

Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh Unveils Eight New NIDHI i-TBIs Across India



Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (I/C), virtually inaugurated eight new NIDHI i-TBIs across India, along with a new DST-NIDHI portal at IIT Delhi today (06 September 2024). This event marks the celebration of eight years of the Department of Science and Technology's (DST) NIDHI scheme.

The eight new NIDHI Inclusive TBI's (i-TBIs) have been established at the following locations:

- Central University of Rajasthan
- Aligarh Muslim University
- Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Ludhiana
- University of Petroleum & Energy Studies (UPES), Dehradun
- BLDE, Karnataka
- Pranveer Singh Institute of Technology, Kanpur
- GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women, Karnataka
- Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (Central University), Bilaspur

It is worth noting that i-TBIs (Inclusive TBI) is a 3-year initiative supported by the Department of Science and Technology for educational institutions that help in fostering innovation & entrepreneurship among students, entrepreneurs, faculties and nearby communities.

During his address, Dr. Jitendra Singh highlighted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for the 'Startup India - Stand up India' initiative, under which DST launched NIDHI in 2016. NIDHI was introduced to bridge the gap between academic institutions and industry, facilitating the transformation of cutting-edge research into market-ready products.

The minister also mentioned that the NIDHI program offers a stage-wise support structure, specifically designed to address the unique needs of academic environments. Furthermore, he emphasized India's vision of becoming a "Viksit Bharat" by 2047, with startups playing a crucial role in this journey. He underlined the importance of women-led startups in leading India's global innovation efforts across various sectors.