

## Google Launchpad Accelerator India shortlists 10 start ups

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Google has announced the first batch of 10 short-listed startups who will be part of its "Launchpad Accelerator" mentorship programme in India.

The inaugural class will begin on September 10 at the Google office in Bengaluru.

The startups will go through a two-week intensive mentorship boot camp, followed by customised virtual support for the remaining duration of three months, the company said in a statement.

"The shortlisted startups are doing incredible work in areas ranging from, enhancing employability and earning-abilities of the blue-collar workforce to using satellite imagery to support farmers' decision making process," said Paul Ravindranath G, Programme Manager, Google India.

Among the selected startups is CareNx — a smartphone-enabled fetal heart monitor for early detection of fetal asphyxia.

Wysa is an Al-based chat therapy for mental health while Genrobotics is a robot for manhole cleaning. "Genrobotics is a semi-automatic robot for manhole cleaning directed to bring the practice of manual scavenging to an end in India," said Google.

OliveWear is a connected health ecosystem of doctors to give personalised maternal care to pregnant women.

Signzy ensures digital trust using AI and Blockchain to provide smart e-verification and risk prediction.

ten3THealthcare is an early detection system for preventable clinical adverse events by monitoring real time, remote, and continuous vital signs of patients.

Uncanny Vision is focused on vehicle analytics, people analytics and object analytics using Al-based Deep Learning models.

Apart from these, the other start-ups are:

"Vassar Labs" uses sensors, satellite and crowd-sourced data to provide decision-making support in sectors such as water, agriculture, education and more.

MultiBhashi is a simplified language learning platform for blue-collar workforce and "Next Billion Indian" online users.

A software platform, SlangLabs helps build multilingual voice interfaces for mobile apps, which enable app interactions via voice in addition to touch.

"We are hopeful that with this programme of ours, we will be able to bring best of Google — our expertise, platforms, tools and core strengths including machine learning and AI, to help Indian startups build, scale and grow their offering," said Ravindranath.

Launchpad Accelerator India, which opened applications in July, is based on Google's global Launchpad Accelerator programme.