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ENTREPRENEURS  
AND INDUSTRIES FOR  
A BETTER NEPAL**

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Startup Enterprise Loan Program (2082/83)	3rd Session	10,244 Applications received for the FY 2082/83 (8023 Online, 2461 Offline)
Orientation in Business Incubation Services program with government, academia and private sector	3 Phases	Regional (2082/83/84), District (2082/83/84) and Metropolitan (2082/83/84) Phases
Capacity of Training (T/Trn, Entrepreneurship Development)	1 Batch	22 participants (17 Female, 14 Male)
Entrepreneurship Development Awareness Program	2	Ongoing and scheduled for next trimester
Follow-up of Startup Loan Program (2082/83, 2083/84)	2 Batches	Satisfactory investment of startup loan and creating employment opportunities
Start up Boot Camp	-	To be conducted in next trimester
Internship Program for the college students	3	Two students of Bachelor of Industrial Engineering from the Institute of Engineering, One student of Bachelor of Business Administration from Nepal Commerce College

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## LOOKING BACK: IEDI'S ACTIVITIES

### Strengthening Startup Eco-System

The Industrial Enterprise Development Institute (IEDI) has been strengthening Nepal's startup eco-system by promoting collaboration under the Triple Helix Model, closely working with academia, and industry/ private sector to foster innovation and entrepreneurship. Through coordinated engagement among these key stakeholders, IEDI is working to create a supportive and inclusive environment for startups across the nation, working with consortium partners to achieve the objectives of Startup Nation 2030.

To reinforce this ecosystem, IEDI conducts orientation programs and stakeholder interactions that bring together representatives from different government agencies, universities, financial institutions, private sector organizations, development partners including donors and aspiring startups/ entrepreneurs. By encouraging collaboration, policy dialogue, and knowledge exchange, IEDI continues to advance a dynamic and sustainable startup ecosystem in Nepal.

### Startup Enterprise Loan Program, 2082

The Startup Enterprise Loan Program of the Government of Nepal continues to serve as an important financial support mechanism for emerging startups by facilitating access to collateral-free, subsidized startup loan. The Industrial Enterprise Development Institute (IEDI) has been implementing this program, and fiscal year 2082/83 marks the third consecutive year of its execution including building the startup ecosystem in the country.



MOU Signing ceremony among IEDI, RBB & DCGF at MoICS

While the total budget allocated for the program in the last fiscal year stood at NPR 1 Billion, the budget for this fiscal year 2082/83 has been allocated at NPR 730 Million. The program is being implemented in accordance with the approved Operational Guidelines (Karyabidhi). In line with evolving program needs, the guidelines underwent their first amendment on 17 October 2025 (Ashoj 31, 2082) after the Gen-Z movement. This revision restructured the previously defined 19 startup sectors into five broader clusters, with provisions for sector-specific experts to evaluate applications under each respective cluster, thereby strengthening the technical rigor of the evaluation process.

IEDI officially announced the call for the applications for the Startup Enterprise Loan through the national daily newspaper Gorkhapatra, its official website (<https://iedi.gov.np>), and social media platforms on 2 November 2025 (Kartik 16, 2082). Following the call for applications, information regarding the program was also circulated to the Industry Ministries of all the seven provinces to ensure wider dissemination and coordination at the provincial and local level. It was also communicated to all the stakeholders to disseminate the information to the private sector associations. The application window remained open for 21 days. During this period, the Institute received a total of 10,244 applications (8,203 online submissions and 2,041 offline submissions), indicating continued strong interest among aspiring startup entrepreneurs nationwide.

To ensure effective evaluation under the revised cluster-based approach, IEDI had invited qualified professionals to enlist in the Roster of Experts through a public notice published in the Gorkhapatra, its official website, and social media platforms on 14 November 2025 (Kartik 28, 2082). These experts will support the technical evaluation process, contributing to transparency, quality assessment, and informed decision-making in the startup loan recommendation process. The evaluation process of the applications received under the Startup Enterprise Loan Program is currently ongoing.

Through continued execution of the Startup Enterprise Loan Program, IEDI remains committed to enhancing access to finance, supporting financial literacy for enterprise development, and fostering sustainable entrepreneurial growth across Nepal through mentoring, coaching and need based support.

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## Training of Trainers (ToT) on Entrepreneurship Development



ToT on Entrepreneurship Development (19<sup>th</sup> Bhadra - 1<sup>st</sup> Asoj, 2082)

As part of its continued effort to strengthen Nepal's entrepreneurial ecosystem, the Industrial Enterprise Development Institute (IEDI) has been actively conducting the Training of Trainers (ToT) Program on Entrepreneurship Development. This initiative focuses on developing a competent network of trainers who can support aspiring entrepreneurs across the country by equipping them with practical business knowledge, technical skills, business plan development and mentorship support in coordination with provincial and local government.

For the fiscal year 2082/83, IEDI has set a target of conducting two batches of ToT. The first program was successfully completed during the first trimester, held from 4 September to 17 September 2025 (Bhadra 19 – Ashoj 1, 2082). The training included 22 participants, (7 female and 15 male) reflecting IEDI's commitment to inclusive capacity-building efforts. The second ToT program is planned to be completed within the last (fourth) trimester of this fiscal year.

The training curriculum covers essential areas of entrepreneurship development, including business plan preparation, financial management, market analysis, risk assessment, and product or service development. Participants graduating from these programs are expected to play an important role at provincial and local levels by facilitating entrepreneurship trainings, supporting business plan development, and providing strategic guidance to emerging entrepreneurs, thereby contributing to sustainable enterprise growth across Nepal. IEDI backstop, support and handhold these participants for 2 years after the completion of the ToT.

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## Business Incubation Program (BIC)

The Business Incubation Services Operational and Management Procedure 2082 was approved on Kartik 30, 2082. The goal is to build a strong startup eco-system for startups by giving proper incubation service support throughout the country.

As part of IEDI's regular work strengthening startup eco-system under the Triple Helix Model, IEDI has been collaborating with different government agencies, academia and private sector associations. IEDI published a notice to call for Partner Institutions (Sajhedar Sanstha) to operate the Business Incubation Cohort. It focuses on practical training, expert guidance, and help for new enterprises to grow through masterclasses, mentorship, coaching and business development services.



On Poush 11, 2082, IEDI published the call notice in the national newspaper The Gorkhapatra for wide official information. It was also shared on the IEDI website (<https://iedi.gov.np>) and on social media pages. A total of 76 applications were received (60 by email and 16 by hand). Soon after, on Poush 29, 2082, IEDI published the list of registered applicants on its website. The evaluation process is currently on going to shortlist the Partner Institutions.

## Province-level orientation on BIC

### Bagmati Province:

The Orientation on the Business Incubation Center (BIC) Program in Bagmati Province was conducted on 2082/06/24 at AITM College, Lalitpur. The program was organized in collaboration with the Federation of Nepal Cottage and Small Industries (FNCSI) Nepal and the Ministry of Industry, Commerce, Land and Administration, Bagmati Province. A total of 85 participants (26 female and 59 male) attended the session, reflecting strong interest from aspiring entrepreneurs and stakeholders in the region.



AITM College, Lalitpur - Bagmati Province



LCCI, Pokhara - Gandaki Province

### Gandaki Province

In Gandaki Province, the BIC Orientation Program was held on 2082/06/30 in collaboration with Lekhnath Udyog Banijya Sangh (LCCI), Pokhara. The program was conducted in collaboration with LCCI and the Ministry of Industry and Tourism, Gandaki Province. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation of 120 individuals (34 female and 86 male), highlighting growing engagement in startup and entrepreneurship development initiatives in the province.

### Madhesh Province

The BIC Orientation Program for Madhesh Province was organized on 2082/08/26 in collaboration with Central Engineering College, Janakpur and the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism, Madhesh Province. A total of 80 participants attended (36 female and 44 male), demonstrating increasing awareness and interest in business incubation opportunities in the province.



Central Engineering College, Janakpur - Madhesh Province

## ISO 9001:2015 Certification

Industrial Enterprise Development Institute (IEDI) has achieved ISO 9001:2015 certification, a prestigious milestone recognizing its commitment to a world-class Quality Management System. This accreditation from Nepal Bureau of Standards and Metrology Department (NBSM) validates IEDI's excellence in entrepreneurship development, ensuring consistent, customer-focused processes aligned with Nepal's sustainable development goals. As IEDI continues to build startup ecosystem and support startups through different programs, this certification guarantees enhanced reliability, continuous improvement, and greater stakeholder satisfaction - inviting partners and innovators to collaborate on transformative ventures.

## ISO 9001:2015 Quality Policy

IEDI focuses on entrepreneurship development, startups, and business incubation through training, mentorship, consulting services, capacity building, and strengthening the startup ecosystem.



IEDI aims to support individuals and organizations involved in entrepreneurship development by providing need-based services, business networking, and fostering a sustainable environment that ensures business success and customer satisfaction.

Activities conducted by IEDI will be impartial and accessible to all the beneficiaries with integrity, fairness, transparency, and accountability.

## From Executive Director's Desk



Namaste and warm greetings,

Entrepreneurship remains a powerful force for economic progress, innovation, and employment generation in Nepal. When aspiring entrepreneurs receive the right guidance, financial access, and institutional support, their ideas can grow into sustainable enterprises that benefit communities and strengthen the national economy. Building a supportive environment for startups and small businesses continues to be a central focus of our efforts.

The Industrial Enterprise Development Institute (IEDI) has consistently been working towards this goal through initiatives such as strengthening the startup eco-system, implementing the Startup Enterprise Loan Program, operating the Business Incubation Program, conducting Entrepreneurship Development Programs, and organizing Training of Trainers (ToT). Through the Startup Enterprise Loan Program alone, IEDI has facilitated loans to 765 startup enterprises over the last two fiscal years, while loan recipients have already repaid NPR 7 crores 48 lakhs, reflecting encouraging progress in enterprise sustainability and financial responsibility. These programs have helped many individuals develop entrepreneurial skills, refine business ideas, and successfully operate enterprises that contribute to both economic growth and job creation.

Over the past fiscal year, IEDI has continued implementing the Startup Enterprise Loan Program, expanded its incubation centers across provinces, and conducted various training and awareness programs to promote entrepreneurship. In support of strengthening incubation infrastructure nationwide, IEDI provided basic Business Incubation Centre (BIC) equipment to Kailali Udhog Banijya Sangh in Dhangadhi and Pokhara Metropolitan City in Pokhara. Furthermore, financial support of NPR 20 lakhs each was extended to five institutions for incubation center strengthening: CIM - Biratnagar, BICC - Birgunj, AIM-Hetauda, BuCCI-Butwal, and Nepalgunj Sub-Metropolitan City last year. As an ISO-certified institution, IEDI remains committed to delivering high-quality services to its clients. Moving forward, we aim to strengthen collaboration with academia, the private sector, and development partners to further build the startup ecosystem, operationalize services in the Fab Lab, and advance entrepreneurship, innovation, and sustainable industrial development in Nepal.

## BHAGAT SARBAJIT SILPA UDHYAM BIKAS PROGRAM

The Government of Nepal, Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies approved the “Bhagat Sarbajit Shilpa Enterprise Development Programme Implementation Procedure, 2082” on 2082/07/13 with the objective of uplifting the livelihood of the Dalit community by strengthening and modernizing their traditionally operated occupations.

The programme is a targeted government subsidy and support initiative designed to empower Dalit entrepreneurs who are engaged in traditional skill-based businesses such as tailoring, leather works, metal works, wood crafts, and other hereditary occupations. Through this programme, beneficiaries are provided with entrepreneurship development training to enhance their managerial, financial, and marketing capacities, as well as technology up-gradation support to improve productivity, product quality, and competitiveness in the market. The support aims not only to preserve traditional skills but also to transform them into sustainable and growth-oriented enterprises.

A public notice was published on 2082/09/14 in the Gorkhapatra National Daily and on the official website of Industrial Enterprise Development Institute (IEDI). Information regarding the program was also disseminated through the Industry Ministries of all the seven provinces and the Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration to ensure effective outreach and coordination across all the 753 local levels. The deadline for submission of applications under the program was set for 2082/10/04.

## Startup and Entrepreneurship Development Awareness Programs

As part of its continued efforts to promote entrepreneurship and enhance awareness about startup support mechanisms, the Industrial Enterprise Development Institute (IEDI) has been conducting orientation programs in collaboration with various partner organizations. These initiatives aim to familiarize participants with startup concepts, entrepreneurship opportunities, government support measures, and services provided through IEDI’s Business Incubation Centre, thereby encouraging entrepreneurial thinking and confidence among potential entrepreneurs.

In collaboration with the Nepal Stationery & Educational Materials Industries Association, IEDI conducted an orientation program in Tripureshwor, Kathmandu on 10 November 2025 (Kartik 24, 2082). The program was attended by 29 participants, (5 Female and 24 Male). The session focused on providing information on startup concepts, entrepreneurship opportunities, government policies, and facilitation measures for enterprise establishment and expansion.



*Collaboration: Nepal Stationery & Educational Materials Industries Association*

Similarly, in collaboration with the Nepal Red Cross Society, IEDI organized another orientation program in Tripureshwor, Kathmandu on 14 November 2025 (Kartik 28, 2082). The program was attended by 21 young enthusiastic participants (10 Female and 11 Male). The session primarily targeted students and prospective entrepreneurs, providing insights into startup opportunities, available institutional support, and pathways for initiating entrepreneurial ventures.

Continuing its collaborative outreach initiatives, IEDI conducted an additional orientation program in partnership with the Nepal Chamber of Commerce at Jamal, Kathmandu, aimed at enhancing startup awareness and promoting entrepreneurial opportunities among aspiring entrepreneurs and business enthusiasts. The program witnessed significant participation with a total of 81 participants (61 Female and 20 Male). The session focused on introducing startup concepts, available government support mechanisms, and institutional facilitation measures to encourage enterprise creation and business expansion.

Such outreach initiatives play an important role in strengthening entrepreneurial awareness and capacity by connecting potential entrepreneurs with available financial and institutional support mechanisms. Through continued collaboration with partner organizations, IEDI remains committed to fostering an enabling environment for enterprise development and promoting sustainable entrepreneurial growth across Nepal.



Collaboration: Nepal Red-Cross Society



Collaboration: Nepal Chamber of Commerce

## Startup Enterprise Loan Awareness Orientation Program

To enhance awareness regarding the Startup Enterprise Loan Program, the Industrial Enterprise Development Institute (IEDI) has been conducting orientation and outreach activities across various platforms in collaboration with partner organizations. As part of this initiative, an orientation program on the Startup Enterprise Loan was jointly organized by IEDI and the Federation of Handicraft Associations of Nepal on 12 November 2025 (Kartik 26, 2082) at handicraft association office.

The program aimed to provide participants with information on the concept, application procedures, and documentation requirements of the startup loan, while also familiarizing them with enterprise promotion initiatives implemented by IEDI. A total of 39 participants, (19 women and 20 men) attended the session. The program contributed to enhancing participants' understanding of available government support mechanisms and encouraged entrepreneurial confidence among potential startup applicants. These information has also been shared in different forums/ panel discussions.



4th Nepal Youth Entrepreneurship Summit 2025



ICT Award 2025



Hon. Minister during Inauguration Ceremony



Joint Secretaries under SEDP from Nepal Administrative Staff College



Officials From MoICS



Stakeholder's Meeting - January, 2026

## IEDI's Anniversary Program

The Industrial Enterprise Development Institute (IEDI) celebrated its 29th Anniversary on Kartik 22, 2082, at its premises in Tripureshwor, Kathmandu, marking nearly three decades of contribution towards entrepreneurship and industrial enterprise development in Nepal.

The program was graced by the Honorable Minister for Industry, Commerce and Supplies, Mr. Anil Kumar Sinha, as the Chief Guest, along with senior government officials, former Executive Directors, private sector representatives, board members, and institutional stakeholders. The program was inaugurated by the chief guest in a tech-friendly and innovative manner, symbolizing IEDI's commitment to modernization and innovation. During the event, IEDI's annual progress report was unveiled, highlighting its achievements in startup program, entrepreneurship promotion, Business Incubation Program, training programs, and business development services.



Speakers on the occasion appreciated IEDI's continued role in strengthening Nepal's entrepreneurial ecosystem and emphasized enhanced collaboration to promote innovation, youth entrepreneurship, and employment generation. The program concluded with recognition of key contributors and a renewed commitment to further expand IEDI's impact nationwide.

## Startups with Rt. Hon. Prime Minister

The event “Startup Entrepreneurs with the Prime Minister” organized by the Industrial Enterprise Development Institute (IEDI) on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025, provided a distinguished platform for startups that have been recipients of GON’s startup loan. This initiative fostered collaboration and meaningful discourse on startup entrepreneurship and its evolving ecosystem. The event convened approximately 250 participants, including government officials, representatives from private sector associations, entrepreneurs, and other relevant stakeholders.



The showcase prominently featured 46 innovative products and services developed by startup entrepreneurs who have received the startup loan from IEDI. Rt. Honorable Prime Minister graciously honored the occasion by engaging with the entrepreneurs, visiting their exhibition stalls, and delivering motivating remarks to encourage continued effort towards domestic job creation and economic development.

In his address, Prime Minister Oli highlighted the critical role of the youth in realizing the national aspiration of “Prosperous Nepal, Happy Nepali.” He emphasized the necessity for young entrepreneurs to maintain unwavering hope and courage in pursuing future endeavors. The Prime Minister articulated a vision of Nepal’s progression towards a developed nation by 2026 and beyond, driven by technological advancement, enhanced productivity, and sustainable development.



Furthermore, Prime Minister Oli stressed that the success of Nepal’s development relies fundamentally on collective self-reliance and determination, affirming resolutely, “We can do it; Nepal will be built by us.”

## Nature based Solutions (NbS) Business Incubation Program Cohort - II

The Industrial Enterprise Development Institute (IEDI) successfully conducted the Nature-based Solution (NbS) Business Incubation Program Cohort – II from July to December 2025. The process kicked off with a nationwide application call from July 31 to August 20, 2025 receiving 32 applications and selecting 22 qualified candidates as per the set criteria.



Following an Open House Session on 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 the selected participants entered an intensive 5-days Incubation Bootcamp from August 31 to September 5, 2025 which concluded with an Idea Pitching Event selecting the top 10 women-led business enterprises. The program continued with a Product Showcase Event, where the top 10 women-led business enterprises showcased their products to experts and potential customers. This was followed by a mentor-mentee matchmaking event.



At present, these 10 incubees work with individual mentors to build strong business foundations. This makes their nature-based products ready for the market, able to fill gaps, and good for protecting the environment.



## Half-Yearly Review and Orientation Program

The Industrial Enterprise Development Institute (IEDI) organized a Half-Yearly Review and Orientation Program on 3–4 January 2026 (Poush 18–19, 2082) in line with its annual work plan for the fiscal year 2082/83. The program aimed to review progress, assess achievements and challenges, and identify strategic directions for upcoming initiatives.



*Half-Yearly Review and Orientation Program*

The review covered key programs including the Startup Enterprise Loan Program, Business Incubation Centre activities, entrepreneurship training, and other institutional initiatives. Discussions focused on program progress, operational challenges, and future priorities, including the implementation of the Bhagat Sarbajit Silpa Enterprise Development Program.

The program also included orientation sessions, team-building activities, yoga, meditation, and hiking, which helped strengthen coordination, enhance staff motivation, and reinforce commitment towards institutional goals. Such review initiatives support continuous improvement and contribute to building startup eco-system, effective entrepreneurship promotion and enterprise development across Nepal.

## Internship Program

This year, IEDI welcomed three enthusiastic interns – Mr. Anukul Ghimire, a Bachelor of Industrial Engineering student from the Institute of Engineering (IOE), Thapathali, Kathmandu; Ms. Pujan Adhikari, a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) student from Nepal Commerce Campus (NCC); and Mr. Rishav Raj Upadhyay Dhungana, also pursuing a Bachelor of Industrial Engineering from the Institute of Engineering (IOE), Thapathali, Kathmandu. Through their internship engagement, they have been gaining practical exposure to enterprise development activities, institutional operations, and entrepreneurship promotion initiatives carried out by IEDI.



By continuing to offer internship opportunities, IEDI aims to bridge academic learning with practical experience while nurturing future professionals interested in startups, entrepreneurship and enterprise development. Such exposure helps students enhance their skills, broaden their understanding of the entrepreneurial ecosystem, and prepares them to contribute effectively to startup growth and business development in Nepal.

**QUICK STATS . IEDI PROGRAM . FY 2082/83 UP TO POUISH 2082**

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**IEDI'S SERVICES****A. SERVICES FOR THE POTENTIAL ENTREPRENEURS**

- New Business Creation (NBC)
- Entrepreneurial Competency Development
- Business Identification and Selection
- Business Planning and Feasibility Study
- Micro Enterprise Creation (MEC)
- Business Awareness
- Start Your Business
- Start-up Training Program

**B. SERVICES FOR EXISTING ENTREPRENEURS/ENTERPRISES**

- Business Consultancy
- Production Management and Productivity Improvement
- Marketing
- Salesmanship
- Financial Management
- Accounts Training
- Business Management
- Business Expansion /Growth
- Micro Enterprise Development (MED)
- How to Improve Your Business

**C. SERVICES FOR THE INTERMEDIARY ORGANIZATIONS**

- Training of Trainers on EDP
- Training for Business Consultants
- Training of Trainer on Skills Improvement
- Training Management
- Business Potentiality and Training Needs Assessment
- Training Program on Project Development
- Start and improve Your Business (SIYB)
- Market and Impact Study of Business Development Services (BDS)
- Research and Feasibility studies on varied sectors

**D. STARTUP PROGRAM**

- Startup Enterprise Loan Program
- Startup Nation 2030
- Strengthening Startup Eco-System

**E. BUSINESS INCUBATION SERVICES**

- Provincial level BIS Program
- Nature based Solutions (NbS)

**F. BHAGAT SARBAJIT SILPA UDHYAM BIKAS PROGRAM****IEDI Newsletter**

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