## India to launch its Largest Startup Incubation Center in Hubballi

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Indian **entrepreneur** and venture capitalist Gururaj Deshpande is setting up India's biggest startup incubation Center in Hubballi which is about 400km from Bengaluru.



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It is expected to open in September this year. It will have the capacity for 1,200 people and accommodate at least 200 startups. The Hubballi programme is a significant expansion of an idea that the Deshpande Foundation – founded by Deshpande and his wife Jaishree.

"The new facility will have a makers' lab, 3D printing lab, IoT (internet-of-things) lab. It will focus on all sectors — from manufacturing and agriculture to IoT," said Deshpande Foundation CEO Naveen Jha. The startups incubated will be mainly from Dharwad district. India's current largest incubation center is T-Hub in Telangana.