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Vision India@ 2047

The Prime Minister of India issued direction to prepare the “Vision India@ 2047” document and identify the long-term vision and goals by the Central Ministries and Departments of the Government of India by May 2022. The first meeting of its sectoral experts has been recently organized by the Department of Administrative Reforms on the governance structuring in which secretaries from 10 distinct sectors of the Indian economy were taking part to shape up the vision document and make India future-ready.

On the 75th Anniversary of Independent India, the launch of this initiative by the government will benchmark the dawn of novel Independent India, where India will become Atmanirbhar in all its capacities till the time it will celebrate its 100th year of Independence. With the people's participation and responsive governance, future India will strive through this vision document and will define committed, long-lasting, and deep-rooted policy reforms and developments. The vision document will lead India to develop the country as a world leader in the new world order.

The government has proven its commitment to creating long-lasting impacts through policies reforms such as the One Nation One Ration Card, Jan Dhan Yojana, National Education Policy, Startup Mission, Gati Shakti Master Plan, etc to scale beyond imagination inclusively. In its first meeting, the department has emphasized the adoption of the “Whole of the Government” approach and critical reforms in administration for the realization of this vision document.

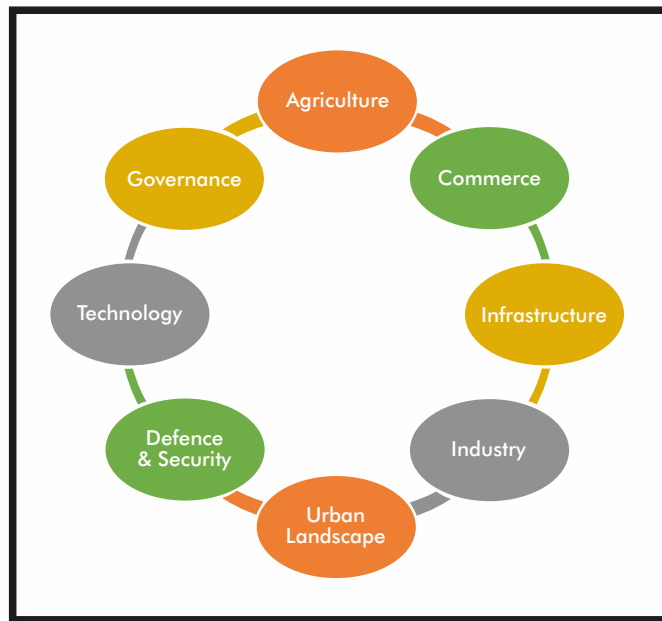
The government has identified the importance of the digital infrastructure of the country as the backbone of this master plan. Through which the seamless coordination among Ministries and Departments will be achieved and on-demand services can be provided to the Indian citizens. The document will be a blueprint with achievable targets for the next 25 years with realistic outcomes and timelines. Thus, it will help to put the foundation for the future growth of India with a planned roadmap.



Vision for india in 2047

The key suggestions to include in the document are to define India's position in the world in 2047 and make India's defense acquisitions free from foreign dependence and also build India Atmanirbhar in Defence & security sector. So that India can play a significant role in the new world order which will be build after the pandemic. For this, the re-wiring of governance processes will be demanded and government should play the role of facilitator by reducing its unnecessary interference in the processes.

KeyAreas Identified under Vision India@2047:



The plan will formulate the policy to develop India as a skill-capital and become the world leader in the Research & Development of the different sectors of the economy. The objectives of decarbonization to provide quality infrastructure and facilities to Indian urban spaces along with rural India will take a front seat in this future India vision plan.

In its first phase, the sectoral experts will do a gap analysis of India's internal capabilities including government as well as private players as compared to international capabilities in the sector, and identify the potential and strategic sectors of the Indian economy which can excel in the stipulated time frame and help India to become the world leader by 2047.

The government under this vision document is also planning to evaluate the sectoral, regional, and local disparities so that these can be reduced in a significant way by the time India will celebrate its 100th Independence anniversary. Thus, the plan will also help the government to envision the idea of “Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat” and make India the economic powerhouse in the world.

The plan is to develop the expertise within the governance structure by using international capabilities, expertise, and capital for the growth of India. For this, the government will apply the core principle of reforms in the Indian government structure and help to develop an ecosystem to nurture global champions from India. The document will provide a template of future India and help our “Can Do” generation to participate in the national building process. In this regard, the vision document will look forward to larger people participation through which every goal will become imaginable for future India by 2047.

National Startup Day: A Celebration to Develop Culture of Entrepreneurship in India

The Government of India has announced the 16th of January as National Startup Day to mark the unprecedented growth of startups in India and the addition of 44 unicorns in the year 2021 despite the sufferings of the Covid-19 pandemic. The day marks the launch of the Startup India Initiative by the government in 2016. To date, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade(DPIIT) being a facilitator has recognized more than 630000 Indian startups across the globe in 57 diverse sectors in which more than 45% of startups are represented by women. The decision will develop the culture of the startup in India and make it a dinner table discussion of every Indian house.

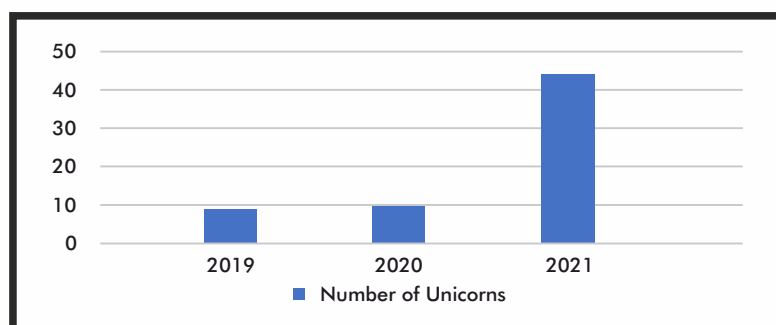
On this day, the government also presented the National Startup Awards 2021, which was the second edition of these awards. During the facilitation, 46 Indian startups, 1 incubator, and 1 accelerator have been awarded across 15 sectors. This year the government also acknowledged the efforts of extraordinary startups which work for the promotion of Indic languages and complemented efforts in combating the Covid-19 pandemic. The startups were evaluated on the basis of different parameters.

Innovation	Scalability	Economic Impact
Social Impact	Environmental Impact	Diversity

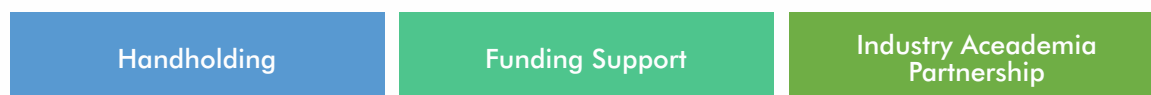
Evaluation Parameters

The year 2021 was a milestone for the Indian Startup ecosystem as India becomes the 3rd largest country in the world in terms of the number of startups with more than 63,000 Indian startups registered globally. Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, the culture and growth of startups in India are showing an upward trend with the exponential growth of Unicorn startups in 2021.

Unicorn Startup Growth in India



The Startup India Initiative has developed the culture of innovation in India from scratch and made entrepreneurship one of the career choices for young and energetic Indian youths. It has integrated into them the global value chain to create sustainable impacts. The initiative works on three fundamental pillars to support startups and nurture them to become market-ready.



3 Fundamental pillars

Still, startups in India facing many practical challenges, the diversity of culture along with the digital divide and complex regulatory, legal, and environmental framework create obstacles when trying to scale up their operations. But the Startup India Mission is somehow working hard on building a robust and responsive startup ecosystem in the country by leveraging the power of innovation and helping the startups to find their true potential. The ecosystem, work as an enabler to produce wealth and employment opportunities besides creating social impact sustainably.

Other initiatives of the Government of India to promote the culture of entrepreneurship to far-flung areas of the country such as the Startup Seed Fund Scheme to provide fund support to early-stage startups for prototype development, technology commercialization, etc. The Startup Grand Challenges in different sectors like animal husbandry and the “Prarambh Summit” give platforms to the young entrepreneurial mindsets from all around the globe to exchange innovative ideas.

The government is putting major emphasis on startup innovations related to fulfilling the basic needs of people such as improved access to healthcare, education, financial services, etc along with higher employment generation services. Special attention has been put to the use of deep technology to create solutions from Artificial intelligence, Blockchain, Virtual Reality, etc. The big Multinational giants like Google, Microsoft, Accenture, Intel, etc are also working hand in hand to nurture innovation in the country and keep the momentum and growth of Indian startups steady in the global space.

All this is setting the right track for the growth of startups in India and increasing its reach to tier-2 and Tier-3 cities of the country. The celebrations like this bring together the key stakeholders of the startup ecosystem such as entrepreneurs, incubators, accelerators, investors, venture capitalists, etc at a single place to exchange their knowledge and capabilities. This will provide a platform for startups and entrepreneurs to call up for capital, technology, market access, and other expertise from domestic as well as international key players. All this led to the way of establishing India as a Startup Nation and unlocking India's true potential in the coming future.



National War Memorial and Merger of Amar Jawan Jyoti

The Amar Jawan Jyoti at India Gate has been merged with the eternal flame at the National War Memorial which symbolizes the gratitude and reverence to brave Indian soldiers who lost their lives in different wars since the independence of India in 1947. The Amar Jawan Jyoti was established to mark the victory of India against Pakistan in the 1971 War and thus got merged into the flame of the National War Memorial, where the names of all these brave soldiers are also got inscribed in golden letters. After the transfer of the Amar Jawan Jyoti to the National War Memorial, a hologram statue of the Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose was also unveiled on his 125th Birth Anniversary to pay tribute to his valuable contributions to the Independence of India.

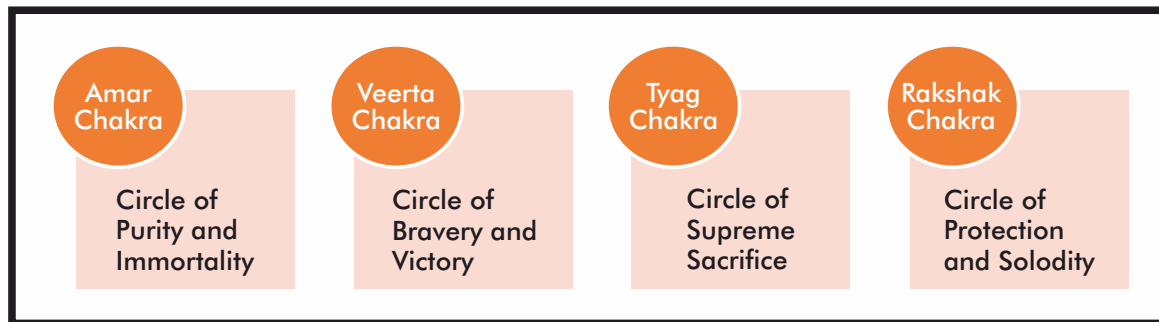
The Amar Jawan Jyoti at India Gate was established to give tribute to the soldiers who have lost their lives in the 1971 war but there was no impression of their names on the site. The India Gate was built in 1931 by Britishers in memory of 90,000 Indian soldiers in the British India Army who have lost their lives in several British Wars and campaigns before India's Independence and thus was one of the symbols of the colonial past of India.

Besides, the National War Memorial is a national monument to celebrate the victories of India in all the wars after independence and commemorate the soldiers who died and got injured in those wars. This will develop a deliberate connection of these brave hearts with each visitor and will strengthen the feeling of nationhood in future generations. This is the symbol of utmost sacrifice in the nation-building process.

This sacred place has the name of more than 26,000 Indian soldiers of the Indian Armed Forces who have sacrificed their lives for the integrity and sovereignty of their motherland, India. Thus, it is an edifice that develops a sense of belongingness with the sacrifice of our armed forces along with their high moral values for the sake of the nation's pride.

The proposal for the establishment of the memorial was first put forward in 1960 and it took almost 60 years for India, to find this monumental landscape into reality in 2019. It is a homage to all those soldiers who sacrificed their lives in war times as well as in various conflicts, Humanitarian and Disaster Response Operations, United Nations Operations, etc since 1947.

The C-Hexagonal layout structure 400 meters away from India Gate constitutes the National War Memorial, Param Yodhdha Sthal, Canopy, and India Gate in itself. It is also in the structural symmetry of Rajpath and Central Vista. The memorial structure layout has 4 circles with distinct names and impressions:



4 Circles of Memorial

Being a National Monument, this place will witness various ceremonial functions such as Republic Day on 26th January, Independence Day on 15th August, Kargil Diwas on 26th July, Vijay Diwas on 16th December along with Army Day, Air Force Day, Navy Day, etc.

Thus, the memorial will work as a historical touch point for Indians as well as foreign visitors in the times to come. It will become a connecting thread between our glorious past and our future generations. This will help in nurturing the sense of patriotism and introduce them to the sacred sacrifices made by the Indian soldier's time to time to keep us sovereign and protected.

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