CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT'S ASSISTANCE FOR EXPONENTIAL GROWTH OF YOUR BUSINESS IN THE CAPACITY AS BEST BUSINESS GROWTH CONSULTANT

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Abstract

Adapting to the new age, thinking big and utilizing our expertise with mixture of innovation are a strategic pathways to achieve exponential growth and goes a long way in creating impact upon the world. We are fortunate to born in the digital age, so that adapting and learning new skills become very easy for us than previous generation. And now that we have everything why don't we make good out of it. Remember we can always improve and create better version our self, the key is never stop dreaming. There is no written rule that one must do only one work or concentrate only one area of profession, there are plenty of other opportunities that we may explore, and this goes true for the professionals of chartered accountancy as well.

Since the very start of my career I have been vocal about how professionals must go beyond their traditional areas of practice like audit and direct/ indirect taxation, and one should expand himself to serve better and not settle for less.

In this article will be covering how Chartered accountant can make best use of their expertise to help business/organization in achieving exponential growth by assisting them beyond the areas of taxation & the regulatory compliance.

Introduction:

The growth of business largely depends upon the number of consumers that you have, the number of revenue and a level ease of doing by being regular with government mandates and compliances. The business that covers all of this aspect gets a steady success in return. A study suggests that due to absence of professional guidance the CEOs and top management of an organizations have to devote 80% of the their time in coming up with growth strategies, plans etc. often this lead to neglect towards various marketing and promotional scheme benefits provided by government, as a result many are not able to avail such benefits. For this reason many needs the assistance of professionals who could guide them on the right path and managed all their necessary work so that this entrepreneurs could concentrate on core business operations.

The modern age technologies have change way businesses used to operate. Be it for maximizing economic operation or creating a social impact, technology is must. This has also created a need for digital presence.

The recent years have seen rise in e-commerce changing the course of marketing strategies that have positively triggered the need of digital marketing to the business organizations for maximizing the profit. A well executed digital marketing strategy with adoption to new trend & technology perhaps catalyst to be no. 1 in the world.

Why digital presence of business is necessary?



Planning and strategies are crucial for the effective running of any establishment. In the digital age, we are living in there is nothing that we cannot do to make our service reach to the end-user. Marketing your ideas is certainly a need of the hour and continuous innovation plays a big role in it. Owing to the increasing purchasing power and rise in consumerism there are ample amount of opportunities for the creators to sell their ideas, product, or services, well the key technique here is "Marketing" to be very precise "Digital Marketing" This is because digital marketing in the social media age has certainly made it possible for all businesses to put their brand to the targeted audience. Various interactive social media platforms such as Face book, Linked In, WhatsApp, Twitter, Instagram, etc. have made the hassle of communication between creators and end-users much easier.

Acknowledging the importance of digitization, the government of India has been introducing various initiatives such as Digital India https://www.digitalindiaportal.co.in/ India Make in , https://www.makeinindia.com/ India Start-up https://www.startupindia.gov.in/, Skill India https://skillindia.nsdcindia.org/ to accelerate the e-commerce of the country. There are great opportunities for entrepreneurs to enhance the sale and efficiency by making optimum use of such platforms.

Chartered Accountants – acting as one stop destination for all businesses' exponential growth

The present business scenario have lead the evolution of profession of chartered accountancy, the one whose expertise were limited to taxation and regulatory practices have now spread all corners business management right from inception to constantly making effort for making a steady progress. Marketing, increasing the sale of business is one such area where the assistance of chartered accountant may be crucial for businesses.



The business entities can be broadly classified into two large businesses and small businesses. Small businesses are additionally classified into micro, small and medium enterprises, many of them will be startups entities.

What is the definition of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME)?

The ministry of MSME which is responsible for the governance of MSME sector has seen to be timely revising its definition by changing the threshold of classification for entities to be termed as MSMEs.

The latest change incorporate vide circular effective from 1st July 2020 that provided that

- Entities with an investment of less than Rs 1 crore and turnover of less than Rs 5 crore are classified as **micro**;
- Entities with an investment up to Rs 10 crore and turnover up to Rs 50 crore are classified as **small**, and
- Entities with an investment up to Rs 50 crore and turnover up to Rs 250 crore are classified as medium.

Now the said ministry vides its circular dated 2nd July 2021 decided to include Retail and wholesale trades as MSMEs. The move was taken with the intent to the formalized retail trade and enable financial support to small and midsized retail businesses. As a result of which the Retail and wholesale trade that was left out of the ambit of MSME until now, will be eligible to avail the benefits of priority sector lending and they are now per circular allowed to register themselves on the Udyam Registration Portal <u>https://udyamregistration.gov.in/Government-India/Ministry-MSME-</u> <u>registration.htm</u>, which is free of cost registration portal for entities to be registered as MSMEs.

What is the definition of Startup entity?

The Government of India vide its Notification No. G.S.R. 127 (E) DATED 19th February 2019 provided a **modified definition of Startup**. Therefore an entity is to considered as startup which is

- i. Upto a period of ten years from the date of incorporation/ registration, if it is incorporated as a private limited company (as defined in the Companies Act, 2013) or registered as a partnership firm (registered under section 59 of the Partnership Act, 1932) or a limited liability partnership (under the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008) in India.
- Turnover of the entity for any of the financial years since incorporation/ registration has not exceeded one hundred crore rupees
- iii. working towards innovation, development or improvement of products or processes or services, or if it is a scalable business model with a high potential of employment generation or wealth creation.

Provided that an entity formed by splitting up or reconstruction of an existing business shall not be considered a 'Startup'.

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Considering the factors such as lack of technological advancement, inadequate access to market that have restricted the growth of such small business entities, our government have come up with various policy initiatives and programs such as procurement policy, make in India initiative, E-marketplace, etc.

With the technical and regulatory knowledge the chartered accountant can better assist such entities in making best use of various initiatives taken by government for the marketing support to businesses.

The Public Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) Order, 2012:

Effective from 1st April 2012, the policy obligated the Central Ministries /Departments and Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) for annual procurement from the enterprises belonging to the MSEs. The said policy was later amended vide gazette notification dated 9th November 2018.

How the procurement policy is beneficial for budding MSEs?

Effect of policy: since the policy (as amended in 2018) mandates 25 % of annual procurement by Central Ministries/Departments/Public Sector

Enterprises (CPSEs) which include 4% from MSEs owned by SC/ST and 3% from MSEs owned by Women entrepreneurs (Paragraph 4-4A). It certainly enhances the participation of such MSEs and opened the doors of opportunities.

Definition of MSEs owned by SC/ST: a. In the case of proprietary MSE, the proprietor(s) shall be Sc/St. b. In the case of partnership MSE, the Sc/St partners shall be held at least 51% shares in the unit. C. In the case of Private Limited Companies, at least a 51% share shall be held by Sc/St promoters.

Definition of MSEs owned Women Entrepreneurs: The MSEs owned and controlled by a woman having a minimum financial interest of 51 percent of the capital and giving at least 51 percent of the employment generated in the enterprise to women.

Reserved Items: The policy under paragraph 11 specially reserves total 358 items to exclusively purchase from MSEs. The move was initiated for the wider dispersal such enterprises in the country and consequently for the growth and promotion of the sector. Such list contain A-Z products tools right from agriculture tools, electronics, silk made products, steel, to wooden made items and handicraft items and the same is available at http://www.dcmsme.gov.in/schemes/listof358itemsreserved.pdf.

The wider range of listed items opens plenty of doors for enterprises looking to explore. This feature provides immense scope for budding entrepreneurs looking for entering the MSE world.

Who are buyers?

Every central ministry/department and central public sector undertaking has an annual target of 25% of annual procurement out of a sub-target of 4% and 3% of procurement target from MSEs owned by Sc/St and Women Entrepreneurs respectively. There are a total of 51 Ministries in the country and 67 central departments, and 348 CPSEs so far. This signifies a sufficient no. of buyers.

Who are sellers?

All MSEs satisfying the criteria as per revised definition and the same been registered under the online registration portal namely Udyam Registration Portal maintained by the ministry can avail the benefit of the policy.

MSME- SAMBANDH

For the effective implementation of procurement policy, the ministry has launched an online portal named MSME- Sambandh <u>https://sambandh.msme.gov.in/PPP_Index.aspx</u> into effect since 8th March 2017. The portal is responsible for the monitoring of the procurement by

concerned Ministries and central departments and PSEs. The portal has been very active in terms of timely update procurement information on a weekly /monthly basis. In addition to the same, the portal publishes the list of products/services to be required by MSEs.

E-Marketplace (GeM)

Given the trend of digital marketing, the e-Marketplace (GeM) can be the best platform for sellers to market their products that facilitates the online procurement of goods and services by the central government departments/organization / PSUs.

Features of GeM portal:

- 1. Drive business with ease
- 2. Direct access to largest buyers in the country
- 3. Direct purchase, Bids, and reverse auction
- 4. Transparency and security
- 5. Demand forecasting



- Rich listing of products for individual categories of Goods/Services
- Search, Compare, Select and Buy facility
- Buying Goods and Services online, as and when required.
- Transparent and ease of buying
- Continuous vendor rating system
- User-friendly dash board for Buying and monitoring supplies and payments
- Easy Return policy

- Direct access to all Government departments.
- One stop shop for marketing with minimal efforts.
- One stop shop for bids / reverse auction on products / services
- New Product Suggestion facility available to Sellers
- Dynamic pricing: Price can be changed based on market conditions
- Seller friendly dashboard for selling and monitoring of supplies and payments
- Consistent and uniform purchase procedures

How to avail of the benefit of GeM?

As an effort to get the potential MSMEs registered on GeM the facility button is provided on the Udyam Registration Form, to enable the entities to positively be a part of GeM sellers.

The potential sellers need a vendor registration on the portal based on selfcertification. It required a document of identification proof, primarily Adhaar. The basic requirement in nutshell is:

1. Constitution Type such as Proprietorship, Firm, Company, Trust or Society and Central Government/State Government.

- 2. Constitution Name.
- Aadhaar Number or Personal PAN of the user(Authorized signatory of ITR)
- 4. For Aadhaar based registrations, a mobile number that is linked with the Aadhaar is required.
- 5. Documents such as CIN, PAN, DIPP, UAM, ITR details as per the constitution of the organization may be required for seller registration.
- 6. Address of the organization.
- 7. Bank account details of the organization
- 8. Active email id.

It should be noted that Adhaar is no longer mandatory for seller registration and they have an option to use Personal PAN for Identity Verification while doing the seller registration. For sellers registering in MSE capacity, the portal provides an option to select an organization as an MSE, subsequently, the MSE has to provide the Udyam Registration number and the mobile number or Aadhaar number linked with such registration.

Womaniya – an initiative by GeM: The GeM portal is very active with certain initiatives exclusively focus on the development of MSEs of one such initiative is Womaniya <u>https://uat.gemorion.org/page/detail/27</u>, it is aligned with the government efforts of boosting women entrepreneurship by obligating 3% procurement by government bodies. The initiative facilitates women created products such as handicrafts and handloom,

accessories, jute and coir products, bamboo products, organic foods, spices, home décor and office.

The Saras Collection:

It is yet another initiative led by GeM which facilitates procurement of products particularly handcrafted collection of handicrafts, handloom textiles, office décor, furnishings, accessories, event souvenirs, personal hygiene and care products. It ensures active participation through women entrepreneurs and micro-enterprises

Make in India

The implementation of the Make in India initiative denotes such a wider goal of government towards nation building by enhancing employment opportunities.



Well creating employment opportunities is perhaps just a fraction among other wider objects as the initiative has much more to give, in the sense that accessing ease of doing business, boosting investing, attracting FDI, and enhancing the global competitiveness of the industrial sector of India.

The initiative led through Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade will mark its 7th anniversary on 25th September. With significant achievements attained through successful implementation of the various scheme such as launched under the aegis of Make in India, it presently focuses upon 27 sectors categorized into manufacturing and service sectors listed below. The manufacturing sector is monitor by the DPIIT, on the other hand, the service sector by the Department of Commerce:

Manufacturing Sectors

- i. Aerospace and Defense
- ii. Automotive and Auto Components
- iii. Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices
- iv. Bio-Technology
- v. Capital Goods
- vi. Textile and Apparels
- vii. Chemicals and Petrochemicals
- viii. Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM)
- ix. Leather & Footwear

- x. Food Processing
- xi. Gems and Jewellery
- xii.Shipping
- xiii. Railways
- xiv. Construction

xv. New and Renewable Energy

Service Sectors

- xvi. Information Technology & Information Technology enabled Services (IT &ITeS)
- xvii. Tourism and Hospitality Services
- xviii. Medical Value Travel
- xix. Transport and Logistics Services
- xx. Accounting and Finance Services
- xxi. Audio Visual Services
- xxii. Legal Services
- xxiii. Communication Services
- xxiv. Construction and Related Engineering Services
- xxv. Environmental Services
- xxvi. Financial Services
- xxvii. Education Services

Procurement policy under MII Campaign:

The Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) order 2017 is a crucial policy step by the government implemented with the object to boost domestic products and services. The policy was subsequently amended on 28.05.2018, 29.05.2019, 04.06.2020, 16.09.2020, 13.05.2021 and applies to goods, services, and works. The term works imply the same meaning as given under rule 130 of the General Financial Rules, 2017.

Hence works include all new constructions, site preparation, additions and alterations to existing works, special repairs to newly purchase or previously abandoned buildings or structures, including remodeling or replacement. Minor works mean works that add capital value to existing assets but do not create new assets. Repair works mean works undertaken to maintain building and fixtures. Works will also include services or goods incidental or consequential to the original or repair works.

The policy to promote preference of domestic goods/services/works has provided a mandatory purchase preference protocol. The procuring entities such as ministries and departments are required to follow the preference mandate given to the suppliers categorized under the policy, which are Class I supplier, Class II supplier and Non-local supplier. This supplier shall be considered as Class I, Class II and Non-local depending upon the meeting of the minimum local content.

Local content is typically the total value of the item procured (excluding the domestic indirect taxes) minus the value of imported content in the items

which including all the customs duties. Para 5 of the policy put the minimum % criteria of the local content requirement to classify as Class I and Class II supplier which is 50% and 20% respectively.

The procurement process under the policy runs of the preference mandate wherein priority is given to the class I local supplier among them L1 meaning the lowest bidder is to be preferred. If the L1 doesn't belong to the class I local supplier then 50% of the contract is awarded to him, and for the procurement of the remaining 50% quantity the lowest bidder amongst such Class I local suppliers be invited the purchase preference will go on until supplier meets with the price of L1.

Likewise, the preference scheme is implemented in tender applications whenever the contract is awarded to multiple bidders. The procurement cell https://dipp.gov.in/public-procurements created by the DPIIT monitor the implementation of the policy and entertained grievances raised over violation of the same. The detailed product list under procurement order can be accessed at https://dipp.gov.in/sites/default/files/Product%20List-Public%20Procurement%20Order%202017.pdf



Further, the dedicated website of Make in India <u>www.makeinindia.com</u> gives an insight into plenty of business opportunities enumerated under it.

Skills set required for marketing consultant:

No business can survive without marketing. Considering the significance of the role that the professional will play as a marketing consultant it is necessary they must learn and adapt certain crucial skills essential to perform their role efficiently.

1. Strong research skills:

Market research, competitive analysis, ability to understand and relate with clients

2. Strategic planning skills:

Develop a comprehensive marketing strategy and consistently execute implementation

3. Mastery of the mulitple marketing:

Organic and paid channels, plus social, email and video and others

4. Leadership skills:

Able to work with a team and manage communication with all involved stakeholders

5. Technical skills:

Extensive knowledge of multiple analytical, marketing and sales tools

6. Ability to listen and empathize:

To clearly understand client's goals and needs to provide best results

7. Advisor

Advice on positioning, branding, communications and promotion and so on

8. Customer engagement

Improving customer engagement with brand through available channels

9. Analytical skill

To analyze the completion, their product differentiators, pricing, marketing and promotional activities

10. Observance and study

To analyze the company's profile and operations and provide suggestions for improvements



Subdivision of role as marketing consultant

- Digital marketing consultant: at the early stages of online brand growth, and testing multiple marketing strategies at different online platforms
- 2. Inbound and content marketing consultant: for bloogin, SEO optimization, email marketing and conversation rate optimization
- Search engine marketing consultant: to drive visitor to the website via search traffic from Google, Bing or specialized platforms, for instance Amazon ro Youtube
- Social media marketing consultant: while developing social media strategy, social media campaigns
- 5. Marketing automation consultant: to increase the organization's efficiency and reduce human error by automating and optimizing routine marketing activities.
- Marketing strategy consultant: to develop and execute marketing strategies when entering a new market. To create and posititoning appropriate message, drive the implementation and monitor the outcomes.

Social media tools for enhancing digital presence

Website creation:



It is common habit among customers to explore website of particular entity / business to verify the authenticity. This implies that the website creation for your enterprise with comprehensive details of business is must. There are platform to host your website such as WordPress, GoDaddy, Bluehost, Namecheap etc. that offers you good range of deal to associate with them. It is advisable to choice host with better search engine facility. This will follow by choosing a domain name justifying your services/ products offering.

Google my business:



The marketing strategies in the present world run of principle: "THE MORE DIGITAL PRESENCE, THE BETTER THE SALE".

On that note there various inexpensive tool available on Google of one such is <u>Google My Business</u>. It is a free online listing your business, that appears when users will search for you on Google/Google maps. When a user will attempt to find particular business on Google, the domain will provide them with certain information of your entity such as short introduction, address of business, contact details, website URL, social media links, and posts & photos including other user's reviews.

Google out your business is perhaps the best way of communicating and trust building. Since the tool also enables the entities to know visitors / users it reduces the gap between you and your potential customers. Being active

over responding to comments and reviews and interacting with customers helps building trust among the customer community that goes long way for your business.

Podcast:



Podcasting is an audio show available on demand listening is 21st century way of digital communicating your knowledge, credibility, and expertise in a concerned area. This method of marketing helps you to build a brand as insights, information; tips given by you showcase your knowledge.

There are very simple steps for the beginners to ace digital marketing. However one may first need to determine the marketing strategies or goals, while such strategies and goals may be different depending upon the kind of product or service you wish to promote, certain key steps are crucial and applies to every marketing goal.

a. Be accessible 24 X 7 :

Well social media platforms can be of much use in this, you have to constantly update your contacts and make sure you are available all the time to facilitate the solution to queries put up by your potential customers

b. Content marketing:



Content marketing is certainly a new concept gain significance in recent years, this involves constantly informing your audience about your services, products, new programs you are launch everything that you want your audience to know.

It will help in building engagement, consequently, effectuate your sale.

c. Social media marketing:



The age of social media has certainly made the world look smaller as it is now possible to connect any corner of the world. The most crucial advantage of social media marketing is cost-saving, in offline marketing you may be needing flyers, sponsorships, advertisements, well with just one online post through social media application, your product is reaching almost thousands of people.

d. Word of mouth:

At any given point, receiving good reviews about your products and services makes your business complete. Since it is the customers that make or breaks your business, it is certainly important to care for their comments, reviews, suggestions. The more customers are satisfied by your service, the more is the increase in sales. Social media have also invented a concept called influencers who are certain social media personalities. The fact that a sufficient number of people follow and trust such influencers and using their service to endorse your business certainly brings your product into the visibility and limelight thereby raising sales.

e. Learn a bit of psychology:

You may be having the greatest business plan in your mind, you may also be creating no. 1 quality of products, but not knowing how to sell it is certainly a major setback. To sell your ideas you must learn a little bit of human psychology. Reaching in the depth of the buyer's mind, knowing exactly how to trigger the need to buy, and techniques to approach the buyers helps you to grab an audience.

Even the "JIO"- which has managed to be the largest telecom operator of the nations in a short span of just five years, triggered the psychological need for availability and affordable data.

Conclusion

Adapting to the change is the law of nature, and while traditional areas service may remain base for every professional, exploring emerging opportunities and learning relevant skills will always help in long steady growth. On this note I urge all professionals to explore new areas of practice in different capacities and assist organization/entities in building better and sustainable business.

Few website to refer:

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- 68. Equipment Finance (North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd Schemes) by MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION<u>https://www.nedfi.com</u>

- 69. Micro Finance Scheme by (NEDFL Schemes) MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION <u>https://www.nedfi.com/</u>
- 70. Rupee Term Loan (RTL) by (NEDFL Schemes) MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION <u>https://www.nedfi.com/</u>

State Startup Policies:

- 71. Maharashtra <u>https://www.msins.in/</u>
- Maharashtra Startup Policy 2018-2023
- Total 4819 Women-Led Startups/Women Entrepreneurs
- Key sector: production development
- Nodal agency : Department of Industries & Commerce, Maharashtra State Innovation Society (MSInS); Department of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

72. Gujrat <u>https://startup.gujarat.gov.in/</u>

- The Electronics & IT/ITeS Start-up Policy (2016-21)
- Total 1503 Women-Led Startups/Women Entrepreneurs
- Key sector: Food Processing
- Nodal Agency: Industries Commissionerate, Government of Gujarat
- 73. Rajasthan <u>https://istart.rajasthan.gov.in/</u>
- Nodal Agency: Department of Information Technology & Communication (DoIT & C)
- Total 734Women-Led Startups/Women Entrepreneurs
- Key sector Application Development

- Rajasthan Startup Policy 2015-2020
- 74. Madhya Pradesh <u>https://mpmsme.gov.in:8080/website/startup</u>
- Madhya Pradesh Startup Policy 2019
- Total 635 Women-Led Startups/Women Entrepreneurs
- Key sector Construction & Engineering
- Nodal Agency Department of MSME
- 75. Goa <u>https://www.startup.goa.gov.in/index</u>
- Goa Startup Policy 2017-2020
- Total 108 Women-Led Startups/Women Entrepreneurs
- Key sector Business Support Services
- Nodal Agency: Department of Information Technology

76. Karnataka <u>http://startup.karnataka.gov.in/</u>

- Karnataka Startup Policy 2015-2020
- Nodal Agency Department of Information Technology, Biotechnology and Science & Technology, Government of Karnataka
- Total 3032Women-Led Startups/Women Entrepreneurs
- Key sector Product Development
- 77. Kerala <u>https://startupmission.kerala.gov.in/</u>
- Kerala Startup Policy 2017
- Total 913 Women-Led Startups/Women Entrepreneurs
- Nodal Agency: Kerala Startup Mission
- Key sector Product Development
- 78. Tamil Nadu <u>https://www.editn.in/</u>

- Tamil Nadu Startup & Innovation Policy 2018 2023
- Total 1382 Women-Led Startups/Women Entrepreneurs
- Nodal agency Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation Institute
- Key sector Product Development

79. Puducherry

- Aspring Puducherry Innovations & Startup Policy 2019-2024
- Total 24 Women-Led Startups/Women Entrepreneurs
- Nodal agency Department of Industries and Commerce, Puducherry
- Key sector application development

80. Andhra Pradesh <u>http://apis.ap.gov.in/index.php</u>

- Andhra Pradesh Innovation & Startup Policy 2014-2020
- Total 386Women-Led Startups/Women Entrepreneurs
- Nodal agency Department of Information Technology, Electronics & Communication
- Product development

81. Telangana <u>https://startup.telangana.gov.in/</u>

- Telangana Innovation Policy 2016
- Total 1379 Women-Led Startups/Women Entrepreneurs
- Nodal agency Information Technology, Electronics and Communications Department

82. Chattigarh <u>https://industries.cg.gov.in/startupcg/Home/Index</u>

- Startup Policy 2019-2024
- Total 248 Women-Led Startups/Women Entrepreneurs

- Key sector Agri-Tech
- 83. Odisha <u>https://startupodisha.gov.in/</u>
- Odisha Startup Policy 2016-2020
- Total 459 Women-Led Startups/Women Entrepreneurs
- Nodal agency Department of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises
- Key sector food processing
- 84. Jharkhand <u>https://abvil.jharkhand.gov.in/index.php</u>
- Jharkhand Startup Policy 2016-2021
- Total 231 Women-Led Startups/Women Entrepreneurs
- Key sector food processing
- Nodal agency Department of Information Technology and E-Governance
- 85. Bihar <u>https://startup.bihar.gov.in:8080/</u>
- Bihar Startup Policy 2017-2022
- Total 366 Women-Led Startups/Women Entrepreneurs
- Nodal agency Department of Industries
- Key sector construction and engineering
- 86. West bengal
- West Bengal Startup Policy 2016-2021
- 801 Women-Led Startups/Women Entrepreneurs
- Nodal agency Department of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises & Textiles, Government of West Bengal
- Key sector application development

87. Uttar pradesh <u>https://startinup.up.gov.in/</u>

- Uttar Pradesh Startup Policy 2020
- Total 2324 Women-Led Startups/Women Entrepreneurs
- The key sector Application Development
- Nodal agency Department of IT & Electronics, Government of Uttar Pradesh.
- 88. Haryana <u>https://startupharyana.gov.in/en</u>
- Haryana Entrepreneur & Startup Policy-2017
- Total 1404 Women-Led Startups/Women Entrepreneurs
- Nodal agency Department of Information Technology Electronics & Communication, Haryana
- Key sector IT Consulting

89. Punjab

https://pbindustries.gov.in/static/policy_framework;Key=Startup_and_E ntrepreneurship

- Industrial & Business Development Policy 2017-2022
- Total 245 Women-Led Startups/Women Entrepreneurs
- Key sector Agri-Tech
- Nodal agency Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of Punjab
- 90. Himachal pradesh <u>https://startuphimachal.hp.gov.in/</u>
- Chief Minister's Startup/Innovation/Projects/New Industries Scheme 2016

- 43 Women-Led Startups/Women Entrepreneurs
- Nodal agency Department of Industries
- Key sector food processing

91. Uttarkhand <u>https://www.startuputtarakhand.com/</u>

- Uttarakhand State Start-up Policy-2018
- Total 202 Women-Led Startups/Women Entrepreneurs
- Key sector food processing

92. Jammu and kashmir <u>https://www.startupjk.com/</u>

- Jammu & Kashmir Startup Policy 2018-2028
- 75 Women-Led Startups/Women Entrepreneurs
- Key sector Oil & Gas Transportation Services
- The Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI)

93. Sikkim

- Chief Ministers Startup Scheme (CMSS)
- 01 Women-Led Startups/Women Entrepreneurs
- Nodal agency Department of Commerce & Industries

94. Meghalaya <u>http://megindustry.gov.in/</u>

- Meghalaya Startup Policy 2018-2023
- Key sector Business Support Services
- Nodal agency Commerce & Industries Department, Government of Meghalaya
- 09 Women-Led Startups/Women Entrepreneurs

95. Tripura <u>https://startup.tripura.gov.in/</u>

- IT Startup Scheme 2019
- Total 17 Women-Led Startups/Women Entrepreneurs
- Nodal agency Directorat of Information Technology, Gov. of Tripura
- Skill development

96. Mizoram <u>https://edc.mizoram.gov.in/</u>

- MIZORAM ENTREPRENEURSHIP & STARTUP POLICY, 2019
- 01 Women-Led Startups/Women Entrepreneurs
- Key sector Integrated communication services
- Nodal agency Entrepreneurship Development Centre, Planning & Programme Implementation Department, Government of Mizoram

97. Manipur <u>https://startupmanipur.in/</u>

- Manipur Startup Policy 2016-2021
- Total 23 Women-Led Startups/Women Entrepreneurs
- Nodal agency Planing Department, Govt. of Manipur
- Key sector Freight & Logistics Services
- 98. Nagaland <u>https://startup.nagaland.gov.in/</u>
- Nagaland Startup Policy 2019-2023
- 10 Women-Led Startups/Women Entrepreneurs
- Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of Nagaland
- 99. Assam <u>https://startup.assam.gov.in/</u>
- Assam Startup Policy 2017-2022
- Department of Industries & Commerce

• Key sector Food Processing

State and union territory wise subsidy website:

100. Andhra Pradesh <u>www.ap.gov.in</u> department of industry <u>www.apindustries.gov.in</u>

- 101. Assam <u>www.assam.gov.in</u> department of industries <u>www.industries.gov.in</u>
- 102. Bihar department of industries <u>www.industries.bih.nic.in</u>
- 103. Chhattisgarh <u>www.chattisgarh.nic.in</u>
- 104. Goa <u>www.goa.gov.in</u> department of industries <u>www.ditc.goa.gov.in</u>
- 105. Gujarat <u>www.gujratindia.gov.in</u> department of industries <u>www.imd-gujrat.gov.in</u>
- 106. Haryana <u>www.haryana.gov.in</u> department of industries <u>www.haryanaindustries.in</u>

- 107. Himachal Pradesh <u>www.himachal.nic.in</u> department of industries <u>www.emerginghimachal.hp.gov.in</u>
- 108.Jharkhandwww.jharkhand.gov.inwww.jharkhandindustry.gov.in
- 109.Karnatakawww.karnatakaindustry.gov.in
- 110. Kerala <u>www.kerala.gov.in</u> <u>www.industry.kerala.gov.in</u>
- 111. Madhya Pradesh <u>www.mp.gov.in</u> department of industries <u>www.mpindustry.gov.in</u>
- 112. Maharashtra <u>www.maharashtra.gov.in</u> www.industry.maharashtra.gov.in
- 113. Manipur <u>www.manipura.nic.in</u> <u>www.dcimanipur.gov.in</u>
- 114. Meghalaya <u>www.meghalaya.gov.in</u> <u>www.megindustry.gov.in</u>
- 115. Mizoram <u>www.mizoram.gov.in</u> <u>www.industries.mizroam.gov.in</u>
- 116. Nagaland <u>www.nagaland.gov.in</u> <u>www.industry.nagaland.gov.in</u>
- 117. Orissa <u>www.odisha.gov.in</u> <u>www.industries.odish.gov.in</u>
- 118. Punjab <u>www.punjab.gov.in</u> <u>www.pbindustries.gov.in</u>
- 119. Rajasthanwww.rajasthan.gov.inwww.industries.rajasthan.gov.in

120.	Sikkim	www.sikkim.gov.in				
www.sikkim.gov.in/departments/commerce-and-industries-						
department/district-industries						
121.	Tamil Nadu <u>www.tn.gov.in</u> <u>www.indcom.tn.gov.in</u>					
122.	Telangana	www.telangana.gov.in				
www.industries.telangana.gov.in						
123.	Tripura www.tripura.gov.in www.industries.tripura.gov.in					
124.	Uttarakhand www.uk.gov.in www.doiuk.org					
125.	Uttarpradesh <u>www.up.gov.in</u> <u>www.updi.in</u>					
126.	West Bengal www.wb.gov.in www.wbidc.com					
127.	Andaman & nicorbar islands	www.andaman.gov.in				
www.andssw1.and.nic.in						

www.chandigarh.gov.i www.chamberofchandigarhindustries.co

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- 128. Chandigarh
- 129. Dadar and nagar haveli and daman and diu <u>www.dnh.nic.in</u> <u>www.dnh.nic.in</u>
- 130. Delhi <u>www.delhi.gov.in</u> <u>www.industries.delhigovt.nic.in</u>

132.	Jammu	and	Kashmir	<u>www.jk.gov.in</u>			
www.jkindustriescommerce.nic.in							
133.	Ladakh <u>www.ladakh.nic.in</u> <u>www.ladakh.nic.in</u>						
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www.lakshwadeep.gov.in/department/							
135.	Puducherry		www.puduo	cherry-dt.gov.in;			
www.industry.py.gov.in							

More websites related to startups:

1. <u>www.startupindia.gov.in</u> website by Ministry of commerce and trade

2. <u>www.standupmitra.in</u> list of all schemes by central and state governments

3. <u>www.indiainvestmentgrid.gov.in</u> The Government of India, Ministry of Commerce and trade, Department for promotion of industry and trade-Infrastructures projects undertaken by government

4. <u>www.agnii.gov.in</u> AGNIi – Accelerating Growth of New India's Innovations – is a programme of the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, and a Mission under the Prime Minister's Science, Technology, and Innovation Advisory Council (PM-STIAC). AGNIi helps commercialise Indian technological innovation

- 5. <u>www.makeinindia.com</u>
- 6. www.investindia.gov.in
- 7. www.samadhaan.msme.gov.in

8. <u>www.champions.gov.in</u> Creation of harmonious application of Modern processes for increasing the output and national strength

- 9. www.digitalindia.gov.in
- 10. <u>www.nsic.co.in</u>
- 11. <u>www.udyamimitra.in</u>
- 12. www.skillindia.gov.in
- 13. <u>www.sagarmala.gov.in</u>
- 14. <u>www.gem.gov.in (Online market place for</u>
- 15. <u>www.ivca.in</u> (India private equity and venture capital Association)
- 16. <u>www.mudra.org.in</u>

17. <u>www.cgtmse.in</u> (UDAAN Credit guarantee Fund trust for micro and small enterprises)

18. <u>www.msme.gov.in</u>

- 19. <u>www.enam.gov.in</u> e national agriculture market
- 20. www.nsda.gov.in
- 21. www.ipindia.nic.in
- 22. www.dgft.gov.in
- 23. <u>www.gst.gov.in</u>
- 24. <u>www.mca.gov.in</u>
- 25. <u>www.sezindia.nic.in</u>
- 26. www.mscs.dac.gov.in
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- 28. www.smartcities.gov.in
- 29. www.pmsvanidhi.mohua.gov.in
- 30. www.sambandh.msme.gov.in
- 31. www.msmedatabank.in
- 32. <u>www.ncgtc.in</u>

National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Ltd [NCGTC] was set up by the Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, Government of India to, inter alia, act as a common trustee company to manage and operate various credit guarantee trust funds.

33. www.msmemart.com

B2B Web Portal for MSMEs offering Infomediary Services which is a onestop, one-window bouquet of aids that will provide information on business & technology and also exhibit the core competence of Indian MSMEs

34. <u>www.scsthub.in</u> The Hub supports existing SC/ST entrepreneurs and enterprises in technological upgradation and capacity building thereby enabling them to effectively participate in government. procurement process.

Websites related to export:

- 1. ministry of commerce and industry: <u>www.commerce.gov.in</u>
- 2. services export promotion council: <u>www.servicesepc.org</u>
- 3. indian trade portal: <u>www.indiantradeportal.in</u>
- 4. federation of indian export organisations (FIEO): <u>www.fieo.org</u>
- 5. indian institute of foreign trade (IIFT): <u>www.tedu.iift.ac.in</u>
- 6. indian institution of packaging (IIP): <u>www.iip-in.com</u>
- export inspection council (EIC): u/s 3 of export (quality control and inspection) act, 1963
- 8. indian council of Arbitration: <u>www.icaindia.co.in</u>
- 9. india trade promotion organisation (ITPO): <u>www.indiatradefair.com</u>
- 10. chamber of commerce and industry: <u>www.indian.chamber.org</u>
- 11. federation of indian chamber of commerce & industry

(FICCI): <u>www.ficci.in</u>

- 12. bureau of indian standards: <u>www.bis.gov.in</u>
- 13. marine products export development authority (MPEDA): <u>www.mpeda.gov.in</u>
- 14. india investment centre set up under ministry of finance GOI
- 15. directorate general of foreign trade (DGFT): <u>www.dgft.gov.in</u>
- 16. director general of commercial intelligence statistics(DGCIS): www.dgciskol.gov.in
- 17. Indian trade portal- <u>www.indiantradeportal.in</u>
- 18. Top 25 export markets of India& trade statistics https://www.indiantradeportal.in/vs.jsp?id=0,25,45,858,859
- 19. Department for promotion of industry and internal tradewww.dipp.gov.in
- 20. Department of commerce- <u>www.commerce.gov.in</u>
- 21. Ministry of external affairs- <u>www.mea.gov.in</u>
- 22. World trade organisation DATA- <u>www.data.wto.org</u>
- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development <u>www.unctad.org</u>
- 24. Organisation of Petroleum exporting countries- www.OPEC.org
- 25. South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation

www.SAARC.Sec.org

- 26. Association of Southeast Asian Nations <u>www.ASEAN.org</u>
- 27. European union- <u>www.europa.eu</u>
- 28. Eurasian economic union <u>http://eaeunion.org/</u>

- 29. Gulf Cooperation Council- <u>www.gcc-sg.org</u>
- 30. MERCOSUR-<u>www.mercosur.int</u>