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At the Driving Wheel of Viksit Bharat: InnoSphere Launches DeepTechNation India, a National Investment Coalition

Boston, Bhubaneswar & Zurich, August 26, 2025 — InnoSphere Ventures today announced the successful launch of its **first Edge Alpha cohort in partnership with KIIT-TBI in Bhubaneswar**, marking the beginning of a national coalition of innovators under the **Edge Alpha banner — the Y Combinator for Bharat**.

The Edge Alpha program selected five pioneering startups for its inaugural investments: [Inochi Care](#), [Gocarin](#), [Cluix](#), [Pragmatech](#), and one additional company to be announced from among our **20 Edge Alpha finalists**. Each represents a breakthrough in deep-tech innovation across healthcare, agriculture, clean energy, and defense — sectors critical to India’s strategic autonomy.

The launch followed a **nationwide call for applications**, which generated **220 submissions from across India**, with more than **50% from Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities**. This validates InnoSphere’s thesis that **India’s next wave of innovation will rise from the edges rather than the metropolitan centers** — in sharp contrast to the 60% of traditional VC capital concentrated in Bangalore, Delhi, and Mumbai.

Roman Gaus, Founding Partner at InnoSphere, said:

“We are not here to chase unicorns — we are here to cultivate ecosystems. Edge Alpha is India’s purpose-built Y Combinator for Bharat, designed to empower innovators in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities and build conviction-first pathways for systemic change.”

Edge Alpha Impact Potential

- **222 applications nationwide** → 20 Edge Alpha finalists → 5 first investments
 - 50% from **non-Tier 1 cities**, demonstrating the power of India's innovation frontier
 - Cohort sectors: **Healthcare, Clean Tech, AgriTech, Defense Tech**
 - **Seed capital of up to \$50,000 per company**, with access to global expansion and follow-on funding support
 - **Target final close of USD 5 million** in Q4 2025, with commitments from U.S., European diaspora, and Indian HNWI LPs
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Quotes

Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT, KISS & KIMS

“Partnering with InnoSphere ensures that Bhubaneswar stands as a launchpad for India's deep-tech entrepreneurs. Edge Alpha proves that Tier 2 cities can be catalysts for national transformation.”

Dr. Mrutyunjay Suar, CEO, KIIT-TBI

“The Edge Alpha launch demonstrates the power of conviction-first investing. Together, we are building a coalition of innovators who will define India's path toward Viksit Bharat 2047.”

Jocelyn McArthur, Co-Founder & Chair, InnoSphere Ventures

“Our national call revealed extraordinary founders solving hard problems with bold ambition. With Edge Alpha, we are building more than a cohort — we are weaving a coalition that connects capital, talent, and ecosystems across India.”

About Edge Alpha

Edge Alpha is InnoSphere's flagship program, created as **India's purpose-built Y Combinator for Bharat**. It is designed to support deep-tech founders solving complex challenges with systemic impact.

- *Conviction first, then capital* — a model built to separate signal from noise.
 - Designed in partnership with **KIIT-TBI**, one of India's leading incubators.
 - Provides seed funding, mentorship, and access to global LP networks.
 - Aims to seed a generation of **1,000 Edge Alpha-scale companies** capable of reshaping India's innovation frontier.
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