

All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) in collaboration with Vijnan Bharati (VIBHA) with support from other lead government agencies is organising “National Start-up Summit-2017” under the aegis of **India International Science Festival (IISF 2017, <http://scienceindiafest.org/>)**. This is a joint mega event of Ministry of Science and Technology and Ministry of Earth Sciences will be held during October 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> 2017 at Chennai.

A “**Start-up Contest - 2017**” is framed under the Start-up Summit 2017 to scout, award and support best start-ups happening in academic institutions across the country and reward best academic institutions supporting Start-up Ecosystem both in campus and regional level. Eventually, the shortlisted start-ups and institutions will get opportunity to attend and participate in **Start-up Summit 2017** which will be held during 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 at Chennai.

In this regard, a letter from Prof. Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE is attached. You are requested to kindly disseminate across universities/institutions in your state to encourage the student innovators, entrepreneurs, early stage start-up, faculty led Start-ups and Start-ups supported in various universities and academic institutions to apply under appropriate contest categories latest by 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2017.

For online submission and instruction, please visit registration portal ([www.startup.aicte-india.org](http://www.startup.aicte-india.org)). For further information you may write to coordinators Mr. Dipan Kumar Sahu and Dr. Anil Kothari at email: [startup@aicte-india.org](mailto:startup@aicte-india.org) or [startup@scienceindiafest.org](mailto:startup@scienceindiafest.org) Phone: +91 11 29581018.