

Startup India seed fund scheme

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- In a move that endeavors to **foster growth and development in the startup sector**, Union minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal has launched the 'Startup India Seed Fund Scheme' (SISFS). This will be in force for a period of four years.
- The objective of this scheme is to establish a structure that provide **monetary** benefits to eligible startups for proof of concept, prototype development, product trials, market entry and commercialization.
- An amount of **945 crore rupees corpus will be decided over the next 4 years for providing seed funding** to eligible startups through eligible incubators across the country. The scheme is expected to support an estimated 3,600 startups through 300 incubators.
- The scheme will create a robust startup ecosystem, particularly in Tier
 2 and Tier 3 towns of India, which are often deprived of adequate funding.



