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SENIOR SECONDARY EXAMINATION, 2024

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Time : 1 Hour

Maximum Marks : 40

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- 1) Candidate must write first his / her Roll No. on the question paper compulsorily.
- 2) **All** the questions are compulsory.
- 3) Type only on one side of the paper using double space.
- 4) 20% marks have been reserved for the proper form and display each question.

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ETTECH - STATE OF STARTUPS SURVEY

A majority of Indian startup founders are unwilling to raise funds at a lower valuation compared to last round even as they expect the funding drought to continue in the first six months of 2024, according to ETtech's annual state of startups survey.

Conducted among 80 of India's top founders, investors and internet executives nearly 80% of respondents said they won't accept a lower valuation for their companies, while 74% said the funding Freeze will only start to ease up in the second half of next year.

Around 12% of the respondents said the squeeze in capital allocation to new-age companies may get worse in 2024 compared to this year when the ecosystem witnessed a seven year low in fundraising.

Turning profitable emerged as the top priority for Indian startups amid prediction of more business restructuring layoff and possible bankruptcy cases in 2024.

Nearly 60% of founders and investors who participated in the poll believe valuation in India have corrected similar to markets like the US; and Companies with adequate cash are trying to avoid new fundraise as much as possible to protect their valuations while startups running out of cash said they will have to start funding next year.

Others voted saying the true test of corrections in valuations will play out only once the investment cycle kicks in again.

EMEA at soft bank investment advisers had told ET in an interview in August that late stage firm with adequate capital are sticking to 2021 valuations which has deterred the Japanese technology investor from deploying new bets here. Investors like Tiger Global have also gone extremely slow on making new investments in India.

“We are prioritising sustainable growth. If you want to build a very large business over a period of time, every aspect of growth has to be sustainable,” one of the respondents said underscoring the clear shift in priorities for startups. An early-stage investor told ET, adding there will be more grief given to startups before giving new cash.

“There will be more questions on why a startup is still burning cash and not optimising for profitability. This also means it would be a good time to invest in certain startups because many of them would need money after having postponed it through cost cuts,” a Mumbai - based investor added.

Early - stage startups, however, said they still need outside capital but they have begun the journey on sustainable growth relatively earlier compared to older startups.

2023 has been among the worst for startup funding across stage with the exception of December, which is mainly attributed to a large infusion in flipkart from parent Walmart. Only two new unicorns have been formed this year-quick commerce Zepto and financial services firm incred. In 2021, India saw 40 unicorns startups valued at \$1 billion or more. Until December 26, startups raised \$1.5 billion this month.

While most startups are looking at profit, it has led to readjustment in growth expectations.

“2023 was a year where investors and founders had to focus on growth in a sustainable way. The biggest takeaway for me as a founder is to build an organisation that can drive growth while having the most efficient cast structures,” one of the respondents said.

Founders also emphasised on softer measures being undertaken to move towards evolving into sustainable business. “One side of things is that we have renegotiated some contracts to match the current reality to cut down on costs but the culture of the company also needs to be tightened.

Employees across the board have to be brought into a mindset that budgets will now be tighter but outcomes have to keep on improving,” a Gurugram based unicorn founder in the consumer space said. “This year, there’s been a lot of effort from larger companies and to essentially take their operating leverage to scale. I am hoping this will continue in future as well.”

Through 2023 several startup including the like of Byju’s, GoMechanic, MajoCare and BharatPe stayed in the limelight for serious corporate governance issues.

The concern of the broader ecosystem around financial irregularities, integrity of founders, and negligence of the investors was also reflected in the survey with more than half of the total respondents calling out poor corporate governance as the single biggest aspect that hurt the image of Indian startups this year.

For next year close to 90% respondents also expect market sentiments to improve for new - age companies.

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| 1 | Assam | 71.3 | 50.4 | 75.6 | 59.7 |
| 2 | Bihar | 59.7 | 54.6 | 78.8 | 67.3 |
| 3 | Jharkhand | 67.3 | 33.1 | 73.4 | 53.3 |
| 4 | Gujarat | 79.7 | 57.8 | 87.2 | 70.7 |
| 5 | Haryana | 78.5 | 55.7 | 85.3 | 66.8 |
| 6 | Karnataka | 76.1 | 56.9 | 82.9 | 68.1 |
| 7 | Kerala | 94.2 | 87.7 | 96.0 | 92.0 |
| 8 | Odisha | 75.3 | 50.5 | 82.4 | 64.4 |
| 9 | Punjab | 75.2 | 63.4 | 81.5 | 71.3 |
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