

# Training programme for women startups today

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IIM Nagpur has partnered with the N S Raghavan Centre for Entrepreneurial Learning (NSRCEL) at IIM Bangalore for the 'Women Startup' programme this year. The programme, funded by Goldman Sachs and Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, is targeted at aspiring women entrepreneurs.

The programme aims to convert entrepreneurial business ideas by women into business ventures and will provide training in managerial and entrepreneurial skills. The programme will provide ongoing mentoring, networking opportunities, legal advice and incubation with modest financial support for selected business plans. For the year 2018-19, the programme intends to incubate 100 women entrepreneurs across the breadth of the country. The programme was conducted by IIM Bangalore in

2016-17 and 15 women entrepreneurs were incubated at the NSRCEL. TiE Nagpur is supporting IIM Nagpur to spread the programme across the women network. According to a NASSCOM report in November 2017, women entrepreneurs contributed to only 11 per cent of Indian startups, and SAHA fund's statistics indicate that only 3 per cent of women entrepreneurs have received VC funding. The session will be organised on January 18, at 5 pm at IIM Nagpur.

Registration is complimentary for all. Leading faculties are Prof Thiagu Ranganathan, Chairperson of Women Startup Programme IIM Nagpur, Dheepthi Jaysimha, N S Raghavan Centre for Entrepreneurial Learning, IIM Bangalore and Bharath Raj Sreeram, NS Raghavan Centre for Entrepreneurial Learning, IIM Bangalore. For details contact on 9595568009. The programme is only for women.

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