups incorporated in Tier-II and Tier-III cities, aged 1–5 years, with an MVP or working prototype and a pilot purchase order (PO) or work order (WO) worth ₹1 lakh to ₹1 crore from an eligible, independent partner.
- Funding: Up to ₹40 lakh, based on the verified cost of fulfilling the order.
- Equity: The implementing incubator's equity stake is capped at 3%.
- Application process: Apply through the MeitY Startup Hub portal via an implementing incubator.

About the Programme

MeitY GENESIS is a MeitY Startup Hub initiative designed to support early-stage technology startups beyond India's major metropolitan cities. Its Pilot 2.0 funding stream helps startups cover the costs of executing their first real customer orders, enabling them to validate their solutions through practical deployments with paying partners.

Applications are screened through participating implementing incubators, which facilitate the funding process and hold equity on behalf of MeitY Startup Hub.

Read our complete guide to explore eligibility requirements, funding details, required documents, the application process, and participating incubators.

Read the blog: https://investingintalent.in/blog/meity-genesis-pilot-2-0/

SAAply Roundup-Open Calls for Grants & Funding Opportunities

- ANRF Inclusivity Research Grant (IRG): November 3rd 2026
- GRO8 Cohort 4: November 8th 2026
- Interconnect Innovation Catalyst Program 2026: November 9th 2026
- I Heal Accelerator 5: November 10th 2026
- Digi-SAPNE 3.0 – Startup Acceleration Program for North East India:

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