APPENDIX A: SOURCE LOG

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1	More than 2.23 lakh recognised startups at 31 Mar 2026; 55,200+ recognised in FY26 vs 36,400+ in FY25 (+51.6%); state counts: Maharashtra 38,660+, Karnataka 22,600+, Uttar Pradesh 21,960+, Delhi 21,120+, Gujarat 19,270+	Commerce ministry statement as reported by Inc42; PIB figures relayed by indedge.org	2 (relay of 1)	Fetch the PIB release
2	DPIIT presentation: 2,33,000+ recognised, 52% from Tier II and III (data as on 6 Feb 2026)	DPIIT PDF (dpiit.gov.in, June 2026 upload)	1	CONFLICT: 2,33,000 in February is larger than 2.23 lakh in March. Unreconciled; the text uses the ministry figure and the DPIIT percentage
3	About 50% of recognised startups from Tier II and III (over 2 lakh startups at Dec 2025)	PIB backgrounder, "A Decade of Startup India", 15 Jan 2026	1	Verified in the text seen
4	Tracxn 9M 2026 (1 Jan to 21 Sep): $10.3 billion (+7% on $9.7 billion); Bengaluru $4.4 billion, 43% (38% a year earlier); Mumbai $1.8 billion; Gurugram $1.6 billion; Noida $660 million; Delhi $446 million (from $1.4 billion; share 15% to 4%); five cities other than Bengaluru about $4.8 billion; seed -37% to $698 million; rounds -38% to 1,134	Tracxn India Tech 9M 2026 report as reported by the Times of India and relayed by inkl, News Karnataka, Dealplexus	2	Fetch the Tracxn report. Never mix with Inc42 or Entrackr totals
5	Six cities $9.2 billion = 89% of $10.3 billion; outside the six $1.1	Our arithmetic	n/a	Done. Tier II/III cities all sit outside the six,

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	billion = 11%; "Hyderabad and all other cities" bar = $10.3 billion less five named cities = $1.39 billion; Karnataka 22,600 / 2.23 lakh = about 10%; Q4 threshold: Bengaluru needs under about 31-32% of a $3-3.5 billion quarter to end the year at 40% or less			so their share is at most 10.7%
6	Entrackr Q3 2026: Bengaluru 143 deals, $2.1 billion, 72.52% of its $2.9 billion total	Entrackr quarterly report	2	NOT USED: different tracker, period and total
7	Startup India Seed Fund Scheme: corpus Rs 945 crore; up to Rs 20 lakh grant or Rs 50 lakh convertible debt; 219 incubators supported (data as on 6 Feb 2026)	DPIIT presentation	1	Verified in the text seen
8	SME Growth Fund: Rs 10,000 crore; SMEs in industrial clusters in Tier II and III will be considered; approved 6 Oct 2026	PIB / PMIndia release	1	Verified (12 Oct, fact bank)
9	Fund of Funds 2.0: notified April 2026; early-growth startups through smaller AIFs	Drishti IAS; Bombay Chamber (see Article 1 log)	2	Fetch the gazette notification
10	UP plans 50 AI startups over five years with a Lucknow hub	YourStory (fact bank)	2	Verify; attributed in text
11	DPIIT factbook counts certificates issued including approved, cancelled and expired startups	Startup India Factbook (Jan 2025)	1	Read from a garbled snippet: confirm the footnote wording

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12	FY26 (April 2025 to March 2026): Bengaluru 33%, Mumbai 21% of tech funding	Tracxn annual report via Deccan Herald	2	Different period basis from row 4: not mixed in text