



# Swavalambini

## Why in News?

Recently, [the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship \( MSDE \)](#) in collaboration with [NITI Aayog](#) launched the women entrepreneurship programme **Swavalambini** at **Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut** .

## Key Points

- **About Swavalambini:**
  - Swavalambini It is a **women entrepreneurship program** aimed at empowering women by helping them **develop an entrepreneurial mindset**, providing necessary **resources and guidance for business success**.
  - **Program structure:**
    - A **phase-wise entrepreneurship process** is initiated **comprising Entrepreneurship Awareness Programme (EAP), Women Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP), Faculty Development Programme (FDP ) and Financing** .
    - This will involve **recognising and rewarding successful enterprises**, which will inspire others and establish a clear **framework for promoting women-led enterprises in India**.
    - **Strengthen the culture of entrepreneurship in higher education institutions**, making business creation a viable career path for women.
    - **Promote women-led enterprises** as a key driver of India's economic transformation.
  - **Aligned with national policies:**
    - **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020** promotes **skill integration, industry collaboration, and entrepreneurship-driven education**.
    - Swavalambanni works on this by ensuring **financial and consultancy support** for women entrepreneurs .
    - It strengthens initiatives like **Start-up India , [Stand-up India](#) , [PM Mudra Yojana](#) and [Women Entrepreneurship Platform](#)** .
    - Swavalambanni is in line with [Union Budget 2025](#) , which launches a **Rs 10,000 crore start-up fund and 100% tax exemption on start-up dividends for the first five years** , providing crucial financial support to emerging women-led enterprises.

## Women Entrepreneurship Scenario in India

- **Total MSMEs in India:** Over 63 million, [Women-owned MSMEs](#) **20% (12.39 million)**.
- **Employment Contribution:** Women-led MSMEs provide employment to 22-27 million people.
- **India Ranking in Women Entrepreneurship:** India is currently ranked 57th out of 65 countries in the **Mastercard Index on Women Entrepreneurship (MIWE) 2021** .
  - **India ranks 70th among 77 nations in the Global Female Entrepreneurship Index (FEI)** as estimated by the Global Entrepreneurship and Development Institute.
- **Top states with highest participation of women-led MSMEs:** **West Bengal (23.42%), Tamil**

**Nadu** (10.37%), **Telangana** (7.85%), **Karnataka** (7.56%), and **Andhra Pradesh** (6.76%).

