Industrial Research and Development Promotion Program (IRDPP)

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Background & Context

The Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) has relaxed norms for **deep-tech startups**. Previously, startups needed to be in existence for **3 years** to get DSIR recognition; this requirement has now been **scrapped**.

Why This Matters for Startups

- **Deep-Tech Definition:** Technologies based on scientific discovery or meaningful engineering innovation (AI, Quantum Computing, Biotech).
- **Benefits of DSIR Recognition:** Startups can now access **customs duty exemptions**, R&D grants, and the **INR 1 lakh crore RDI Fund** much earlier in their lifecycle.
- **Strategic Goal:** Moving from *Atmanirbhar Bharat* (Self-reliant) to a stage where the world relies on Indian tech ("Global Reliability").