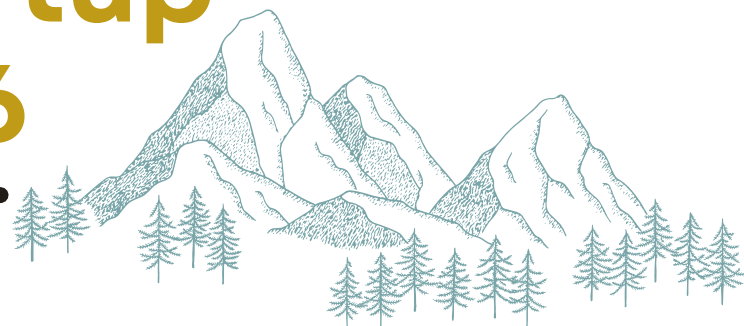




Uttishthati Foundation i-TBI DST National Startup Summit 2026



Winners And Prizes

Awards & Opportunities

Prizes, Mentorship & Funding

Winners will receive prizes of up to ₹1 lakh, along with incubation opportunities, structured mentorship, and direct access to investors.



PITCHX

Best Pitch Award



Participants will compete for First, Second, and Third Best Pitch awards, recognizing the most innovative, impactful, and scalable ideas. Each winning team will be evaluated on clarity of vision, problem-solution fit, feasibility, and presentation, with top pitches earning prizes, mentorship opportunities, and recognition.

Ignition Grant

Ignition Grant recognition will be celebrated by Commemorating our 14 I-TBI startups who are onboarded with us and working on various stages of product development & Innovation



National Startup Summit 2026

The National Startup Summit, to be hosted at National Institute of Technology Hamirpur, is a flagship initiative of Uttishthati Foundation, an inclusive Technology Business Incubator supported by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India. The summit aims to serve as a premier platform for fostering innovation, entrepreneurship, and collaboration by bringing together startups, industry leaders, researchers, and aspiring entrepreneurs from across the country. It is designed to showcase cutting-edge technologies, and strengthen the regional and national startup ecosystem, particularly empowering innovators from emerging and underserved regions.



Objectives

■ Innovative Growth

Empowering students, researchers, and early-stage entrepreneurs to turn bold ideas into scalable, impactful startups.

■ Inclusive Empowerment

Empowering innovators from Tier-II and Tier-III regions through exposure and networking.

■ Innovation Showcase

To highlight cutting-edge innovations in sectors such as deep-tech, sustainability, space-tech, AI, and social impact.

■ Startup Support

Support early-stage startups through showcase, mentorship, and awards.

Thematic Focus Area



Deep-Tech & Emerging Technologies

To transform laboratory breakthroughs into world-changing industries by bridging the gap between deep science and global commercial scale.



Sustainability, Agri-Tech & Climate Change

Dedicated to turn environmental challenges into sustainable agricultural and industrial legacies.



Healthcare & BioTech Innovation

Committed to pioneering the future of human health by accelerating innovation



Women Entrepreneurship

Empowering the next generation of women leaders to claim their seat at the forefront of the deep-tech revolution.



SpaceTech & Defense Innovation

Committed to securing the future by propelling autonomous systems, smart connectivity, and advanced defense solutions from concept to mission-critical reality

Who Will Be There

50+

Participants aspiring to be future Incubatee

14+

UTF Startups at NITH

28+

CM Startup Projects

5+

Leader with entrepreneurship mindset

NATIONAL STARTUP SUMMIT 2026

Venue of the Event Mini Auditorium, NIT Hamirpur

Date 9th March 2026

Organizing Section Team Uttishthati Foundation, i-TBI NITH

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Program

Morning Session	Lunch	Evening Session	Closing Ceremony
Inauguration Ceremony (09:30 AM to 10:30 AM)	Lunch Time: 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM		
Recognition ceremony for startup (10:30 to 11:00)		PitchX Continues (2:00 PM-4:00 PM)	
PitchX – Pitching Session Begins (11:00 AM to 1:00 PM)			From 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Organisers ↗



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