

An advisory committee will provide strategic guidance

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The govt has also proposed a Rs 400-crore corpus for the Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Technical University Innovation Hub, along with matching grants of up to Rs 5 crore, prototype development assistance of Rs 10 lakh, and special incentives for deep-tech and research-driven startups. The cabinet also approved the establishment of the UP Startup Mission, an autonomous body that will replace UP Electronics Corporation Ltd as nodal agency to implement startup initiatives.

Headed by the chief secre-

tary through its Governing Board, the Mission will oversee policy implementation, administer grants and incentives, coordinate with incubators and innovation centres, operate the state's startup portal and facilitate partnerships with investors, industry and academic institutions. The policy introduces a multi-layered institutional structure comprising a steering committee, empowered committee, policy implementation unit and a startup review committee of experts. An advisory committee and a dedicated mission directorate will provide strategic guidance and monitor execution.