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BHARATI Export Enablement and Acceleration Programme for Startups (APEDA)

APEDA's BHARATI programme helps agri-food startups, export-enabling technology firms and solution providers for export safety rules to get ready for foreign markets. The first application round has closed.

What you may get

Selected participants get mentoring from industry experts, market information from APEDA, guidance on certification, branding and packaging, links to buyers and trade fairs, and a chance to pitch to investors. The pages do not mention a cash grant.

Who it is for

Agri-food startups, export-enabling technology and service startups, solution providers for SPS challenges (including individual researchers), APEDA-registered exporters and farmer producer companies.

Main conditions

- A startup must be a private limited company, a registered partnership firm or an LLP, at most 5 years old, with yearly turnover never above Rs 10 crore since it began.
- The entity must not have been formed by splitting up or rebuilding an existing business.
- Startups in the agri-food product and technology categories need a working MVP or a product already sold. An idea alone is not enough.
- Individual researchers, innovators and solo entrepreneurs can apply only as SPS solution providers, with a research paper, idea, prototype or product.
- Applicants must be registered in India and must show a clear plan for export markets.
- Applicants need APEDA registration. Those not yet registered must get an RCMC before the acceleration phase starts.

Documents

- Import-Export Code (IEC) from the Directorate General of Foreign Trade, if applicable
- Company registration details, if applicable
- MSME registration number, if applicable
- GST and PAN details, if applicable
- Audited or provisional financial statements for 2024-25, if applicable
- Names and profiles of the promoters
- Company presentation in PDF format
- Farmer producer companies also submit their registration certificate

How to apply

1. The first round ran from 26 September to 10 November 2025 and is closed. Follow the Announcements page of the BHARATI site for any new call.
2. When a round is open, pick one category that fits your business and fill the online questionnaire for it from the Application Links page.
3. Give your APEDA registration details in the form, or start the RCMC registration with APEDA if you are not registered.
4. Submit the supporting documents once through the links given on the form and the How to Apply page.

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