



AIM-PRIME

Why in News

Recently, the [Atal Innovation Mission \(AIM\)](#), [NITI Aayog](#) launched **AIM-PRIME (Program for Researchers on Innovations, Market-Readiness & Entrepreneurship)**.

Atal Innovation Mission

- **About:**
 - AIM is Government of India's **flagship initiative to promote a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship in the country.**
- **Objective:**
 - **To develop new programmes and policies for fostering innovation** in different sectors of the economy, **provide platform and collaboration opportunities for different stakeholders, create awareness and create an umbrella structure** to oversee the innovation ecosystem of the country.
- **Major Achievement:**
 - AIM's initiatives have played an important contributory role in the advancement of India from a position of **81** in the [Global Innovation Index](#) in 2015 to a position of **48 in 2020**.

Key Points

- **Aim:**
 - Promoting **science based, deep technology ideas** to market through training and guidance over a period of 12 months.
 - **Deep technology** is based on **tangible engineering innovation** or scientific advances and discoveries. Deep Tech is often set apart by its **profound enabling power**, the differentiation it can create, and **its potential to catalyse change**.
- **Focus Area:**
 - Science-based, knowledge-intensive, deep technology entrepreneurship.
- **Launching & Implementing Agency:**
 - **AIM** has collaborated with [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation \(BMGF\)](#) to launch this nationwide programme which will be implemented by **Venture Centre** - a non-profit technology business incubator hosted by [Council Of Scientific And Industrial Research -National Chemical Laboratory \(CSIR-NCL\)](#).
- **Beneficiaries:**
 - **Technology developers** (early-stage deep tech start-ups, and scientists/

engineers/clinicians) with strong science-based deep tech business ideas.

- Chief Executive Officers and Senior incubation managers of **AIM Funded Atal Incubation Centers** that are supporting deep tech entrepreneurs.

▪ **Significance:**

- **Candidates** selected for the programme **will get access to in-depth learning** via a comprehensive lecture series, live team projects, exercises, and project-specific mentoring.
- They will also **have access to a deep tech start-up playbook, curated video library, and plenty of peer-to-peer learning opportunities.**

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