



NITI Aayog



ATAL INNOVATION MISSION



# Aspire. Learn. Create.

The Community Innovator Fellowship Program is an initiative of Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog in collaboration with UNDP India to facilitate knowledge building and provide infrastructure support to **aspiring community innovators** essential for their entrepreneurship journey. This is a one-year-long intensive fellowship program wherein an aspiring community innovator can apply irrespective of their socio-economic background. During the course of this fellowship, each fellow would be hosted at an Atal Community Innovation Centre and would acquire **SDG awareness, entrepreneurial skills and life skills** while working on her/his idea.

## ABOUT AIM

Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog is Government of India's flagship initiative to promote a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship in the country and was set up in 2016. Towards this end, AIM has taken a holistic approach to ensure creation of a problem-solving innovative mindset in schools and creating an ecosystem of entrepreneurship in universities, research institutions, private and MSME sector.

[Learn more at aim.gov.in](http://aim.gov.in)

## ABOUT ACIC

Atal Community Innovation Centre (ACIC) has been conceptualized to bring to focus the unserved and underserved regions in India in terms of idea generation, promotion of innovations and innovators at grassroots level. ACICs will drive innovations catering to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by specifically harnessing and nurturing novel solutions for upliftment and sustainable transformation of the community and country at large.

[Learn more at aim.gov.in/acic](http://aim.gov.in/acic)

## ABOUT UNDP

UNDP is the leading United Nations organization fighting to end the injustice of poverty, inequality, and climate change. UNDP has worked in India since 1951 in almost all areas of human development, from systems and institutional strengthening to inclusive growth and sustainable livelihoods, as well as sustainable energy, environment and resilience.

[Learn more at in.undp.org](http://in.undp.org)

## ABOUT YOUTH CO:LAB

Co-created in 2017 by UNDP and Citi Foundation, Youth Co:Lab aims to establish a common agenda for the countries in Asia-Pacific region to empower and invest in youth to accelerate the implementation of the SDGs through leadership, social innovation and entrepreneurship. In India, Youth Co:Lab was launched in 2019 by UNDP India and AIM, NITI Aayog to strengthen the youth-led social innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem.

[Learn more at youthcolab.org](http://youthcolab.org)

## OBJECTIVE

Nurturing Innovators to build indigenous solutions for local challenges.

### CIF FEATURES



#### Knowledge

Curated content on SDGs and entrepreneurship through toolkits, workshops and a digital learning platform



#### Mentorship

Mentorship to build business acumen and sector expertise



#### Community Immersion

Local Mitra for on-ground community outreach support and solution validation



#### Infrastructure

Access to infrastructure of host ACIC



#### Funding

Milestone based funding (upto Rs. 2 lakh per fellow) and pitching opportunities



#### Inclusion

Sensitization workshops for encouraging equitable access of the innovation ecosystem

### JOURNEY OF A FELLOW

**Phase 0: Month 1-2**  
Launch and Call for Applications



**Phase 2: Month 4**  
Exploration

Harnessing new skills and building community connect



**Phase 4: Month 8-11**  
Springboard

Prototype/MVP, Revisiting Business Model



**Phase 1: Month 3**  
Orientation

Awareness and Reflection, Plan of work, Finalising Intent



**Phase 3: Month 5-7**  
Enhancement

Mentorship, Business Modelling and POC



**Phase 5: Month 12-14**  
Showcase





“My message, especially to young people is to have courage to think differently, courage to invent, to travel the unexplored path, courage to discover the impossible and to conquer the problems and succeed.”

— Hon'ble APJ Abdul Kalam  
Former President of India

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