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■ Govt. Issues Startup Guidelines for Technical Textiles, Identifies 26 Institutions for Courses

Ministry of Textiles has given the green light to the Startup Guidelines for Technical Textiles, known as the Grant for Research and Entrepreneurship across Aspiring Innovators in Technical Textiles (GREAT). Support of up to Rs 50 Lakhs will be provided to individuals and companies having viable technical textile products for their commercialisation. The initiative encompasses various applications of technical textiles and includes the development of high-performance fibers and composites, sustainable and recyclable textile materials, and smart textiles leveraging technologies like Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things, 3D/4D Printing, and Rapid Prototyping. Additionally, it encourages the development of indigenous machinery, equipment, and instruments. The Ministry has also approved 26 institutions for upgrading their laboratory infrastructure and training trainers in the application areas of technical textiles. The total approved value for these initiatives is Rs 151.02 Crores.