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MeitY Startup Hub

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Why is in news? MeitY Startup Hub and Meta collaborate to accelerate XR technology startups in India

The **MeitY Startup Hub**, an **initiative** of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, on September 12 announced a partnership with Facebook-parent Meta to support XR technology startups.

Extended reality, or XR, is an emerging realm of technology that **combines real and virtual environments**. The term is also used to **refer to human-machine interactions** generated through wearables and computer technology.

The collaboration with Meta is "part of the government's efforts for skilling in emerging and future technologies".

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (**Meity**) **Startup Hub (MSH)** was launched in May 2019, is a **national platform** focused on **promoting technology innovation, start-ups, and the creation of intellectual properties**.

According to the government, it has **supported more than 3,000 startups**, with a vision to ramp it up to more than 10,000 in the next three to five years.

Hence, the **focus is being given towards entrepreneurship and innovation** so as to give the Indian economy a boost.

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) is facilitating a **wide range of Innovation and IPR-related activities** around the country in order to expand this ecosystem and thus, the MeitY Startup Hub came into existence.

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