

ADITI Scheme, Aim, Eligibility, Time Period

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About ADITI Scheme

- Acing Development of Innovative Technologies with iDEX (ADITI) is a scheme to promote innovations in critical and strategic defence technologies.
- **Aim:** It aims to develop about 30 deep-tech critical and strategic technologies in the proposed timeframe.
- **Eligibility:** Under this scheme start-ups are eligible to receive grant-in-aid of up to Rs 25 crore for their research, development, and innovation endeavours in defence technology.
- **Time period:** This scheme worth Rs 750 crore for the period 2023-24 to 2025-26.

Aditi Scheme Features

- It falls under the **iDEX** (Innovations for Defence Excellence) framework of the Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence.
- It also envisages to create a 'Technology Watch Tool' to bridge the gap between the expectations and requirements of the modern Armed Forces and the capabilities of the defence innovation ecosystem.

- In the first edition of ADITI, 17 challenges – Indian Army (3), Indian Navy (5), Indian Air Force (5) and Defence Space Agency (4) – have been launched.
- To motivate young innovators, iDEX was expanded to iDEX Prime, with the assistance increasing from Rs 1.5 crore to Rs 10 crore.
- The idea behind the schemes/initiatives such as ADITI, iDEX, iDEX Prime is to also transform India into a knowledge society.
- The scheme will nurture the innovation of youth, and help the country leap forward in the field of technology.

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