

Maharashtra Start-Up Week 2021

NatureDots' AquaNurch® combines nature-based systems and solutions with deep-tech to tackle the looming challenges of deteriorating water bodies on 15 million inland freshwater fish-farmers. The young start-up aims to lessen the burden of economic losses of farmers and nutritional insecurity brought about by worsening of water bodies. This single-minded focus on developing innovative solutions with a social impact has put NatureDots in the list of 23 other winners of this year's Maharashtra Start-Up Week.

Find the complete list at <https://msins.in/#!/ecosystem-startup-list/2021>

Maharashtra State Innovation Society (MSIS) organizes the Maharashtra Start-Up Week since 2018 to encourage Indian start-ups to partner with the Maharashtra state government in solving social development challenges and create impact at scale. **The Strategic Alliances Division, Office of Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India was the outreach partner for this year's event.**

MSIS received submissions from start-ups working on agriculture, education, mobility, water and waste management, smart infrastructure and clean technology. The technologies will have an impact on at least five Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) about hunger, health and well-being, education, innovation, and justice.

The MSIS has shortlisted 24 start-ups to implement pilot projects with government entities, and provided financial and in-kind support to further advance their innovations. Each start-up will be awarded a work order of up to INR 15 lakhs. They will all be extended support to implement pilot projects with government entities and have access to workshops, investor connect sessions, etc.