## GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN Department of Information Technology & Communication

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## TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

As per the directions of Hon'ble Chief Minister, The Department of Information Technology & Communication, Government of Rajasthan has been working as the nodal administrative department for startup promotion and implementation in the state since 30/03/2017.

iStart Rajasthan is the dedicated centralized platform for Startup Promotion in Rajasthan, available at <a href="https://istart.rajasthan.gov.in">https://istart.rajasthan.gov.in</a>

iStart Rajasthan through its mentors, third party evaluators and pool of experts is working towards promotion of startups and entrepreneurship with all services including nurturing, skill building, connecting with mentor pool and funding opportunities – and is acting as a society working for fostering a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship in Rajasthan.

The Government of Rajasthan provides all the needed support to shape the entrepreneurial aspiration of a startup into a concept for mass scale production. Department of Information Technology & Communication houses flagship programs such as

- Challenge for Change (direct public procurement of innovative solutions from startups without regular tendering and EMD deposit requirement)
- QRate (comprehensive third party assessment and rating of startups and mapping all benefits to startups in a transparent manner to this rating)
- Rajasthan Stack (open Government APIs for startups to support and strengthen their solutions / offerings)

The above mentioned programs are run, managed and implemented by Department of IT&C and evaluations are done by third party jury of independent experts and evaluators.

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