

Startup Odisha
Brief Profile of the dedicated team

Sl	Name Designation	Designation	Area of Expertise/Domain Experience	Years of Experience	Years of experience in Innovation/ Entrepreneurship/ Startup Ecosystem	Brief Bio
1	Hemant Sharma, IAS	Commissioner-cum-secretary	Policy Formulation - Promoting MSME's and Startups - Entrepreneurship Development - Mentorship	24 years	24 years	Shri Hemant Sharma, an IAS officer of (1995 batch, Odisha cadre). Has varied experience for 24 years. He has served as Director of Industries during 2008 to 2010. He has been actively involved in formulating policy and promoting MSME & Startups in the State of Odisha. Presently he is serving as Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government of Odisha, MSME & Industries Department.
2	Pranabjyoti Nath, IAS	Chief Executive Officer	Policy Formulation - Promoting MSME's and Startups - Entrepreneurship Development - Mentorship	14 years	14 years	Shri Pranabjyoti Nath, an IAS Officer (2005 Batch Kerala Cadre), has varied experience for about 10 years in Kerala State Administration for about 10 years i.e. during 2005 to 2014. He has served as the Collector of Kolam District. Thereafter, he has been working as the Director of Industries, Odisha at Cuttack under MSME & Industries Department, Govt. of Odisha. In addition to his present assignment, he has also been working as Chief Executive Officer of Startup Secretariat at IED Odisha, Bhubaneswar from December, 2018
3	Prasanta Biswal	Evangelist, Startup Odisha	Entrepreneur Incubation - Social entrepreneurship - Documentation - Social business incubation - Sustainable energy - Mentorship	12 years	12 years	Post graduate in management from Entrepreneurship development Institute of India, Post graduate in Rural Development from Utkal University, Bhubaneswar. He was heading the Incubation centre at SELCO, Bangalore before joining Startup Odisha. He has worked in the social enterprise sector in various states for over 12 years and has deep knowledge & hands on experience on issues related to the grassroot level. He has extensively worked on Entrepreneur incubation, social entrepreneurship, Sustainable energy services, Startup mentorship,

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Partnership development & Management - Seed fund management for small entrepreneurs - Handholding, training, mentoring and monitoring of enterprises. - Financial, business & process innovation. 			<p>Entrepreneurship development training etc. Has worked with national and international agencies as a consultant and has provided mentorship to Social impact Startups. Is a distinguished professional fellow of US department of State and WIPRO sustainability fellow. Mr. Biswal has extensively worked on various innovations, especially financial, business and process innovations. Over and above all, Mr. Biswal has been an entrepreneur himself which has given first hand experience on various aspects of the Startup sector in India.</p>
4	Madan Mohan Mohapatra	Senior Mission Associate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information Technology - Management Information Systems - Software and Website Development - Entrepreneurship Development and promoting Innovation - Digital Marketing - Event Management 	08 years	05 years	<p>Master in Computer application. Expert in software development/management, digital marketing and open source programming. Has extensive experience in the field of entrepreneurship. Conducted EDP in different locations of Odisha, has worked towards women empowerment by conducting skill based training programmes. He has been associated with the IPFC at IED Odisha.</p>
5	Rashmi Ranjan Sahu	Senior Mission Associate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Business Partnership - Entrepreneurship Development - Training - Counselling - Leadership development - Team building - Mentorship 	12 years	05 years	<p>MBA in HR and PGDBM in HR and Marketing. Worked as Asst. Professor in HR at ISBM. BBSR for 7 years. Freelance trainer in Team Building, leadership, entrepreneurship and innovation. Associate HR at Max Health Staff New Delhi (2 Years). Conducted Entrepreneurship Development programmes to groom next generation of youth to become successful entrepreneurs. Youth empowerment for innovation.</p>

6	Sourav Ranjan Sahoo	Mission Associate	<p>Manufacturing engineering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Awareness and Outreach - Entrepreneurship Development - Design and Graphics - Event Management 	03 years	03 years	Mr. Sahoo has completed B.Tech in Manufacturing Engineering & Technology from CIPET, Bhubaneswar. He has worked as Accreditation Manger for Hockey India in H.I.L-2017 and Marketing manager and city head for PRYAASH- an N.G.O. working towards women and child health. He has conducted Entrepreneurship Development programmes to groom next generation of youth to become successful entrepreneurs.
7	Swayam Sampurna Mishra	Mission Associate	<p>Entrepreneurship Development and Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Digital Marketing - Social Entrepreneurship - Rural Entrepreneurship - Event Management 	03 years	03 years	Master in Business administration from College of IT and Management Education in Marketing and HR. Former Marketing Executive, Asian Paints working towards rural outreach. Has helped setup Entrepreneurship cells in various colleges across to promote Innovation. Conducted Entrepreneurship Development programmes to groom next generation of youth to become successful entrepreneurs.
8	Bandish Palit	Junior Mission Associate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Digital Marketing - Social Entrepreneurship - Rural Entrepreneurship - Event Management 	03 years	03 years	Master in Arts. From BJB College Bhubaneswar in English. He has been associated for conducting Entrepreneurship Development Programmes to groom next generation of youth to become successful Entrepreneurs.