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Shri. Piyush Goyal

Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry Government of India

Visit to Science and Technology Park, Pune

Ministry of Commerce Sunday, 12th December, 2021



Shri Piyush Goyal visits Science and Technology Park in Savitribai Phule, Pune University

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Backgrounder

Science and Technology Entrepreneurs' Park, Pune, was established in 1986 jointly by Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India and University of Pune. The Park, apart from various other ministries has been recently funded under Startup India's Seed Fund Program.

Startup India's Seed Fund Program is a flagship program of Ministry of Commerce and Industry under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade and the program is playing a pivotal role in supporting startups across India

Vice Chancellor of Pune University Shri Nitin Karmalkar, Prashant Girbane, of Mahratta Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture, and Smt. Manisha Verma, Principal Secretary, Skill Development, Employment and Entreprenurship Department, Government of Maharashtra were also present on this occasion.



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Piyush Goyal at SPPU on Sunday. (Photo: Ashish Kale)

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Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal (extreme right) interacting with participants at the Science and Technology Entrepreneurs Park at SPPU on Sunday. (HT PHOTO)

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PUNE Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal on Sunday shot down demands of more incentives and relaxations for start-ups in government procurement policies. Goyal remarked that 'the start-up ecosystem in the country will flourish only with the least amount of government interference.'

Goyal was speaking at a function organised by the Science and Technology Entrepreneurs Park (STEP) at the Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU). He also interacted with several start-up founders and entrepreneurs during the open showcase by product-based start-ups from Pune. Dr Rajendra Jagdale, director general and CEO of STEP; Dr Nitin Karmalkar, vice-chancellor of SPPU; Shruti Singh, joint secretary, DPIIT were present on the occasion.

Addressing the start-up ecosystem stakeholders from Pune, Goyal said, "Nationalisation has stymied the growth of several sectors like banking as seen in the past. If we allow entrepreneurs to flourish, with least amount of government interference, they can scale in their operation and come up with affordable and costeffective solutions. We are giving several incentives to start-ups and we can keep adding as much as we want. But at the end of the day, I personally feel that the less the government interferes in the start-up ecosystem, the more potential it will have to be successful."

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Union Minister Piyush Goyal said allowing entrepreneurs to operate with less amount of government involvement will help them. **(ANI)***2 min read*. Updated: 12 Dec 2021, 07:24 PM ISTPTI

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The less the government interferes in the startup ecosystem, the more potential it will have to become successful, Union Minister Piyush Goyal said here on Sunday. But the government can play the role of a facilitator, he added. The Minister of Commerce and Industry was addressing a gathering during a visit to the Science and Technology Park at the Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU). "Look at the IT sector. It is successful in India, because the government has no role to play. Allowing entrepreneurs to operate with less amount of government interference or involvement will them help come up with cost-effective and affordable solutions, and to improve their quality and designs. Crutches only help them in the short run. If we really want to let this ecosystem grow and go to great lengths, then we have to let it work on its own," he said.

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Business Standard

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Pune: Government interference has always "stifled" industry progress, said Union minister for commerce and industry Piyush Goyal on Sunday. "The biggest and single most reason behind the success of the IT (Information Technology) sector in India is the less involvement of the government. Whenever the government got involved, we have seen nationalisation of so many businesses and sectors in the '60s and the '70s. The growth of such sectors is very limited," said Goyal. He was addressing entrepreneurs and start-up owners at the Science and Technology Park of Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU). Goyal said giving freedom to entrepreneurs to work freely will be the key to their success.

"If you give freedom to entrepreneurs, with the least amount of government interference or involvement, they will be able to come up with cost-effective and affordable solutions, improve their designs and quality," Goyal said. He added that the Startup India mission was an apt step taken by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2014 to recognize the talent and entrepreneurial spirit of the youth of the country.

Goyal said, "Today, we have a start-up ecosystem across the length and breadth of India. As many as 45,000 start-ups have been registered in India. It is the third largest ecosystem in the world. These start-ups are not only based out of the Metros but are also from Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities. Some of them are from rural areas as well." Manisha Verma, the state's principal secretary, skill development, employment, and entrepreneurship department, listed the issues that are being faced by the start-ups in Maharashtra.

"If you want to promote products of the start-ups, the reformation in the procurement policy is the need of the hour. On the lines of Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) other sectors such as agriculture should also see similar approaches," Verma added.



Less government interference increases potential of success for start-ups, says Goyal

Piyush Goyal said that limited interference, referring to the IT sector, will help start-ups come up with cost-effective solutions of their own

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'Entrepreneurs must be architects of start-ups'

Piyush Goyal lauds new business culture, hopes for more women to join in

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nion minister of commerce and industry, Piyush Goyal, called for the need to allow the start-up ecosystem to flourish without government interference. Goyal was addressing a gathering after a visit to the Science and Technology Park at Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU) on Sunday.

He further said that too much involvement stifles progress. Citing examples from the 70s and 80s, the Union minister said that most industries suffered because very little power was given to them. He went on to add that no unicorn would have been able to succeed if they were pressured under several many government regulations.

Goyal further said, "Look at the IT sector, they are huge in India because the government has no role to play in its policies. Going forward, the entrepreneurs must be the architect of the start-up ecosystem, and the government must act as facilitators."

Talking about Pune, Goyal said, "As per Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) registrations, Pune has 3,200 start-ups whereas Mumbai has 3,274 start-ups. The healthy competition between Pune and Mumbai should con-



Union minister Piyush Goyal gives keynote speech at SPPU campus on Sunday

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Manisha Verma, IAS, principal secretary, skill development, employment and entrepreneurship department, government of Maharashtra, presented some key issues pertaining to the start-up ecosystem, "I would like the Centre to introduce reforms in its procurement policy, where start-up products get some reservations. The Centre can also introduce a rating system and evaluate their performances, depending on which funds can be raised. Such a framework will go a long way in giving recognition to credible teams. Funds release should be expedited," she said. Social Media Coverage





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Various incubators and industry experts from Pune talked about the startup ecosystem in Pune and way forward paved by the key stakeholders at Savitribai Phule Pune University #startups #startupindia



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