

Progress brief on Startup activities in **Goa**

Under the Goa Startup Policy 2017, incentives schemes have been notified and funds have been established to provide fiscal incentives to startups in the State.

- As an outreach activity, in January the department held a sundowner for start-up ecosystem actors in the state. During this event feedback regarding the current status of the ecosystem was collected from the stakeholders, suggestions were invited regarding the policy and the department reached out to interested parties for relevant partnerships.
- The department has had multiple interactions with Invest India and the Central Government regarding the startup policy and its implementation.
- It has engaged consultants and policy experts and created Goa Mentor Network and Goa Angel network.
- To promote the interaction of the Goan ecosystem with national and international stakeholders, the department also provided support to Seaside Start-up Summit 2018 held by Startup India Foundation in Goa in the month of March.
- The department has reached out to the existing incubators in the State to provide support to mentoring programmes and other initiatives.
- The department organized Goa Startup and Innovation Day in April, 2018 to formally launch the policy schemes and the Goa Startup Portal. Goa Angel Network was also unveiled at this event. The event was graced by the presence of Union Minister Shri Suresh Prabhu. Investors, startups, representatives of foreign embassies, and mentors came together during this event to interact, exchange knowledge, and create beneficial tie-ups.
- Officials from the department also attended a DIPP workshop in April held in T-hub and hope to leverage the knowledge and network of T-hub to bring startup best practices to Goa.

The Goa Startup Policy, event reports, list of academic and corporate partners, minutes of meetings, and state ecosystem report are available on the portal at <http://www.startup.goa.gov.in>