



# Women Lead Over Half of Startups in Uttar Pradesh

## Why in News?

Over **half of the registered [startups](#) in Uttar Pradesh are now led by women**, showcasing the state's progressive business landscape.

## Key Points

- According to the [Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade \(DPIIT\)](#), out of more than 13,370 startups in the state, over 6,812, almost 51%, are led by women entrepreneurs.
- The **state's startup policy, initially introduced in 2020 and amended in 2022**, aims to establish 100 incubators across all 75 districts, providing a robust infrastructure for new ventures.
  - The policy also **includes financial incentives and support systems** specifically designed to encourage women entrepreneurs.
- The startups in Uttar Pradesh have **collectively created over 100,000 jobs**, contributing significantly to the state's economy.
- Initiatives like the **single window clearance system, 'Nivesh Mitra'**, have been instrumental in creating a business-friendly environment.
  - It boasts a disposal rate of 97.22%, **earning recognition with an award from the central government.**
- Looking ahead, Uttar Pradesh **plans to develop India's first [artificial intelligence city in Lucknow](#)** and establish an exclusive fund to boost the AI ecosystem.
  - These initiatives are expected to further enhance the state's appeal as a hub for tech startups and innovation.

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