



DST i-TBI CIED-IUST

Inclusive Technology Business Incubator

Get Extensive Support for your Startup!

APPLY NOW

- Ignition grant shall be for the development of prototype/products
- Applicants can be individual innovators or early age startups
- Post prototype stage products are not eligible
- Prototype must be a physical product

Maximum grant upto :

₹10,00,000

per Startup

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About DST i-TBI CIED-IUST

National Initiative for Developing and Harnessing Innovations (NIDHI) is an umbrella programme conceived and developed by the Technology Translation and Innovation (TTI) Division/ National Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board, of Department of Science & Technology, Government of India, for nurturing ideas and innovations (knowledge-based and technology-driven) into successful Startups.

The NIDHI programme works in line with the current national priorities and goals and its focus would be to build an innovation driven entrepreneurial ecosystem with an objective of national development through wealth and job creation. NIDHI aims to nurture Startups through scouting, supporting and scaling of innovations by providing them with a series of programme components tailored towards the critical initial phases of the Startup journey.

The key stakeholders of NIDHI include Science & Technology based entrepreneurs, Startup Incubators, academic and R&D institutions, Startup mentors, financial institutions, angel investors, venture capitalists, relevant government & industry bodies and associations. NIDHI has been developed to suit the national aspirations and on the basis of DST's three-decade long experience in propelling Startup Incubation centres and Science & Technology based entrepreneurs.

NIDHI i-TBI CIED-IUST scheme aims to provide financial assistance to startups for proof of concept, prototype development, product trials, market entry and commercialization to enable these startups to graduate to a level where they will be able to raise investments successfully and expand their businesses sustainably in competitive markets.

Ignition grant funds cannot be used for the following:

1. Payment to the grantee or their relatives.
2. Repayment of pre-existing loans or commitments.
3. Rent or creation of infrastructure, movable property, or permanent facilities.
4. Support for other professional pursuits as a stopgap.
5. Projects focused solely on software development, e-commerce, service solutions, or app-based solutions.
6. Funding research or student internships.
7. Proposals for products that have surpassed the prototype stage.
8. Startups with an annual turnover exceeding Rs 25 lakhs or those existing for more than 2 years are ineligible, along with any other criteria set by DST i-TBI CIED-IUST.



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