

Samarth Incubation Program

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The <u>Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DoT)</u> has launched the 'Samarth' Incubation **Program** to foster innovation in **Telecom and IT sectors** by **startup collaboration** and **attracting investments**.

- Samarth Program: It aims to support DPIIT- recognized startups developing next-generation technologies in Telecom Software, <u>Cyber Security</u>, <u>5G/6G</u>, <u>AI</u>, <u>IoT</u>, and <u>Quantum Technologies</u>.
 - It will provide sustainable and scalable business models, cutting-edge resources, and facilitate startup growth from ideation to commercialization.
- Implementation: Implemented in partnership with <u>Software Technology Parks of India</u> (STPI) under MeitY.
- Support Offered: Programme supports 36 startups in 2 six-month cohorts, offering hybrid learning, mentorship, infrastructure, and investor access to foster innovation in telecom and IT.
 - Startups are offered Rs 5 lakh grants, 6-month C-DOT's office space & lab facilities and mentorship.
 - Successful startups may gain future collaboration opportunities under the C-DOT Collaborative Research Program.
- C-DoT: The C-DoT is an autonomous R&D center under DoT, established in 1984, focusing on indigenous telecom innovations like 5G, IoT, AI etc to support Atma Nirbhar Bharat.

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