

The Gujarat State as “Best Performer” in the “State Startup Ranking Framework” launched by The Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP), Government of India, in February-2018:

In February 2018, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP), launched the Startup Ranking Framework for the Indian states’ startup ecosystem wherein it revealed seven pillars (parameters) with 38 pointers based on which each state will be ranked. The State Startup Ranking Framework measures and compares the efforts and results of the startup initiatives and exercises undertaken by different State Governments.

Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP), on December 20, 2018, Thursday, released the much-awaited State Startup Rankings at an event in New Delhi. The event saw participation from top officials from different State Governments and Departments responsible for growing and managing the Startup Ecosystems in their respective States.

The States have been graded according to six categories, which are: Beginners, Emerging States, Aspiring Leaders, Leaders, Top Performers and Best Performer.

Based on these categories, the **“Gujarat State has been recognized as the Best Performer.”** Also the following officers from the State were recognised as **“Champion Officers of the State”**.

1. Mrs. Anju Sharma, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Higher and Technical Education
2. Mrs. Mamta Verma, IAS Industries Commissioner, Industries and Mines Department
3. Mr. Dhananjay Dwivedi, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology
4. Mr. R. D. Barhatt, Joint Commissioner of Industries, Industries and Mines Department

The ranking is the result of government's excellent focus on achieving policy objectives, involving experts, academic institutions and other stakeholders. It also shows the benefits that Gujarat Government’s intervention can create on startup ecosystem of the state.

According to Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP), the key objective of the exercise was to encourage States and Union Territories to take proactive steps towards strengthening the Startup Ecosystems in the States.