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GENESIS EIR 3.0 Launched to Support Early-Stage Technology Innovators



The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), through **MeitY Startup Hub (MSH)**, has launched the third cohort of the **GENESIS Entrepreneur-in-Residence (EIR)** programme to support aspiring entrepreneurs, innovators, researchers, students and early-stage startup founders in developing technology-led ideas into viable ventures. GENESIS EIR 3.0 was launched on 4 August 2026 during the **GENESIS NextGen Startup Summit – Coimbatore Edition** at **Rathinam Global University, Coimbatore**. The initiative seeks to expand opportunities for technology innovators, particularly those based in Tier-II and Tier-III cities.



Source: <https://ddnews.gov.in/en/genesis-eir-3-0-launched-to-support-early-stage-tech-innovators-with-funding-of-up-to-rs-10-lakh/>

Under GENESIS EIR 3.0, selected applicants will **receive funding through participating GENESIS implementing agencies**. The assistance is linked to defined milestones and may be released in two tranches, subject to approval and achievement of prescribed milestones. The programme is designed to help early-stage innovators advance their technology ideas towards pilot-ready solutions.

GENESIS EIR 3.0 SUPPORT



Financial Assistance

Upto
Rs10 lakh



Incubation Support

Structured
startup
development
environment



Expert Mentorship

One-to-one
guidance



MVP Development

From concept
to functional
product



Technology Validation

Prototype
testing and
technical
assessment



Industry & Market Access

Networking and
commercialisation
opportunities



Source: <https://kiitincubator.in/genesis-centre/>

The programme covers **emerging technology areas** including Electronics and IT, ICT, DeepTech, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, Internet of Things, Semiconductor and VLSI, Cybersecurity, Blockchain, Quantum Technologies, and AR/VR, Spatial and Immersive Technologies. Eligible innovations are expected to be at **Technology Readiness Levels (TRL) 1–4**, covering early conceptualization, proof of concept, prototype and initial validation stages.

The programme is open to Indian citizens, while eligible startups should generally be incorporated for less than two years and be based in Tier-II and Tier-III cities. Applicants should not have received more than Rs 10 lakh in government assistance for the same proposed idea or startup. Applications will be evaluated and short-listed, followed by selection of eligible innovators for programme support. Applications for Cohort 3 opened on 4 August 2026 and will remain open until 3 September 2026.



Source: <https://newsaffinity.com/meity-launches-genesis-eir-3-0-with-up-to-₹10-lakh-support-for-early-stage-tech-startups/>

GENESIS EIR 3.0 forms part of the broader **GENESIS scheme**, with a budget outlay of **Rs 490 crore**, aimed at strengthening the technology startup ecosystem beyond established innovation centres. The programme aims to support the development and commercialization of technology solutions and **broaden access to entrepreneurship opportunities in emerging startup locations**, aligning with the Government's focus on expanding technology-led innovation beyond established startup hubs.

'Arjun Bahini' to Enhance West Bengal's Disaster-Response Capabilities with Agniveers



West Bengal has launched 'Arjun Bahini', a specialized disaster-response force for early-stage action during natural and infrastructure-related emergencies. **The 200-member force has been established on the lines of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)** to strengthen the State's disaster-management preparedness. It will provide trained personnel, equipment and logistical support for rapid intervention and coordinated action in vulnerable areas across the State.



Source: <https://exampurstore.com/current-affairs/west-bengal-govt-to-form-arjun-bahini-disaster-response-force-with-agniveers>

The force will initially operate across Kolkata, the Darjeeling and Kalimpong hills, and the Sundarbans, with operational teams based at key locations including Gosaba and Kadwip. Of the 200 personnel, 100 will be deployed in Kolkata and 50 each in the hills and the Sundarbans. Further expansion is proposed for Digha, Mandarmani, Mukutmanipur, Tarapith and the Terai-Dooars region, according to emerging disaster-response requirements.



Source: <https://thepublicworld.com/archives/119810>

The initial deployment has been arranged through the State Sainik Board, with eligible armed forces personnel below 40 years of age. **Members will be designated as 'Veers' and team leaders as 'Veer Nayaks'.** Veers will receive Rs 25,000 per month and Veer Nayaks Rs 40,000, with a three per cent annual increment. Personnel will have insurance coverage of Rs 10 lakh for death or serious injury and Rs 5 lakh for permanent disability. The **engagement period is four years** under the arrangement.

ARJUN BAHINI: DISASTER-RESPONSE FRAMEWORK

Trained Manpower Armed Forces Personnel	Agniveer Induction Former Agniveers from January 2027	Early Response Rapid Action in Vulnerable Areas	Disaster Response Preparedness, Rescue, Evacuation, Relief	Integrated Action Coordinated with Existing Response Agencies
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Former Agniveers will be inducted after completing their four-year service, with the first batch expected from January 2027. They, along with retired armed forces personnel, will receive priority in recruitment to the Police, Fire and Emergency Services, and Forest and Disaster Management services, with **around 20 percent reservation** to be provided. Their military training and experience will add a trained manpower base for emergency operations.



Source: <https://www.sangbadpratidin.in/kolkata/20-reservation-for-agniveers-in-the-arjun-bahini-for-disaster-management-in-west-bengal/pid/1303770/>

The force will be supported by modern rescue equipment, specialized vehicles, technology and training for immediate action during emergencies. **Its responsibilities will include rapid deployment, search and rescue, evacuation, emergency relief, preparedness and mitigation, community awareness, capacity building and training.** The State will receive support from the Centre for manpower, logistics and infrastructure, while Arjun Bahini will coordinate with existing response agencies to improve emergency response across West Bengal and complement disaster-management arrangements.

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Indian Railways Advances Plan to Four-Track Seven High-Density Routes



Indian Railways is advancing plans to expand seven high-density railway routes to four tracks, covering **nearly 11,000 kilometres across some of the country's busiest corridors**. The initiative aims to increase passenger and freight carrying capacity and address rising traffic demand. The seven routes currently account for **around 41 percent of total railway traffic** while covering only about 16 percent of the railway network, highlighting their importance for national passenger mobility and freight movement.



Source: <https://www.indiatoday.in/information/story/indian-railways-four-tracks-plan-seven-high-density-routes-2982284-2026-08-29>

The routes identified under the plan are **Delhi–Howrah**, **Howrah–Chennai**, **Chennai–Mumbai**, **Mumbai–Delhi**, **Delhi–Chennai**, **Mumbai–Howrah** and **Delhi–Guwahati**. The corridors connect major metropolitan and economic centres and constitute a significant part of the country's high-density railway network. The Ministry of Railways is working to provide four railway lines across these routes, with capacity enhancement pursued through infrastructure development on individual sections.

FOUR-TRACKING OF SEVEN HIGH-DENSITY ROUTES

Address Capacity Constraints

- Reduce pressure on heavily utilized corridors
- Accommodate rising passenger and freight demand
- Create additional capacity on high-density corridors

Deliver Wide Economic Benefits

- Support efficient goods movement
- Contribute to lower transportation costs
- Strengthen railway-based logistics

Strengthen Network Operations

- Increase operational flexibility
- Support smoother train movement

Support Passenger & Freight Mobility

- Facilitate greater passenger movement
- Strengthen large-scale freight transportation
- Improve connectivity between major economic centres

Advance Sustainable Mobility

- Encourage greater use of rail transport
- Support cleaner movement compared with road transport
- Improve long-term transport efficiency

The **Delhi–Howrah** and **Delhi–Mumbai** corridors rank among the most heavily utilized sections of the network. More than 120 passenger trains and around 100 freight trains operate daily on the Delhi–Howrah route, which extends for approximately 1,400 kilometres. The Delhi–Mumbai route, spanning around 1,500 kilometres, handles more than 90 passenger trains and approximately 80–85 freight trains daily. Both corridors are part of the **Golden Quadrilateral network** and support train operations at speeds of up to 160 kmph on relevant sections.



Source: <https://www.financialexpress.com/business/railways-indian-railways-to-four-track-7-high-density-corridors-covering-11000-km-which-routes-will-benefit-4326194/>

Other major corridors also cover substantial distances. The Howrah–Chennai route spans around 1,653 kilometres, the Delhi–Chennai route approximately 2,174 kilometres, and the Chennai–Mumbai route around 1,289 kilometres. **Across the wider railway network, around 25,000 trains operate daily, while Indian Railways carried more than 741 crore passengers during 2025–26.**



Source: <https://www.travelandtourworld.com/news/article/8nm7v5a1gsxr/>

The initiative is also expected to support lower transport costs and cleaner mobility. The Ministry of Railways has highlighted the **economic and environmental advantages of rail transport, particularly for large-scale freight movement**. By strengthening infrastructure on routes carrying a substantial share of national rail traffic, the four-tracking plan seeks to improve network capacity, support future passenger and freight growth, and strengthen the efficiency of railway operations.

SIA-India and NESAC to Advance Northeast India's Role in the Emerging Space Economy



The Space Industry Association of India (SIA-India), in partnership with the North Eastern Space Applications Centre (NESAC), convened the **Northeast India Space Workshop 2026** on 26–27 August in **Guwahati, Assam**, under the theme **“Leveraging Space Technology: Regional Transformation to Global Reach.”** The workshop brought together stakeholders from government, industry, and academia to strengthen the Northeast's participation in India's space ecosystem.



Source: <https://epaper.assamtribune.com/north-east/northeast-can-turn-challenges-into-opportunities-for-space-economy-sia-india-1616214>

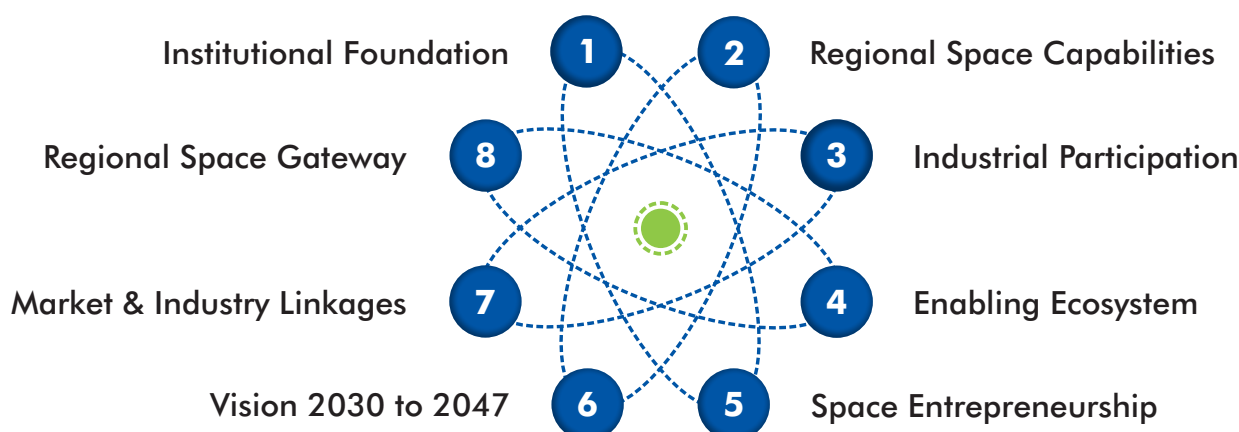
The initiative aims to move the region beyond its role as a user of space technology towards becoming a developer, commercial market and gateway for space-enabled solutions. Its strategic location, diverse terrain and capabilities create opportunities in satellite communications, Earth observation, geospatial applications, disaster management and national security. NESAC has undertaken **nearly 130 space-application projects**, while the **North Eastern Spatial Data Repository (NeSDR)** provides a geospatial foundation for planning and resource management.



Source: <https://www.sia-india.com/north-east-workshop-2026/>

Discussions at the workshop emphasized a shared Vision 2030 for the Northeast's participation in India's New Space economy, aligned with the country's 2047 objectives. **Assam was identified as having potential to serve as an institutional and economic centre for the region's space-related activities.** Strengthening local industries, MSMEs and startups through infrastructure, skills, investment and policy support was highlighted as important for participation in space and semiconductor manufacturing.

KEY PATHWAYS FOR STRENGTHENING SPACE ECONOMY



To build this ecosystem, **SIA-India is working with the Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) and the Government of Assam to establish a Centre for Space Entrepreneurship in Assam.** The proposed centre will support startups and innovators through mentorship, industry networks and market linkages, including connections with the **Centre of Excellence in Space Technology in Bengaluru**. This support can translate regional capabilities into viable applications.



https://epao.net/epSubPageExtractor.asp?src=education.Education_Announcements.Edn_Ann_2026.Northeast_India_Space_Workshop_2026

Held in the context of National Space Day and the third anniversary of Chandrayaan-3's lunar landing, the workshop reinforces the Northeast's emerging role in India's space ambitions. By connecting talent, enterprises and institutions with India's space industry, SIA-India and NESAC aim to strengthen development while positioning the Northeast as a contributor to India's space economy and a gateway to Southeast Asia and the Global South.

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Tripura Receives Overall Best-Performing State Honour Under PMFME



Tripura has been recognized as the **Overall Best-Performing State in the Small State category** under the Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme at the **PMFME Conclave 2026**. The two-day conclave was held at the **India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, on August 24–25, 2026**. The honour recognizes Tripura's performance in implementing the scheme and promoting micro food-processing enterprises.



Source: <https://nenews.in/tripura/tripura-bags-overall-best-performing-state-award-under-pmfme-scheme/62081/>

The recognition highlights the state's efforts to encourage **entrepreneurship among small food-processing units, Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and local entrepreneurs**. Under the PMFME framework, beneficiaries receive support for formalizing enterprises, improving skills and production capabilities, accessing financial assistance and expanding market reach. These measures are intended to strengthen micro food-processing activities and improve opportunities for enterprises at the grassroots level.



Source: <https://idronline.org/article/agriculture/tripuras-farmer-producer-organisations-cant-evolve-in-silos/>

Tripura's achievement was accompanied by **three other national honours** at the conclave. The Tripura Urban Livelihood Mission was recognized as the **Top Urban Livelihood Mission among small states**. A District Resource Person from the state received recognition in the top category, while the General Manager of the District Industries Centre, Sepahijala, received the **Best District Nodal Officer Award for Tripura**. The additional recognitions further highlighted the contribution of state institutions and field-level functionaries to scheme implementation.

The conclave brought together **500+ stakeholders** from across the country, including representatives of States and Union Territories, State Nodal Departments and Agencies, District Nodal Officers, District Resource Persons, banks and financial institutions, government organizations, technical institutions, industry bodies, incubation centres and PMFME beneficiaries. **It focussed on sharing implementation experiences, strengthening stakeholder capacity and recognizing excellence under the scheme**. The event also provided a platform to showcase beneficiary achievements and strengthen market linkages.



Source: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=2303228®=6&lang=1>

TRIPURA'S PMFME RECOGNITION HIGHLIGHTS

National Recognition



- Recognition of state-level achievement
- Greater visibility for Tripura's initiatives

Grassroots Reach



- Engagement with local enterprises
- Community-oriented enterprise development

Institutional Coordination



- Role of implementing agencies
- Coordination across stakeholders

Food-Processing Ecosystem



- Strengthening local enterprise activity
- Scope for value addition and livelihoods

Tripura's overall honour provides national recognition to its efforts under the PMFME Scheme and highlights the **importance of effective implementation at the state and grassroots levels**. The recognition draws attention to the role of coordinated institutional support in strengthening micro food-processing activities. It also reinforces the **contribution of such initiatives to entrepreneurship, local value addition and livelihood opportunities** in the sector.

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