



Institutional Incubation & Development Support Scheme (IIDSS)

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SCHEME REFERENCE PARAMETERS SHEET

Particular	Details
Nodal Authority	National Council for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (NCIE), India
Scheme Name	Institutional Incubation & Development Support Scheme (IIDSS)
Sector Mandate	Higher Educational Institutions, Universities & Innovation Ecosystem Development
Financial Assistance	₹20 Lakhs – ₹50 Lakhs per eligible institution*
Programme Duration	12–18 Months
Funding Type	Institutional Infrastructure Development Grant

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Note: Financial assistance is subject to eligibility, technical evaluation, availability of funds, and approval by the Competent Authority.

1. Programme Overview

The **Institutional Incubation & Development Support Scheme (IIDSS)** is a flagship initiative of the **National Council for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (NCIE)** to strengthen innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystems within Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs).

The Scheme provides financial assistance to eligible institutions for the establishment, modernization, and expansion of incubation centres, innovation laboratories, makerspaces, startup support facilities, and entrepreneurship development infrastructure.

The programme seeks to create sustainable institutional ecosystems that nurture student innovators, faculty entrepreneurs, researchers, and early-stage startups through mentoring, incubation, technology development, and industry collaboration.

2. Objectives

The Scheme aims to:

- Establish incubation centres in Higher Educational Institutions.
- Develop innovation and entrepreneurship infrastructure.
- Promote startup culture among students and faculty.
- Support prototype development and product innovation.
- Strengthen industry-academia collaboration.
- Encourage research commercialization.
- Build regional innovation ecosystems.
- Enhance institutional capacity for startup incubation.

3. Eligibility Criteria

Institutions applying under the Scheme shall:

- Be legally established and recognized under applicable laws.
- Be a Higher Educational Institution, University, College, Polytechnic, Technical Institution, Research Institution, or approved incubation centre.
- Demonstrate commitment towards innovation and entrepreneurship.
- Possess adequate physical infrastructure for establishing incubation facilities.
- Nominate an Institutional Innovation Coordinator.
- Submit a comprehensive Institutional Incubation Development Proposal.
- Comply with all NCIE Scheme Guidelines.

4. Financial Assistance

Eligible institutions may receive financial assistance ranging from:

₹20,00,000 to ₹50,00,000

Funding may be sanctioned based on:

- Institutional capacity.
- Number of students.
- Infrastructure requirements.
- Innovation ecosystem maturity.
- Project feasibility.
- Recommendation of the Evaluation Committee.

5. Eligible Components

Financial assistance may be utilized for:

Infrastructure Development

- Incubation Centre
- Innovation Laboratory

- Startup Workspace
- Makerspace
- Co-working Facilities
- Conference & Training Hall

Equipment

- Prototyping Equipment
- 3D Printers
- Electronics Laboratory
- IoT Development Kits
- Robotics Equipment
- Testing Instruments

Startup Support

- Mentorship Programmes
- Entrepreneurship Training
- Prototype Development
- Startup Competitions
- Innovation Challenges
- Business Development Services

Digital Infrastructure

- Startup Management Portal
- Innovation Management Software
- Learning Management Systems
- High-Speed Internet
- Cloud Infrastructure

6. Core Benefits

Participating institutions may receive:

- Financial assistance up to ₹50 Lakhs.
- Support for incubation centre establishment.
- Funding for innovation laboratories.
- Makerspace development support.
- Startup mentoring ecosystem.
- Faculty entrepreneurship programmes.
- Student innovation programmes.
- Institutional networking opportunities.
- Access to NCIE Startup Ecosystem.
- Regional innovation collaboration.

7. Evaluation & Selection Process

Stage 1 – Institutional Nomination

The institution shall submit:

- Institutional Profile.
- Incubation Development Blueprint.
- Infrastructure Plan.
- Innovation Strategy.
- Budget Proposal.

The proposal shall undergo preliminary scrutiny.

Stage 2 – Technical Evaluation

The NCIE Expert Committee shall evaluate:

- Institutional readiness.
- Infrastructure availability.
- Startup ecosystem.
- Innovation activities.
- Faculty capability.
- Financial feasibility.
- Sustainability plan.

Stage 3 – Presentation & Final Selection

Shortlisted institutions shall:

- Present the proposal before the Evaluation Committee.
- Demonstrate institutional preparedness.
- Explain implementation strategy.
- Present sustainability and impact plans.

Recommendations shall be submitted to the Competent Authority for final approval.

8. Funding Release

Financial assistance may ordinarily be released in the following phases:



Phase	Release Condition	Maximum Release
Phase I	Approval of Project	30%
Phase II	Infrastructure Development Progress	30%
Phase III	Equipment Procurement & Installation	20%
Phase IV	Operational Readiness & Final Inspection	20%

Release of each phase shall be subject to satisfactory progress and submission of required documents.

9. Institutional Responsibilities

Selected institutions shall:

- Establish the incubation centre within the approved timeline.
- Maintain transparent financial records.
- Submit quarterly progress reports.
- Submit utilization certificates.
- Facilitate inspections and audits by NCIE.
- Operate the incubation centre for the intended public and educational purpose.

10. Monitoring & Evaluation

NCIE may conduct:

- Periodic progress reviews.
- Technical inspections.
- Financial audits.
- Performance assessments.
- Outcome evaluations.
- Impact studies.

11. Suspension & Cancellation

Financial assistance may be suspended or cancelled if:

- False information is furnished.
- Grant funds are misused.
- Project milestones are not achieved.
- Infrastructure is used for unauthorized purposes.
- Scheme conditions are violated.
- Fraud or misconduct is established.

12. Expected Outcomes

The Scheme seeks to facilitate:

- Establishment of institutional incubation centres.
- Development of innovation laboratories.
- Promotion of student startups.
- Faculty entrepreneurship initiatives.
- Increased startup creation.
- Employment generation.
- Stronger academia-industry collaboration.
- Sustainable institutional innovation ecosystems.

13. General Conditions

- Submission of an application does not guarantee financial assistance.

- Funding shall be subject to evaluation, availability of funds, and approval by the Competent Authority.
- NCIE may revise, amend, suspend, or withdraw the Scheme at any time.
- The decision of the Competent Authority shall be final and binding.

14. Disclaimer

This Scheme Reference Parameters Sheet provides the operational framework for the **Institutional Incubation & Development Support Scheme (IIDSS)**. Financial assistance is subject to the approved Scheme Guidelines, Grant Sanction Order, applicable laws, and availability of funds. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as creating a legal entitlement to funding unless formally sanctioned by NCIE.

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