



Government to Make Bihar Leader in Startup Sector

Why in News?

According to the State industry minister Samir Kumar Mahaseth, the government was working on a mission to make **Bihar a leader in the field of [startups](#)**.

Key Points

- According to the minister at the Bihar Startup Awards 2024 event at Adhiveshan Bhawan on the occasion of [National Startup Day \(16th January\)](#), Bihar will grow as its startup sector grows.
- At the event awards were presented to several startups active in the state including:
 - **Medivisor Pvt Ltd** received the **Best Startup of the Year award**, **Ved Prabha Aerospace Pvt Ltd** emerged **first runner-up**, and **Biro Power Pvt Ltd** **second runner-up in this category**.
- Awards were also given in various categories, including **women's leadership, agriculture, information technology, [e-commerce](#), [electric vehicles](#)** and [Educational technology](#).
- Under the **Bihar Startup Policy** to the entrepreneurs:
 - **Interest-free seed funding of up to Rs 10 lakh** is provided to budding entrepreneurs **for a period of ten years**.
 - A **5% higher amount** is allocated as **seed funding** to startups initiated by **women**, and **15% more** for startups led by **scheduled castes/scheduled tribes and differently-abled individuals**.
 - A grant of up to **Rs 3 lakh** is given to **individuals participating in acceleration programs**.
 - If **investments** are received **from registered entities and angel investors**, matching **loans of up to Rs 50 lakh** are also provided.

National Startup Day

- It is **observed annually on 16th January** to appreciate and promote the [Indian Startup Ecosystem](#).
- [Startup India initiative](#) was launched on 16th January, 2016, **with a vision to cultivate innovation, support startups, and stimulate investments**.
- It encompasses **initiatives like the Seed Fund scheme and [Credit Guarantee Scheme](#), further aiding startups**.
- India has **emerged as the 3rd largest ecosystem for startups globally as of 31st May 2023**.
 - India **ranks 2nd in innovation quality** with top positions in the quality of scientific publications and the quality of its universities among middle-income economies.

