

Swavalambini scheme

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The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship provided Parliament with details on the pilot implementation, funding, and training outcomes of the Swavalambini programme.

- It is a pilot **Women Entrepreneurship Program (WEP)** to promote an entrepreneurial mindset and enterprise creation among female students in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs).
- **Launched in** - 2025.
- **Nodal Ministry** - **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)** **in collaboration with NITI Aayog.**
- **Implemented by** - National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD), Noida.
- Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), Guwahati.
- **Coverage** - It aims to establish over 30 women-led enterprises, particularly targeting regions like **Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Uttar Pradesh, and Telangana in its pilot phase.**
- **Eligibility** - Female students from selected HEIs, preferably final-year undergraduate and postgraduate students.
- **Objectives** - Empower young women to transition from job seekers to job creators and aims for at least 10% of EDP-trained participants to establish successful, sustainable businesses.
- **Components** - **Entrepreneurship Awareness Programme (EAP)** - Introductory programme on entrepreneurial awareness.
- **Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP)** - Intensive entrepreneurship development training covering crucial business aspects.
- **Faculty Development Programme (FDP)** - Faculty members from participating HEIs/Universities shall undergo a five-day training session.
- **Mentorship** - A 21-week (approx. 6 months) hybrid support system where industry leaders and successful entrepreneurs guide participants from ideation to enterprise creation.
- **Recognition** - Workshops, mentoring support, seed funding facilitation and Award to Reward (ATR) initiative.
- **Significance** - **Empowerment** - Addresses socio-economic barriers faced by women in entrepreneurship.

- **Growth** - Promotes women-led enterprises contributing to economic growth and employment generation.
- **Ecosystem** - Strengthens the entrepreneurship ecosystem within Higher Education Institutions (HEIs).
- **Visibility** - Enhances recognition and visibility of women entrepreneurs through institutional support.
- **Inclusion** - Promotes women's economic self-reliance and inclusive development.

References

1. [PIB | Swavalambini scheme](#)
2. [About Swavalambini | Women Entrepreneurship Programme](#)

