

Swavalambini

Why in News?

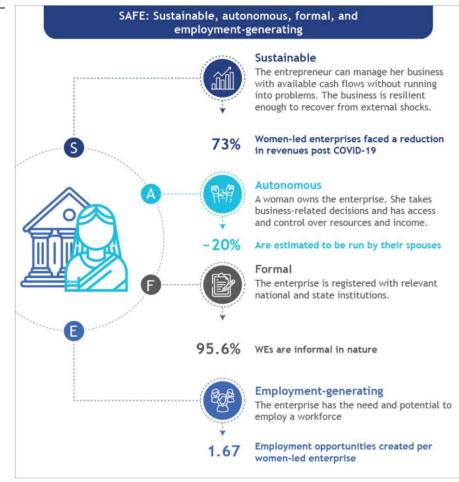
Recently, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) in collaboration with NITI Aayog launched the women entrepreneurship programme Swavalambini at Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut.

Key Points

- About Swavalambini:
 - Swavalambani It is a women entrepreneurship program aimed at empowering women by helping them develop an entrepreneurial mindset, providing necessary resources and guidance for business success.
 - Program structure:
 - A phase-wise entrepreneurship process is initiated comprising Entrepreneurship Awareness Programme (EAP), Women Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP), Faculty Development Programme (FDP) and Financing.
 - This will involve recognising and rewarding successful enterprises, which will
 inspire others and establish a clear framework for promoting women-led
 enterprises in India.
 - Strengthen the culture of entrepreneurship in higher education institutions, making business creation a viable career path for women.
 - **Promote women-led enterprises** as a key driver of India's economic transformation.
 - Aligned with national policies:
 - National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 promotes skill integration, industry collaboration, and entrepreneurship-driven education.
 - Swavalambanni works on this by ensuring financial and consultancy support for women entrepreneurs.
 - It strengthens initiatives like **Start-up India**, **Stand-up India**, **PM Mudra Yojana** and **Women Entrepreneurship Platform**.
 - Swavalambanni is in line with <u>Union Budget 2025</u>, which launches a Rs 10,000 crore start-up fund and 100% tax exemption on start-up dividends for the first five years, providing crucial financial support to emerging women-led enterprises.

Women Entrepreneurship Scenario in India

- Total MSMEs in India: Over 63 million, <u>Women-owned MSMEs</u> 20% (12.39 million).
- **Employment Contribution:** Women-led MSMEs provide employment to 22-27 million people.
- India Ranking in Women Entrepreneurship: India is currently ranked 57th out of 65 countries in the Mastercard Index on Women Entrepreneurship (MIWE) 2021.
 - India ranks 70th among 77 nations in the Global Female Entrepreneurship Index (FEI) as estimated by the Global Entrepreneurship and Development Institute.
- Top states with highest participation of women-led MSMEs: West Bengal (23.42%), Tamil





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