

**W**ith change in value indicators for a start-up from last year, a similar change is what we have brought in our second edition of 100 brilliant start-up incubators' ranking this year, which reflects in our ranking methodology. That's why this year, it is a complete overhaul in the ranking with four out of top five spots being sealed by incubators at India's premier public institutes of higher education even as new ones like ISEED by Institute

of Rural Management in Gujarat and Plugin by Department of Science & Technology, SINE and Intel joined the league.

### **Gaining Depth**

While the start-ups and investments went through restructuring, the mentorship and support ecosystem has only gone from strength to strength. From the last year's list, when we unearthed around 120 incubators, the number has scaled to more than 190 including technology business incubators housed at various government

universities and technical institutes, entrepreneur-led private incubators, incubators based in private universities, corporate incubators, and incubators that are part of knowledge parks.

### **Word of Caution**

As you flip this page to pick which incubator suits you the best as an entrepreneur, we wanted to emphasize that accelerators are not a part of the ranking as confused by one of our

readers last year when names like Microsoft and Google weren't visible. Nonetheless for this year's ranking, we have cherry picked each one of the 100 incubators to take you one step closer in exploring the true potential of your billion dollar idea. Happy Incubation!

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**BRILLIANT START-UP  
INCUBATORS**

# TOP 25 INCUBATORS

Name	Number of mentors and support areas for mentorship	Approx. no. of monthly mentorship sessions/workshops	Hardware/software infrastructure available	Start-ups/micro enterprises (ME) graduated (overall and since last July 2016)	Start-ups/MEs that raised funding excluding incubation grant (overall and since July 2016)	Funding/grant offered (min-max.) and equity stake taken	Start-ups/MEs active post incubation	Approx. valuation of graduated start-ups/MEs	Employment generated by graduated start-ups/MEs in no. (overall and since July 2016)	IPs generated (filed &/or accepted) by graduated and current incubatees	Incubator USP	Other development/growth initiative undertaken
<b>01</b> IIT Madras Incubation Cell, RTBI, Bio and Medtech Incubator - IIT M Research Park	115+; technology development, business plan/strategy, team building, product validation, branding, marketing/PR, investment readiness, evaluation, due diligence, legal etc.	8	Secretarial services, mechanical and electrical workshops, labs, manufacturing research centre, cloud services, wet labs, eco friendly HV AC systems and electrical systems etc.	44;13	30;11	Rs 5 lac - 35 lac, max 9.5% equity taken on case-by-case basis	42	Rs 2087 crore (total valuation)	2500; ~325	65+	Recognized by DST as the 'best emerging technology Business Incubator' in May 2017. It provides concept to scale-up support to start-ups and is home to 127 tech start-ups.	Contributed in drafting of Startup India Action Plan & Niti Aayog's guidelines for supporting incubators (2015-16). Also contributed in evaluation of start-ups in 2016 in hi-tech manufacturing under TIFAC and TDB discussions/guidelines for funding tech ventures.
<b>02</b> Centre for Innovation Incubation and Entrepreneurship - IIM Ahmedabad	350+; company incorporation, business plan, marketing/PR, team building, product validation, branding, legal, fundraising.	80+	Software includes AWS, EAPPS for hosting, Slack, Pipe-Drive, CB Insights, NikaBot, Microsoft Office. Hardware include printers, audio conferencing equipment, projectors, recording camera. Others include, 22 incubatee rooms, conference hall, exhibition area etc.	59; 5	53; 7	Equity grant Rs 1 lac - 80 lac with average amount of Rs 16 Lacs. 5-40% equity on case by case basis.	82%	~Rs 56 crore	~3000; ~100	25	Deep expertise to nurture ideas in agriculture, healthcare, energy and digital technologies. Runs several sector-specific accelerators in areas like ICT, energy, healthcare, water and food & agriculture.	Set up of a \$150-million fund in Bharat Innovation Fund; launched Innocity - an on-demand DIY-incubation platform, conducted and published research case studies, new entrepreneurship related courses for the IIM-A students.
<b>03</b> Nadathur S Raghavan Centre for Entrepreneurial Learning - IIM Bangalore	39 mentors; 35 areas	130	AWS benefits including \$2000 in AWS credits valid for 2 years, \$5000 worth of AWS Business Support for 1 year, Free access to 1:1 virtual office hours with AWS solutions architects.	62; 5	2	Rs 10 lac - 25 lac; 5% equity	55	~\$1 billion	4500+;50	8	Blended entrepreneurship model that includes - MOOC'S (Online Courses), workshops, go-to-market orientation and seed capital.	Conducted India Innovation Challenge in association with Texas Instruments and DST, Launched the Women's Startup Program, Launched NSRCEL Social - Not for Profit Incubator supported by the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation.
<b>04</b> Society for Innovation and Entrepreneurship - IIT Bombay	300+; inhouse, technical, formal and informal mentoring across areas like IP, legal, finance.	4 to 6	Shared facilities like photocopying, shredder, conference room equipment, meeting rooms, CCTV security, firewall. IT related services like free credit support for cloud, lab facilities like electronics, mechanical, bio, software related to prototyping. Other IIT-B resources available at subsidized rates as per an MoU with IIT-B.	63; 8	~38; 5	Rs 2.5 lac - 5 lac; additional seed funding from Rs 15 lac - Rs 35 lac, as a equity/quasi equity/convertible instrument, conversion linked to next round of funding.	41	Rs 5 cr - 500+ cr	2500+ (Tracked during the incubation period)	1/3rd of incubatees have protected IP	End-to-end support for product and IP based business ideas.	Collaborative Incubation Programs with Govt, industry, PSU's, academia: - Centre of Excellence under to support 70+ start-ups - Plugin: with DST and Intel for Hardware & Systems Start-ups - Scube: An accelerator program with SAP for social enterprises Cross border programs include: - Academic-Industry Training for Indian & Swiss researchers - India Russia Bridge for Innovations for entrepreneurs to explore Russian market.

The emerging **75** incubators across different sectors vying for the top spots

## Tech/Tech-enabled (sector agnostic)

**1 NASSCOM STARTUP WAREHOUSE** - The incubator offers six months program across its 11 centres including the virtual incubator at Gurugram. So far around 300 start-ups have graduated from its incubators. It has Google, Microsoft, IBM, Facebook, Amazon, etc. among its industry partners to support start-ups.

**2 INDIAN ANGEL NETWORK INCUBATOR** - India's largest angel network's incubator is powered by The Indus Entrepreneur (TIE) Delhi-NCR chapter and runs virtual program for 12 months that can be extended up to 18 months. Last year, it partnered with UK-based sustainable technologies company Johnson Matthey to offer incubation to ventures in cleantech space.

**3 SIDBI INNOVATION AND INCUBATION CENTRE - IIT KANPUR** - The incubator has launched an incubation fund called Invent for start-ups in social sector with Rs 7.5 crore corpus. It aims to incubate 40 start-ups.

**4 MANIPAL UNIVERSITY TBI - MANIPAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY** - The incubator focuses on technology and knowledge based businesses and encourages students of the Manipal Group and people in the Manipal region for entrepreneurship.

**5 INNOVATION CENTER - IIIT BANGALORE** - The incubator this year launched I-MACX Studio to support social innovation and entrepreneurship by conducting hackathons and competitions.

**6 STARTUP OASIS** - The incubator is supported by Rajasthan State Industrial Development and Investment Corporation and CIIE, IIM-Ahmedabad. It has incubated 95 start-ups so far. The start-ups have raised Rs 5 crore so far. Jaipur.

<b>05</b> Amity Innovation Incubator	100+; idea to go-to-market support, company formation, legal, finance, fundraising, rapid prototyping, customer discovery and validation, product market fit, branding and PR etc.	10-15 across 6 incubators	AWS cloud credits through an MoU. Similar MoUs with IBM and RBL Bank for financial support etc. Prototyping and testing facilities, set up Cyborg - forensic and cyber security lab, 3D printing facilities etc.	15+ since July 2016.	50+; 6	Rs 5-10 lac to shortlisted Amity student ventures. Equity on case by case basis.	50+
<b>06</b> Foundation for Innovative and Technology Transfer TBI - IIT Delhi	250+; areas include technology development, IP Management, technology transfer and capacity building business relationships, B Plan formation, validation of ideas, prototyping linkages with developers, venture linkages, business coaching etc.	5 to 6	Access to laboratories, specialized facilities/equipment along with state-in-art softwares and testing facilities. The Bio Tech Incubator hosts several routine/specialized equipments.	40; 7	41; 7	Rs 25 lac - Rs 50 lac; 5% equity	26
<b>07</b> Global Incuba- tion Services - Bengaluru	200+	8	Amazon Web Services, Google gcloud solutions, IBM Bluemix	140+, 20+	40+	Rs 35 lac in 14 incubatees	110+
<b>08</b> Kerala Startup Mission - Thiruvanantha- puram	62; company incorporation, business plan, marketing/ PR, team building, product validation, branding, legal.	17	Cloud AWS credits to all start-ups, IBM Blue Mix etc.	210; 15	1	Rs 1.31 crore dis- bursed last year	110
<b>09</b> IKP Knowledge Park - Hyder- abad	100-150; product validation, technical support, clinical validation, regulatory awareness, IP services, business plan, fund raising, grant writing, HR services	10 to 15	Life science incubator: NMR, GCMS, LC MS-MS, HPLC, etc. Hardware incubator: Wood and metal workshop, 3D printing, CNC cutting, PCB Milling and Wet Lab for Bio /Chem, etc.	100-150; 40-50	~100; 40	65% of Rs 114 cr sanctioned amount disbursed. ~5% equity taken in 5 companies.	90 to 100
<b>10</b> Startup Village - Kochi	56; company formation, legal, marketing, team building, customer validation, branding, engineering etc.	21	AWS, .co domain, Exotel credits, Digital Ocean cloud infrastructure, Google Cloud, IBM credits	72; 1	18	Rs 80 lac seed capital in 25 start-ups and Rs 49.41 lac in grant in 4 start-ups	43 (Among physically incubated)
<b>11</b> BITS Pilani - Hyderabad	30	4	MEMS clean room, biotechnology lab, 3D printer, MEMS design software, IoT Sandbox for prototyping, industrial scale centrifuge, high-end servers.	10	Rs 1.4 cr raised		5

	3000+; 47 since 2016	35+	Dedicated men- tors, vast scale infrastructure of Amity across the world, own funds deployed in start- ups.	Trained 50+ facilitators across 6 Amity locations in the last 11 months. We consulted leading academic institutes both from India and abroad on setting up Incubator Developmental Frameworks for successful Incubation.
Above Rs 600 million combined turnover. Valuation likely to be much higher.	500; 30	14+	The institutional infrastructure with state-of-art laboratories/test- ing and fabrication facilities provides the incubator with robust ecosystem.	An innovation and research park established in the cam- pus for research, innovation and product development. It can accommodate nearly 100 start-ups.
Above \$200 million	2000+	35+	Among the few incubator with an accelerator and special focus on women entre- preneurs.	Focus on clean energy, in- ternationalization initiatives, linkages with corporates through CSR initiatives.
Minimum Rs 2750 crore	4500+, 694	20	Kerala's nodal agency for start-ups	Set up mini fablabs in 20 engineering colleges across Kerala.
NA	2500-3000 (including 2000 employed by Laurus Labs)	250+ (200 belongs to Laurus Labs)	1st life science research park incubator in India. Partnered with BIRAC for eco- system mapping to provide policy recommendations and IP services to entrepreneurs.	Organize competitions in areas like global health, tuberculosis, agriculture for nutrition etc. Organize different events in tier II cities and schools to promote entrepreneurship.
	3154; 7	4	Helps students to build campus start-ups as we have industry tie ups with Facebook, Google, Paytm etc. Offer paid access to the SV.CO Collective and exposure to Silicon Valley events.	Developed an action-learning based guided start-up journey for campus start-ups. Ongoing development of 'Qualification Packs' for start- up job roles through India's National Skill Qualification Framework.
	~250	8	The program is hosted by BITS Pilani Hyderabad campus which is equipped with state-of-art labo- ratories.	BOT (Built Operate and Transfer) model to support other incubators.



### 7 IIT GANDHINAGAR INCUBATION CENTRE

The incubator is among the six incubators approved last year for setting up centre of excellence for start-ups as per NIDHI programme by DST. It also has a 'Women in Startup' program for women entrepreneurs. *Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar.*

**8 INCUB@TE - TATA ELXSI** - The incubator by the design arm, Tata Elxsi of the Tata Group offers 18-24 months of incubation. *Bengaluru.*

**9 VENTURE FACTORY** - The incubator is supported by Imperial Innovations UK, Tata Sons etc. It is also the first private incubator supported by Department of Science & Technology, Government of India. *Bengaluru*

**10 CENTRE FOR INCUBATION AND BUSINESS ACCELERATION** - The incubator has so far incubated 63 start-ups that have generated 500 jobs and raised Rs 10 crore funding. It has its own seed funding program of up to Rs 50 lac. *Assagao and Verna, Goa.*

**11 91SPRINGBOARD** - There are 13 centres for co-working that have community led model of incubation where start-ups are part of 200 entrepreneurs working everyday.

**12 PROGRESS PACIFIC INCUBATOR BY PROGRESS SOFTWARE** - NASDAQ listed global software giant Progress Software's incubator in India offers its SaaS and mobile-ready app development platform and its cloud platform without taking any equity or offering funding. *Hyderabad.*

**13 STARTUPS VALLEY TBI BY AMAL JYOTHI COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING** - The incubator along with a rural technology business incubator and a training centre was launched in May this year. Around 18 companies are part of the Startups Valley. The incubator was set up with assistance from DST. *Kottayam, Kerala.*

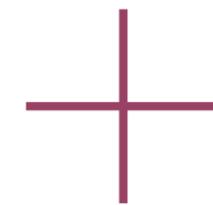
**14 IDEA FACTORY BY ACME GROUP** - Energy and telecom company's incubator supports businesses in the related sectors and offers seed funding. *Gurugram.*

**15 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS INCUBATOR, JSSATE- STEP BY J.S.S. ACADEMY OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION** - Noida-based JSS Academy of Technical Education runs incubator with funding option of up to Rs 25 lakh and follow on funding via angels and VCs on case-to-case basis. *Noida.*

**16 BUSINESS INCUBATOR PROGRAM BY NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS INDIA** - The incubator was launched last year by US-based automated test equipments producer National Instruments to focus on start-ups and SMEs working towards the 'Make in India' and 'Startup India'. *Bengaluru.*

<b>12</b> Villgro Incubator - Chennai	13; 5	Quarterly	Mobile pedestals, fire sprinklers, conference tables, printers, polycoms, file storage cum table etc. Software support includes internal systems development, and testing & deployment done by a vendor.	112; 7	62; 5	Case by case basis	65
<b>13</b> Sandbox Start-ups for Global Incubation, Innovation and Entrepreneurship - Hubli	60+; business mentoring, sales assistance, access to partner network and mentors, networking, fundraising, CA & CS services.	1 to 2	Cloud space, makers lab to access 3D printing, IOT lab, mechanical lab consisting of various CNC Machines, hand tools, laser cutting machines, etc., electronics lab.	68	6	Rs 1 lac -5 lac on case by case basis	48
<b>14</b> Intel India Maker Lab - Bengaluru	36 apart from Intel India volunteers; technology design, prototyping and proof of concept, business model, business connects and industry perspectives, go-to-market techniques, fundraising.	~3	Cloud, IoT, mobile, artificial intelligence, machine learning and virtual reality, lab infrastructure including test & measurement equipment, tools.	35+	8	Rs 10 lac - Rs 20 lac Average 2% equity taken.	All
<b>15</b> Amrita Technology Business Incubator - Kollam, Kerala	35; company incorporation, business plan, marketing/PR, team building, product validation, branding, valuation, legal, deal structuring, sales planning, etc.	45	Network Internet lab, cybersecurity lab, prototyping lab, electronics lab, IoT lab, computers and associated softwares.	28; 16	19; 4	Rs 5 lac - 50 lac; equity varies from 2% to 10%.	24
<b>16</b> T-Hub - Hyderabad	117; investments, legal, HR, media, tech, GTM, operations, strategy, growth hacking, supply chain, transport & logistics, telecom networking, fintech, enterprise sales, sustainability, cloud services.	363	IoT Lab offers hardware kits, sensors, assembling equipments, etc. Digital Lab offers mobile app stations for showcasing apps, virtual conference equipments. Mobility Lab is a high end mobile testing lab. Smart City Lab offers sensors for Smart City applications.	92; 72	25; 19	Zero	77
<b>17</b> EMPI Vittal Center	30+; consulting and operational support across various business areas including , product development, go-to market, collaboration and joint venture.	12 to 15		19; 3	14; 3	Rs 10 cr - 125 cr.; 15% equity taken	19

Rs 15 crore	4000	16	Exclusively focused on social enterprises and have a deep understanding of chosen industries of health, education, skills and agriculture.	Part of RISE program, IN-VENT, TAP programs.
Rs 5 cr - 40+ cr	600+; 100+	45+	Guidance in having proof of concept, validate minimum viable product by connecting with early adaptors.	Intended to promote entrepreneurship in tier II cities. Knowledge partner for "Elevate" initiative by Govt. of Karnataka to support 100 shortlisted start-ups with funding up to Rs 50 lac.
	300+	20+	Unique corporate incubator for hardware and systems start-ups in collaboration with government and academia.	Hosts Demo Day for start-ups for product demo and pitching to investors. Start-ups can also showcase at events like Bengaluru ITEBiz.com; IESA Vision Summit; NASSCOM IoT CoE etc.
Rs 100 crore	650; 50	14	Tie-ups with ecosystem partners and mentors in Silicon Valley, Germany, the Netherlands and Singapore.	Launched programs on cyber security, entrepreneur-in-residence program and an accelerator. Selected by NITI Aayog for scale-up to world-class standards.
\$25 million	552; 361		India's largest incubator ideal for corporates to scout and scale up best ideas. Provides market access to international start ups in India and vice versa. Works with Invest India program to curate start-ups to represent India globally.	Some of the initiatives taken include: T- Source: To connect with corporates T- Connect: Help with peers, mentors and investors T- Scale: Help in business development, hiring, growth hacking T- Bridge: For national and international market access.
~Rs 500 crore	211 (Projected 5500)	24	The incubator focuses on areas like aerospace, defence and electronics, Smart Grid, Artificial Intelligence, Health Informatics etc. EMPI has incubated Innovation Park which focuses on aerospace and defense, electronics as a joint venture with APIIC.	Partnered with global universities and organizations in Europe, US, Japan, Korea to promote cross cultural entrepreneurship and technology and exchange of ideas with knowledge along with best practices in business management.



**17 STARTUPWAVE BY INTELLECAP & TIE AHMEDABAD** - A virtual pre-incubation and incubation platform for entrepreneurs to access support and services online.

**18 COIMBATORE INNOVATION AND BUSINESS INCUBATOR** - The incubator is part of the \$1.2b Sakthi Group and has partnered with IIM-Ahmedabad for mentoring support. It also has an accelerator called FORGE in Coimbatore.

**19 IOTACELL INCUBATOR** - Bengaluru-based incubator focuses on students as, "there is lot of free time (relatively), scope of experimentation, team formation is easy and very low opportunity cost," and takes equity or consulting fee or both for seed funding and support offered.

**20 WOMEN'S BUSINESS INCUBATION PROGRAM** - The only women-only incubator in India offering 60 days incubation. Thiruvananthapuram.

**21 UNICORN GROWTH CENTRE BY WHITE UNICORN VENTURES** - The early stage fund cum co-working space runs incubation space in three centres in Mumbai.

**22 NON RESIDENT INDIAN TBI - INFOPARK, KOCHI** - A first-of-its-kind incubator for NRI entrepreneurs in India. The incubator says, "The number of NRI's venturing as entrepreneurs in Kerala is very much disproportionate to the total \$55 billion in remittances and 25 million NRI's in number. Hence, there was a need for such an incubator.

**23 GRAPHIC ERA UNIVERSITY - TBI** - The incubator based in Dehradun has incubated more than 20 start-ups. It has set up the science and technology entrepreneurs' park for emphasis on entrepreneurship development.

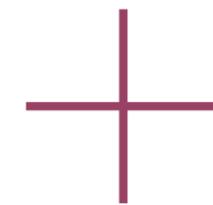
**24 SHRI MATA VAISHNO DEVI UNIVERSITY TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS INCUBATION CENTER SOCIETY BY SHRI MATA VAISHNO DEVI UNIVERSITY** - The first and only incubator in Jammu and Kashmir, and Himachal Pradesh, focuses on entrepreneurship development in the region and largely across North India across biotech, engineering and business development.

**25 ABHIYAN BY IIM LUCKNOW** - Mentoring, infrastructural and financial support is available to the student entrepreneurs.

**26 INNOVATORS' DESTINATION FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND AMELIORATION OF SOCIETY (IDEAS) BY IIT JODHPUR** - The incubator helps students to work on ideas that solve critical issues and creates products and services through science and engineering.

<b>18</b> Agri-Business Incubator - ICRISAT - Patancheru, Nr. Hyderabad	73; business/market development, agri-advisory services, legal, IPR, start-up consultancy services, investment advisory, marketing.	2	Field validation, farm fields for testing and validation for agro-bio, agro-engg start-ups, pilot food processing facility and food testing lab, biotechnology lab, etc.	50; 12	6; 1	Up to Rs 50 lac in loan or grant	27
<b>19</b> Malaviya Centre for Innovation, Incubation & Entrepreneurship - IIT BHU	20 (100+ passive mentors)	15	Vacuum Filtration, Centrifuge, Autoclave, Electron Microscopy, XRDL, Ultrasound cleaning bath, Oil baths and water baths, etc.	8; 3	5; 2	Rs 48 lac; 3% equity taken	6
<b>20</b> Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship- IIIT Hyderabad Foundation	17; computer vision, robotics, language processing, go-to-market, product design, digital marketing, cloud services, fundraising for business mentorship.	~11	AR/VR Lab, GPU, cloud testing platforms, mobile app testing, customer retention tools, cloud infra support from Amazon, Google, Microsoft.	148; 22	9	Rs 50,000 - Rs 25 lacs; 6-8% equity	30-35
<b>21</b> IIM Calcutta Innovation Park	~90, company formation, business plan, marketing, finance, team building, branding, legal, funding, pitch preparation.	~7		3	6; 1	Rs 10 lac - 50 lac; 1-5% equity	2
<b>22</b> S3IDF- Bengaluru	279	none (4-5 per year)		279; 7	279; 7	Rs 10,000 - Rs 5 lac grant	164
<b>23</b> Science and Technology Entrepreneurs' Park TBI - IIT Kharagpur	30	7 since July 2016	Multimedia facilities for remote board meetings, separate cubicles, board and conference rooms, test and measurement lab, design lab etc.	38	NA	Rs 1.3 crore disbursed among 6 companies	19
<b>24</b> iCreate - Ahmedabad	40; go-to-market, product design, market research, idea validation, prototype development and testing, fundraising.	50	Whiteboard, projector, wireless audio system, meeting and board room, IoT lab, data centre, test and measurement facility, 3D printing etc.	10; 3	2; 1	Rs 50,000 to Rs 45 lac; 10% equity.	7
<b>25</b> Lovely Professional University Incubation Centre - Phagwara, Punjab	23; infrastructure, CA, IPR, trademarks and copyrights, mentorship networks, angel investor networks, technology, business validation, business plan, government and bank liaisons for schemes, marketing consultants, HR.	3	Databases, 5 shared Labs with university for computers, pharmacy, mechanical, electronics and biosciences.	26; 1		Up to Rs 5 lac; 3% to 9.5% equity taken	14

Rs 700 crores	1769; 163	10	Focused on agri-start-ups aligned with ICRISAT's vision of improving livelihood & prosperity of small farmers.	Promoting 16 FPOs in three states to help empower farmers and to validate agri-tech start-ups products and services.
Rs 5.5 crore	70, 12	5	Incubatee development programs, and connect with regional start-ups.	After-care services like ongoing linkages back to current and new clients of the incubator, developing business plans, business counseling, co-entrepreneurship and angels program.
	740; 113	5	Offers deep tech research support and seed fund of up to Rs 25 lac.	Runs multiple programs including: Disha - A summer program for students, who have ideas. Avishkar- Accelerator that provides funding and takes start-ups to prototype and first customer.
	~200	3	Focuses on social entrepreneurship and making start-ups fundable in 18-24 months.	Incubator partner for INVENT program - a joint initiative of Technology Development Board, GOI and Department for International Development, UK.
	6,000; 200	Open Source	Helps businesses generating income and offer communities with basic services & employment via its social merchant bank approach.	
	~150			First-of-its-kind supported by Ministry of Textiles to value add in new product commercialization in the areas of technical textiles including application in defense sector.
~Rs 27 crore	140		Dedicated life cycle coach for start-ups. Periodic meetings to validate progress and action required.	Established India's largest IoT Lab. Conducting annual StartUp Nest event that includes a national level competition on doubling farmers incomes.
Rs 20 lac - 25 lac	6	1	~30,000 students and 5000 faculty members act as an ideal testing market for the idea and have a large network of business and technical mentors.	Developing 10,000 sq. ft co-working space and incorporating entrepreneurial courses centrally into the curriculum of all the courses within LPU. Runs special faculty development programs to drive entrepreneurship culture within the university.



**27 INCUBATION CENTRE BY IMT GHAZIABAD** - The incubator is an emerging one in Delhi NCR and its flagship event Start-up Fair offers networking platform for its start-ups and students to pitch to investors.

## Social/Renewable/Cleantech

**1 UNLTD INDIA** - It has supported over 132 ventures that created around four lac jobs. It partnered with JP Morgan and Michael and Susan Dell Foundation to for seed funding and mentoring to early stage social enterprises. *Mumbai.*

**2 DASRA** - Among the most successful social incubators that provided capacity support to over 800 social businesses and mobilized Rs 400 crore into the social sector through collaborative funding and funded 213 businesses. *Mumbai.*

**3 MARICO INNOVATION FOUNDATION** - Its scale-up program is an intensive mentorship program in sectors like agriculture, healthcare, solar, education etc. so far it has helped over 25 businesses. *Mumbai.*

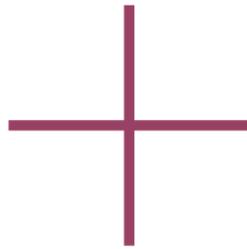
**4 KHOSLA LABS** - Launched by Silicon Valley billionaire Vinod Khosla, Khosla Labs invests Rs 5-50 lakh up to three years of incubation. Its incubatees include Novopay - a mobile payment platform for Kirana stores and customers, and Aadhaar Bridge, an Aadhaar integration API into businesses' existing applications. *Bengaluru.*

**5 COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, TRIVANDRUM - TBI** - The incubator brings with itself around 75 years of expertise to translate into scalable businesses in the field of renewable energy, energy efficiency, waste management, water management in energy production etc.

**6 UPAYA SOCIAL VENTURES** - The seed fund cum incubator focus on businesses working for bottom of the pyramid population. It has tie-ups with Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Clinton Global Initiative, Aspen Network of Development Entrepreneurs etc. *Bengaluru.*

**7 START UP!** - The angel investor cum incubator for mid stage start-ups has incubated 18 ventures so far and trained over 175 social entrepreneurs. *Delhi.*

**8 ACTION FOR INDIA** - Supported by the famous telecom expert Sam Pitroda, the incubator wants to set up national network of 20 hubs of social innovation, by 2020. *Delhi, Bengaluru.*



**9 INCUBATOR FOR SOCIAL ENTERPRISES AND ENTREPRENEURS FOR DEVELOPMENT BY INSTITUTE OF RURAL MANAGEMENT** - The incubator was launched last year in August focusing on social start-ups in agriculture and allied areas including sanitation, rural tourism, clean energy, education and ICT. *Anand, Gujarat.*

## Healthcare/ Medical Technology

**1 PFIZER-IIT DELHI INNOVATION AND IP PROGRAM** - The resident incubation for up to two years along with up to Rs 50 lac in capital support and from Pfizer's global experts.

**2 CENTRE FOR HEALTHCARE ENTREPRENEURSHIP BY IIT HYDERABAD** - The incubator is promoted by Silicon Valley entrepreneurs Raj Mashruwala and Avinash Manudhane to encourage ideas in affordable healthcare. Recently a device to monitor health of newborn babies - NeMo Care, developed by its first batch was unveiled.

**3 PERIYAR TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS INCUBATOR BY PERIYAR MANGALAM UNIVERSITY** - The incubator is perhaps one of the few focusing on herbal healthcare. It is the member of iDISC Global Network of Business Incubators. *Vallam Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu.*

**4 INCUBATION CENTRE BY IIT PATNA** - Launched in 2015, the incubator last year invited applications in November 2016 from start-ups in electronics system design and manufacturing (ESDM) and medical electronics areas for its two-year incubation programme.

**5 EHEALTH - TBI** - The incubator runs an angel fund called Blue Sky Angels for supporting healthcare start-ups. It also focuses on start-ups in biopharma sector. *Bengaluru*

## IT/IT sol./Electronics Hardware

**1 TBI NATIONAL SMALL INDUSTRIES CORPORATION** - Probably the largest MSME incubator in India and backs businesses in IT and ICT areas through a maximum of 12 months program in exchange of a monthly license fee. *Delhi.*

**2 ELECTRONICS INCUBATOR BY DEITY & IIITM KERALA** - The incubation is offered in the consumer electronics space. It also offers

## The Making of Top 100

>> *Data gathered through interactions with incubators.*

>> *Rankings largely influenced by data on mentorship, employment generation, intellectual property creation and survival rate followed by parallel analysis of hardware/software support offered, graduated start-ups, external fundraise, valuation, USP and others irrespective of the incubators total years of operation.*

>> *Each incubator was scored on the scale of one to five on every metric, where five was the highest score and was ranked based on the cumulative score across metrics.*

>> *Information for the rest 75 incubators sourced solely from public sources including websites and online reports.*

>> *Six months to three years extension offered by each incubator on case-by-case basis. Most of the incubators offer virtual incubation.*

pre-incubation of 1-3 months and acceleration of 3-6 months with up to Rs 40 lac funding. Also it has a 'Do It Yourself' makerspace for technology tinkerers. Total four companies are under pre incubation and five under incubation. *Kochi.*

**3 TBI - KONGU ENGINEERING COLLEGE** - The incubator has supported around 49 entrepreneurs and 76 products have been launched so far. It was awarded National Award for TBI for the year 2012. *Erode, Tamil Nadu.*

**4 IIT GUWAHATI TECHNOLOGY INCUBATION CENTRE** - The incubator recently tied up with Oil India - exploration and production company for crude oil and natural gas to boost entrepreneurship in oil and gas in Northeastern region. It is the most active incubator in the Northeast region.

**5 TBI - KRISHNAPATH INCUBATION SOCIETY BY KRISHNA INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY** - The incubator has the capacity to house 35 companies at a time and focuses on areas including ICT, electronics, and mechanical engineering segments. *Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.*

**6 TBI - NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY CALICUT** - As many as 30 companies have graduated from the incubator and 18 are under incubation. The incubator offers pre-feasibility studies, project appraisal, market research and techno-economic studies.

**7 TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION & DEVELOPMENT OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP SUPPORT (TIDES) BY IIT ROORKEE** - The incubator conducts business plan competition 'Incubate' for students and researchers at the institute and offers two years of incubation.

**8 ADHIYAMAAN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING TBI** - The incubator focuses on ICT in global positioning system based ideas and offer support services for 11 months. *Hosur, Tamil Nadu.*

**9 PLUGIN** - DST, Intel India, and SINE from IIT Bombay launched incubator last year in August for incubating hardware and systems-based ideas with funding of Rs 10 lac. *Mumbai and Bengaluru.*

## Pharmaceutical/ Biotechnology/ Microbiology and Related Areas

**1 TBI UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD** - The incubator this year invited applications for fifth batch of six month weekend training program in association with start-up accelerator - Entrepreneur Zone. The focus is to teach students on starting and running enterprise. The incubator also focuses on businesses in the renewable energy area.

**2 BANNARI AMMAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY - TBI** - The incubator is among the most active incubators in Tamil Nadu focusing on biotech businesses. 48 businesses are currently under incubation while eight have graduated. *Erode, Tamil Nadu.*

**3 KIIT UNIVERSITY - TBI BIOINCUBATOR** - Launched in 2008, the incubator is a member of Asia Pacific Incubator Network and has so far incubated 37 businesses while eight companies have graduated. *Bhubaneswar.*

**4 MITCON BIOTECHNOLOGY & PHARMACEUTICAL CENTER TBI** -

The incubator was among the ones chosen for implementing entrepreneurial and managerial development of SMEs scheme by MSME Ministry. *Pune.*

**5 TECHNOLOGY BASED INCUBATOR (TBI) - UNIVERSITY OF DELHI** - The TBI focuses on industrial microbiology and biotechnology and supports contract research along with student training.

## Plastics/ Rubbers/ Materials/ Chemical/ Waste Management

**1 VEL TECH TBI BY VEL TECH TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY** - The incubator has set up a full-fledged e-waste and plastic waste treatment training centre and bio-waste analytical laboratory and is supported by National Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board. *Chennai*

**2 VENTURE CENTER** - Largest science-based incubator and among the six incubators approved last year for setting up centre of excellence for start-ups as per NIDHI programme by DST. It won national award for technology business incubation in 2015. *Pune.*

**3 SHRIRAM INSTITUTE - TBI** - Shriram Institute for Industrial Research. The incubator is among the few focusing on plastics and rubber segments apart from speciality chemicals and waste management. *Delhi.*

## Design

**1 VENTURE STUDIO: CENTER FOR INNOVATIVE BUSINESS DESIGN BY AHMEDABAD UNIVERSITY** - In 5 years, over 90 entrepreneurs have participated in the incubator. Over 45 ventures have been formed, of which 23 are currently active.

**2 DLABS BY THE INDIAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS** - Another design-led incubator that recently set its virtual incubator to support 50 start-ups this year. The incubator has tie-ups with foreign universities like Wharton, MIT, and Kellogg to enable entrepreneur-exchange programs. *Hyderabad.*

**3 NATIONAL DESIGN BUSINESS INCUBATOR BY NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DESIGN** - The incubator focuses on design ideas and offer access to 20 different design disciplines. The incubator works towards creating awareness around design-based problem solving among new businesses. *Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar and Bengaluru.*

## Textiles

**1 INCUBATION CENTRE FOR TECHNICAL TEXTILES BY TEXTILE INDUSTRY'S RESEARCH ASSOCIATION** - The incubator offers support to technical textiles based ideas for its advantages of improved profit and shorter time for returns over conventional textiles. *Ahmedabad.*

**2 TEXTILE BUSINESS INCUBATOR BY DKTE SOCIETY'S TEXTILE AND ENGINEERING INSTITUTE** - Awarded as the best engineering institute for textile industry in 2015, its incubator is the first-of-its-kind in textiles. *Kolhapur.*

## Agriculture

**1 ASSOCIATION FOR INNOVATION DEVELOPMENT OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN AGRICULTURE BY NATIONAL ACADEMY OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH MANAGEMENT** - The incubator last year launched a food and agri accelerator called Agri Udaan in which it mentored 40 start-ups. Earlier this year in May, it launched the biotech incubator called BioNest. *Hyderabad.*

**2 TBI - TAMIL NADU AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY** - The incubator is nestled in among the leading agri-universities in South Asia that provides end-to-end support to businesses in agriculture and allied sectors. *Coimbatore.*

## Finance

**1 START TANK** - Online payments giant PayPal's incubator launched fifth version of its incubator challenge in December 2016 and in June this year extended its support to student entrepreneurs as well. *Chennai*

**2 TOFLO BY TOFLO FINTECH CONSULTING** - The Mumbai-based company's incubation platform helps fintech start-ups raise early stage capital from fintech-focused investors across Asia Pacific as part of its funding program.

## Nanotechnology

**1 NANOTECH RESEARCH INNOVATION AND INCUBATION CENTRE BY PSG INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDIES** - Among rare incubators supporting ideas based on nanoscience and nanotechnology and giving seed fund support along with access to research funds. *Coimbatore.*

## Internet of Things

**1 HYPERCAT INCUBATOR BY FLEXEYE** - The incubator based in Hyderabad is run by UK-based Flexeye, a consortium of 700 IoT companies. It has the capacity for 40 start-ups in the 8,000 sq. ft space and focus on IoT and Smart City based applications.

## Gaming

**1 GAMETANTRA BY DHURVA INTERACTIVE.** It is probably the only incubator in India helping ideas in gaming. The company Dhruva Interactive was acquired by Swedish gaming company Starbreeze in December 2016. The incubator has 6 months of program with Rs 12.5 lakh in seed funding. *Bengaluru.*

## Marketing/Communications

**1 MICA INCUBATOR BY MUDRA INSTITUTE OF COMMUNICATIONS** - Probably the only incubator in India focusing on strategic marketing and communication sector. *Ahmedabad.*

## Dairy Technology

**1 SOCIETY FOR INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN DAIRYING BY NATIONAL DAIRY RESEARCH INSTITUTE** - Another one-of-its-kind incubator in the area of dairy and fish farming, feed technology, apiculture and honey processing, dung and urine-based bio-fertilizers and products. *Karnal, Haryana."*

## Refrigeration and Cold Chain

**1 ST. PETER'S ENGINEERING COLLEGE - TBI** - The institute was the first to be granted approval for setting up TBI in Chennai by DST. The incubator also offers technical and managerial training programs for incubatees.

## Others

**1 EKTA INCUBATION CENTRE BY MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY** - During its Industry Academia Conclave this year, 10 start-up ideas were rewarded. The incubator is significantly established for incubating ideas in biotechnology, IT embedded systems, materials science etc. *Kolkata, West Bengal.*

**2 VELLORE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY TBI** - Housed in South India's one of top institutes, the incubator invites ideas in biotech, leather, automotive/mechanical engineering, and IT. *Vellore.*