

INDIAN TECH STARTUP FUNDING REPORT



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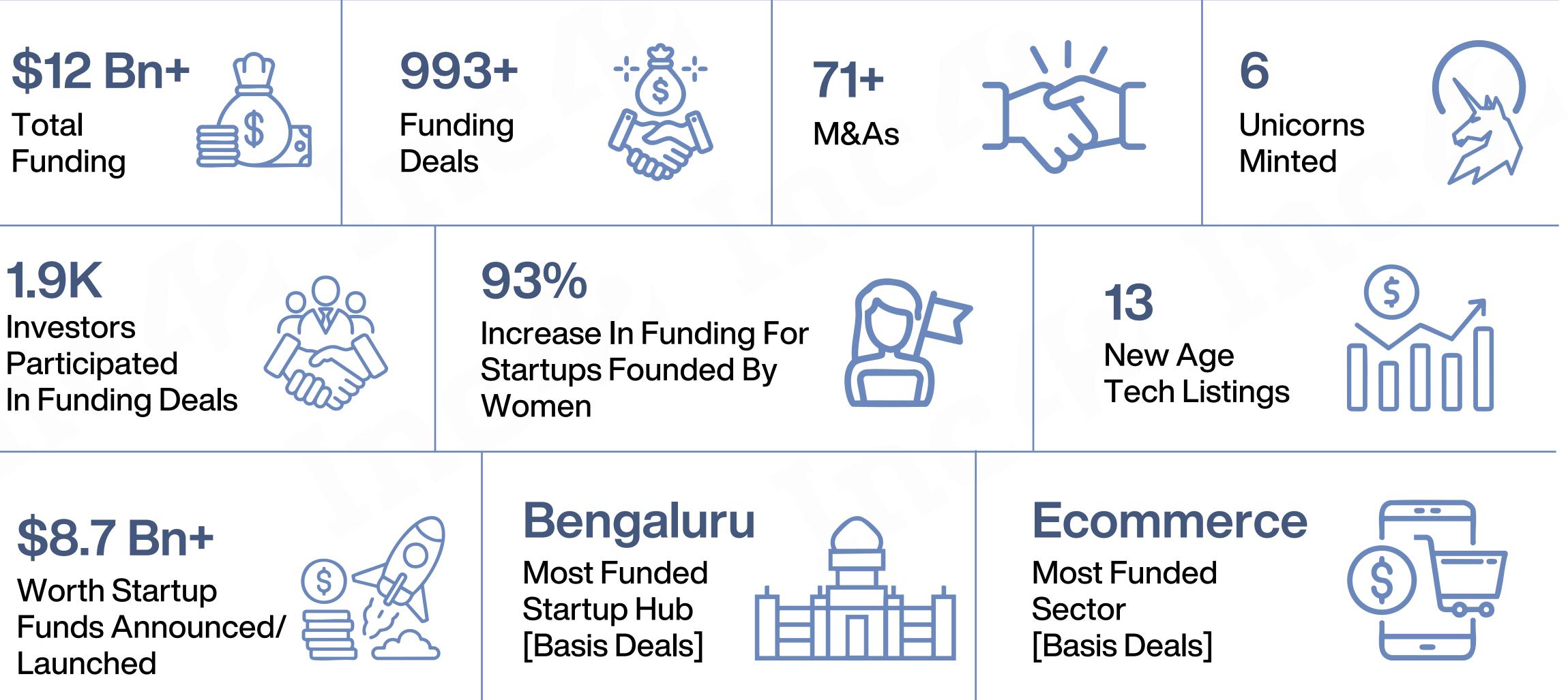
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Indian Startup Funding: 2024 In Review



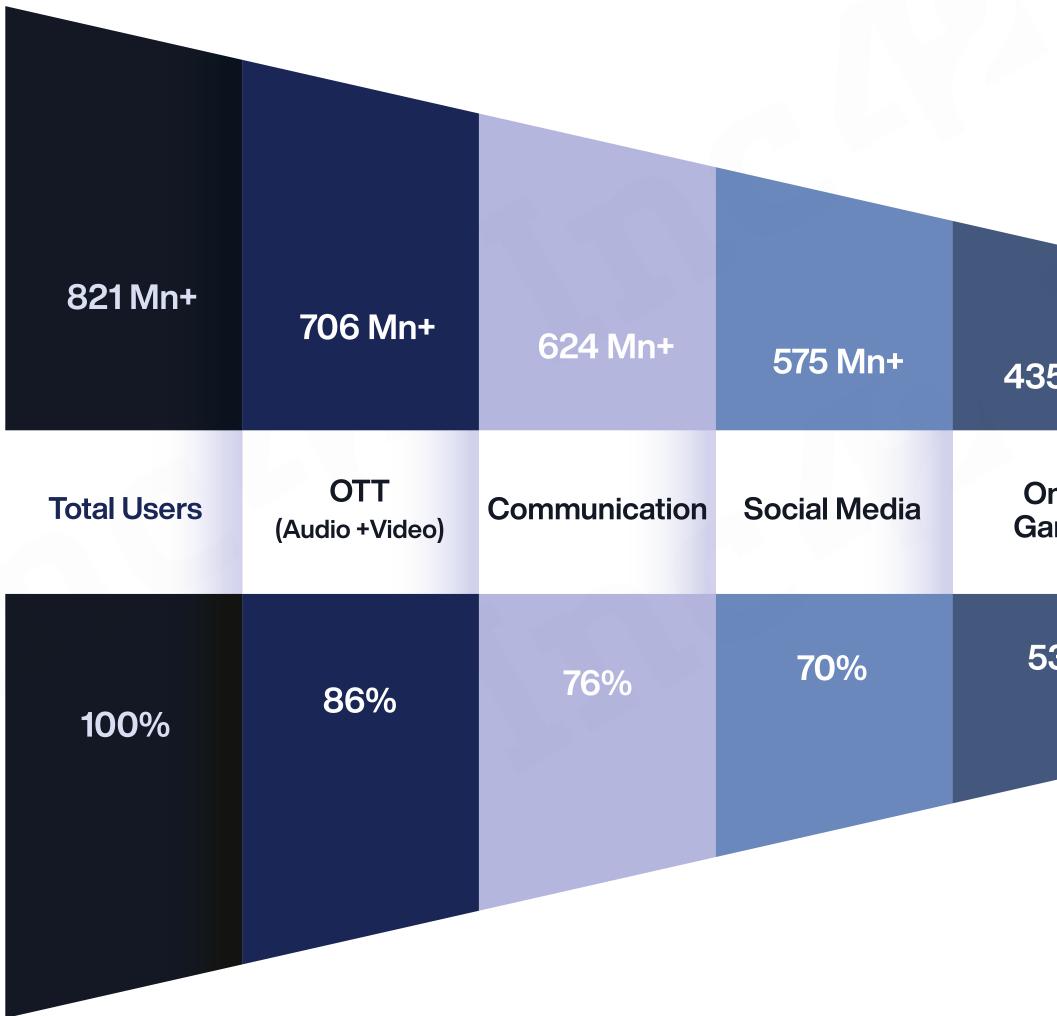
India To Have 1.2 Bn+ Internet Users By 2030



Source: KANTAR, IAMAI, Inc42 Analysis Note: The numbers for 2030 are estimated



Power Law In Consumer Internet: The Indian Internet User Funnel



Source: Inc42 Analysis, KANTAR, IAMAI

Note: Power Shoppers in India are individuals who place 50 or more orders per year on ecommerce platforms

35 Mn+	427 Mn+	294 Mn+	16 Mn+
Online aming	Net Commerce (Product + Services Ecommerce)	Online Shoppers (Product Ecommerce)	Power Shoppers (Online)
53%	52%	36%	2%

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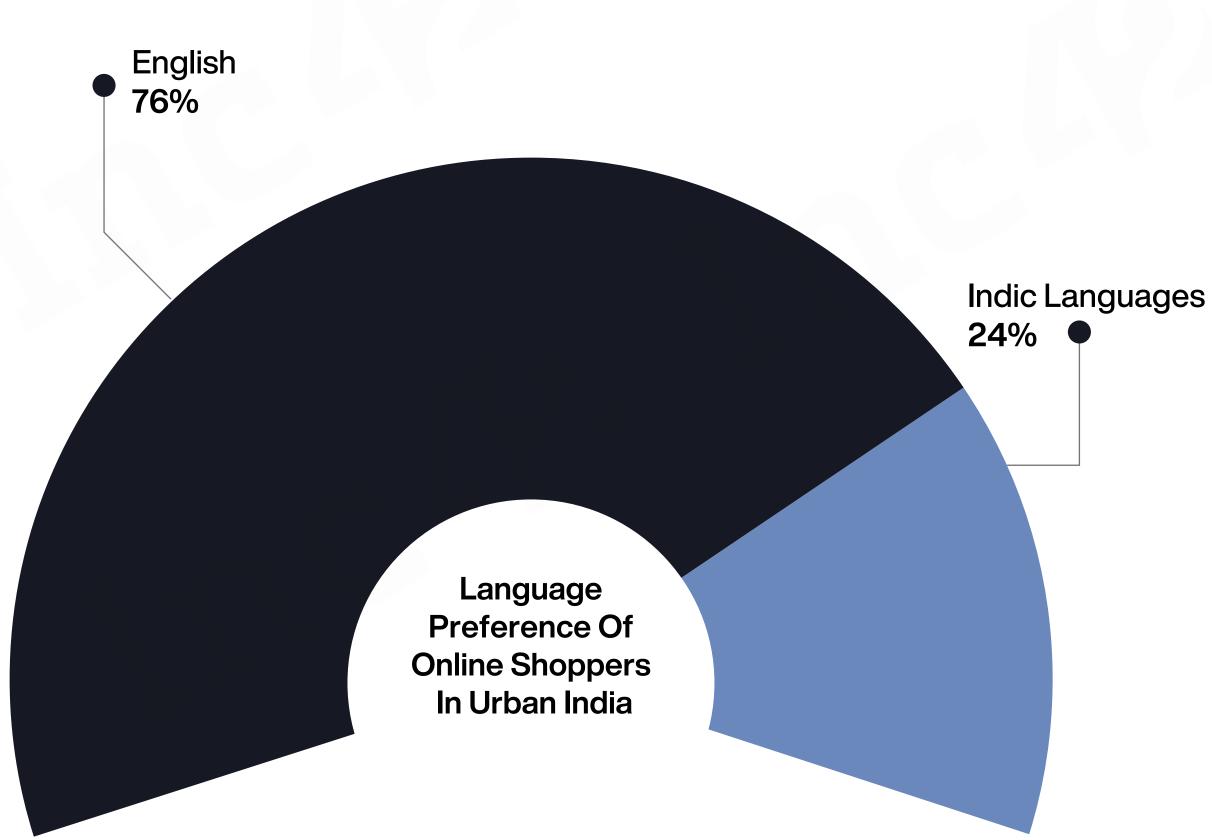


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Decoding The Online Indian Shopper: A quarter of urban consumers in India choose to shop in Indic languages



Note: COD stands for Cash on Delivery



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The State Of Indian Startup Economy

Startup Ecosystem Globally, Measured By 3rd The Number Of Startups & Unicorns

70K+ Total Number Of Tech Startups Launched

\$158 Bn+

Total Funding Raised By Indian Startups Since 2014

118 Total Number Of Unicorns

\$400 Bn+ Combined Valuation Of Indian Unicorns

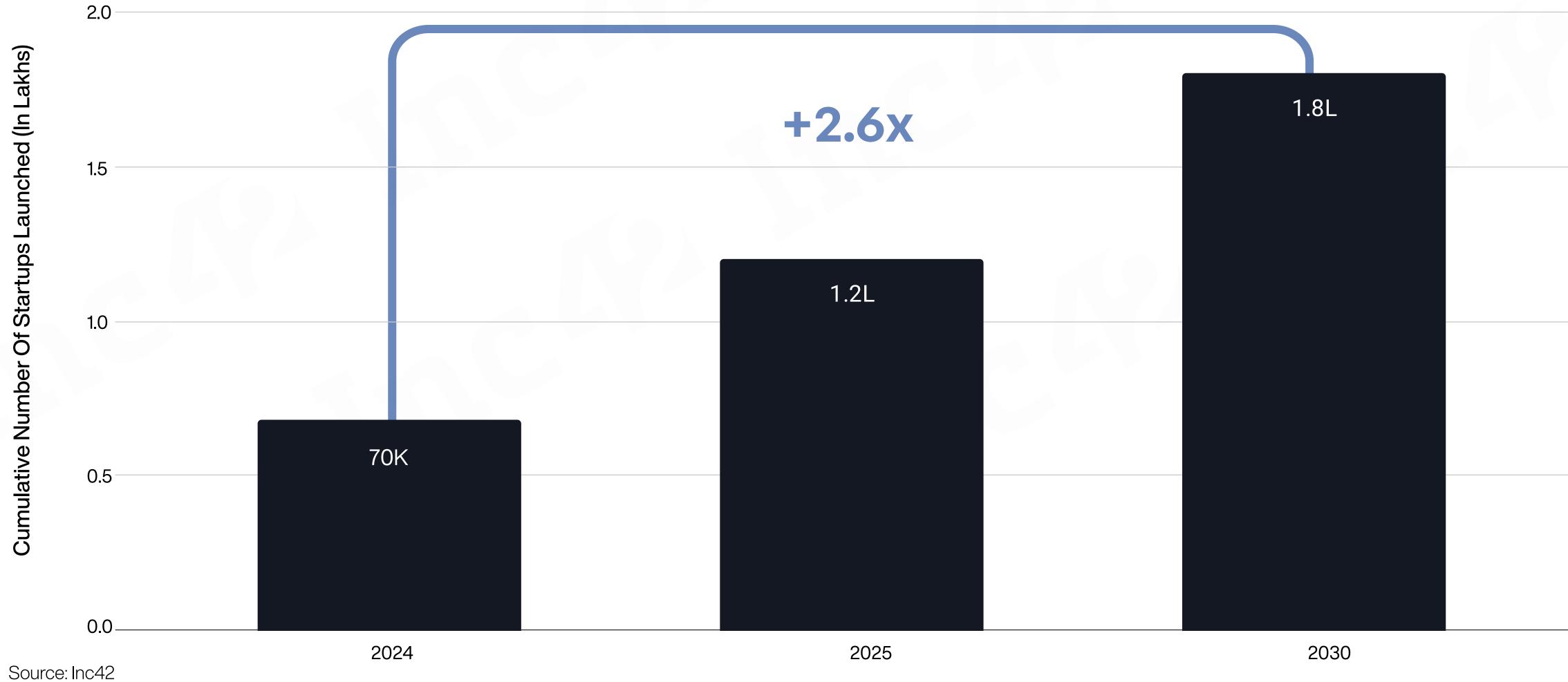
Source: Inc42



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1.8L Tech Startups In India By 2030

The total number of tech startups in India will grow 2.6x from 70K (2024) to 1.8L (2030)





Indian Startup Landscape



Source: Inc42

Note: The list includes Indian startups that have ever entered the unicorn club | Out of the 118 unicorns minted by the Indian startup ecosystem, some of them are currently valued under \$1 Bn, are acquired or listed

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Global Startup Ecosystem Comparison: India Vs China Vs The United States

Key Indicators	India	China	USA USA
Total Funding [2024]	\$12 Bn+	\$37 Bn+	\$161 Bn+
Year-on-Year Change [Total Funding]	20%	-24%	7%
Unicorns Minted [2024]	6	3	47
Year-on-Year Change [Unicorns]	Зx	-63%	42%
Top Startup Hub [2024]	Bengaluru	Shanghai	San Francisco Bay Area
WC Investments Per Capita [2024]	\$8.3	\$26	\$466

Source: Inc42 (India), Dealroom (USA & China) Note: The Q4 2024 funding amount for China and USA are estimated







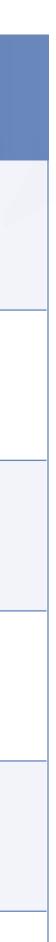
INDIAN STARTUP FUNDING TRENDS



Indian Startup Funding: A Comparison

	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total Funding	\$12 Bn+	\$10 Bn+	\$25 Bn+	\$42 Bn+
Total Deals	993+	897+	1.9K+	1.6K+
M&As	71+	123+	240+	210+
Unicorns Minted	6	2	22	45
New Age Tech Listings	13	5	3	11
Value Of Startup Funds Launched	\$8.7 Bn+	\$5.6 Bn+	\$18 Bn+	\$6 Bn+
Source: Inc/12				

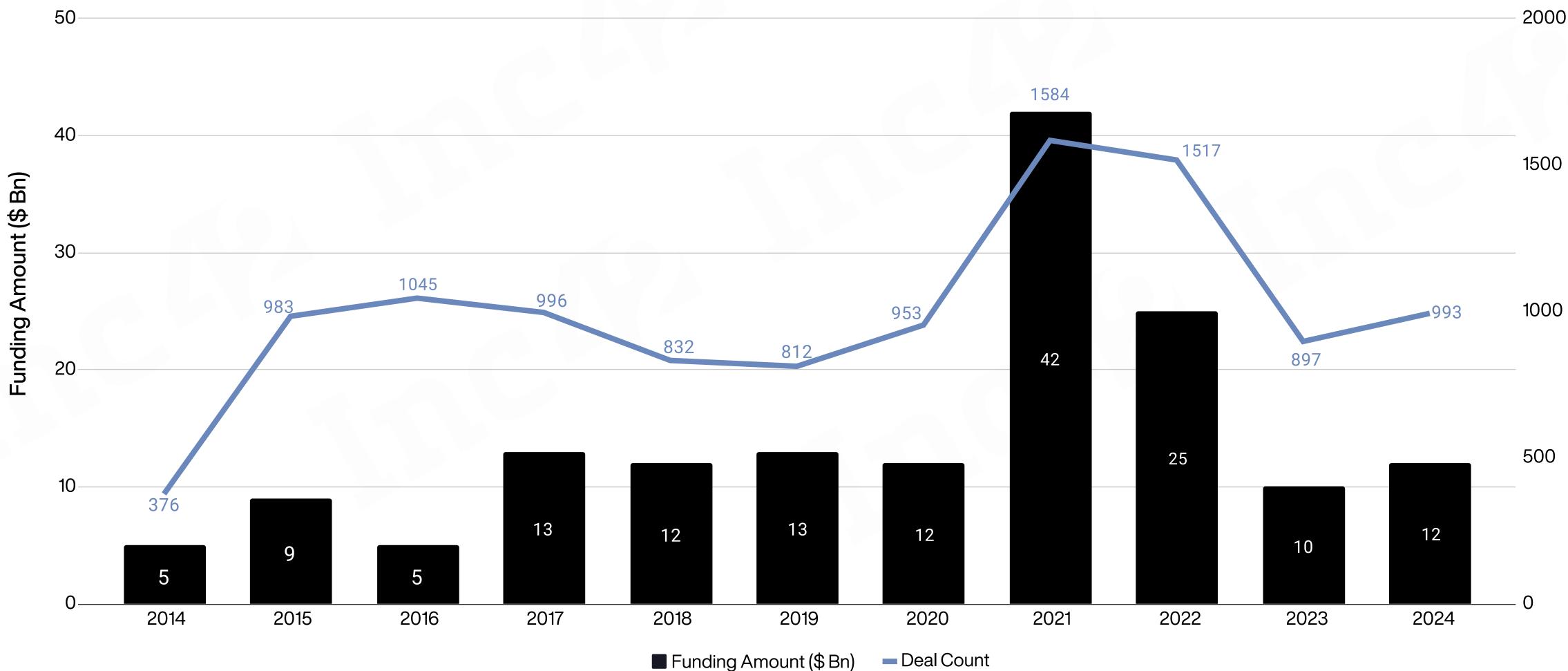
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Indian Startup Ecosystem Records \$12 Bn+ Investment, Signals Market Recovery

Both the funding amount and deal count surged by 20% and 11% respectively



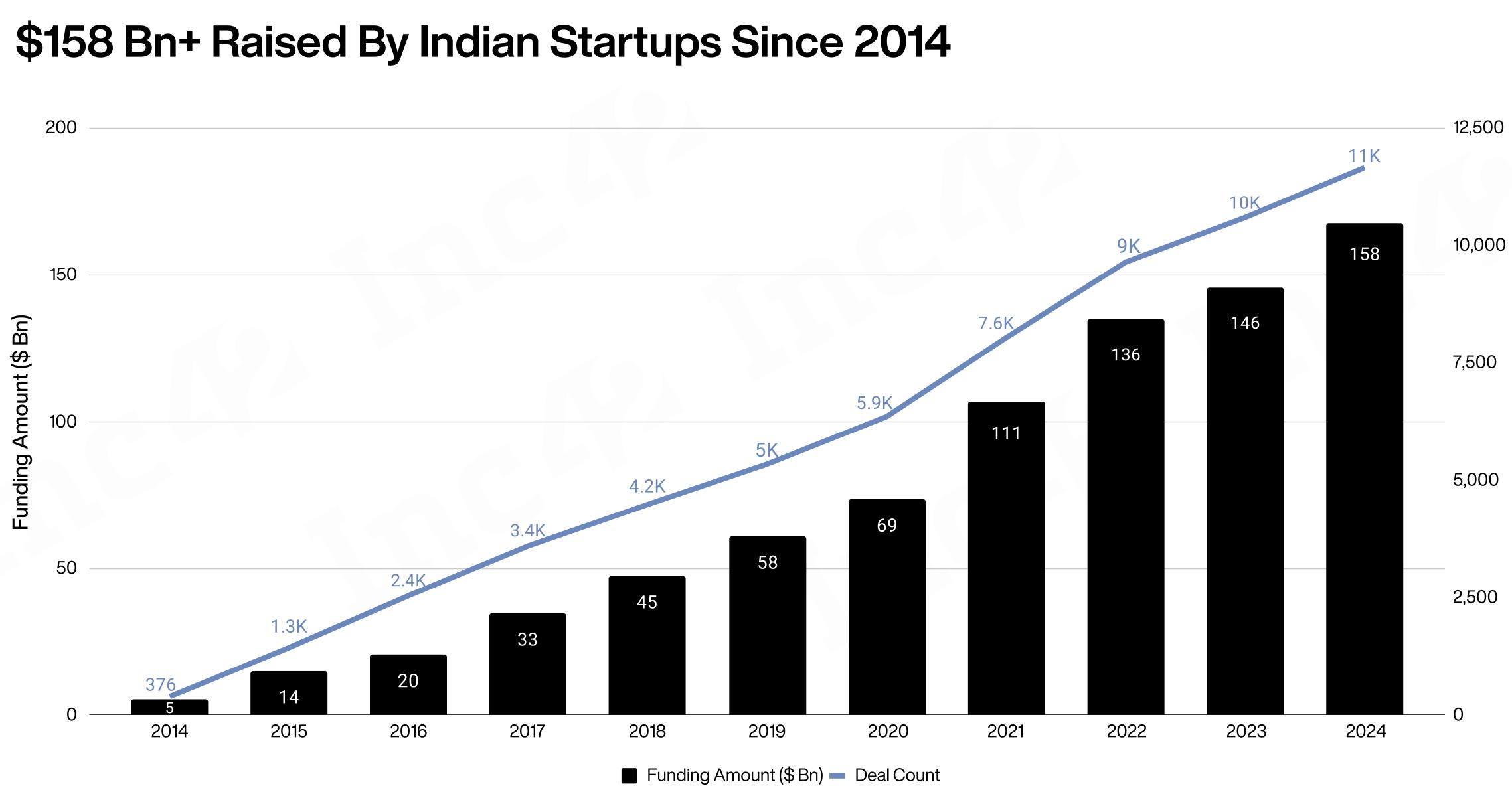
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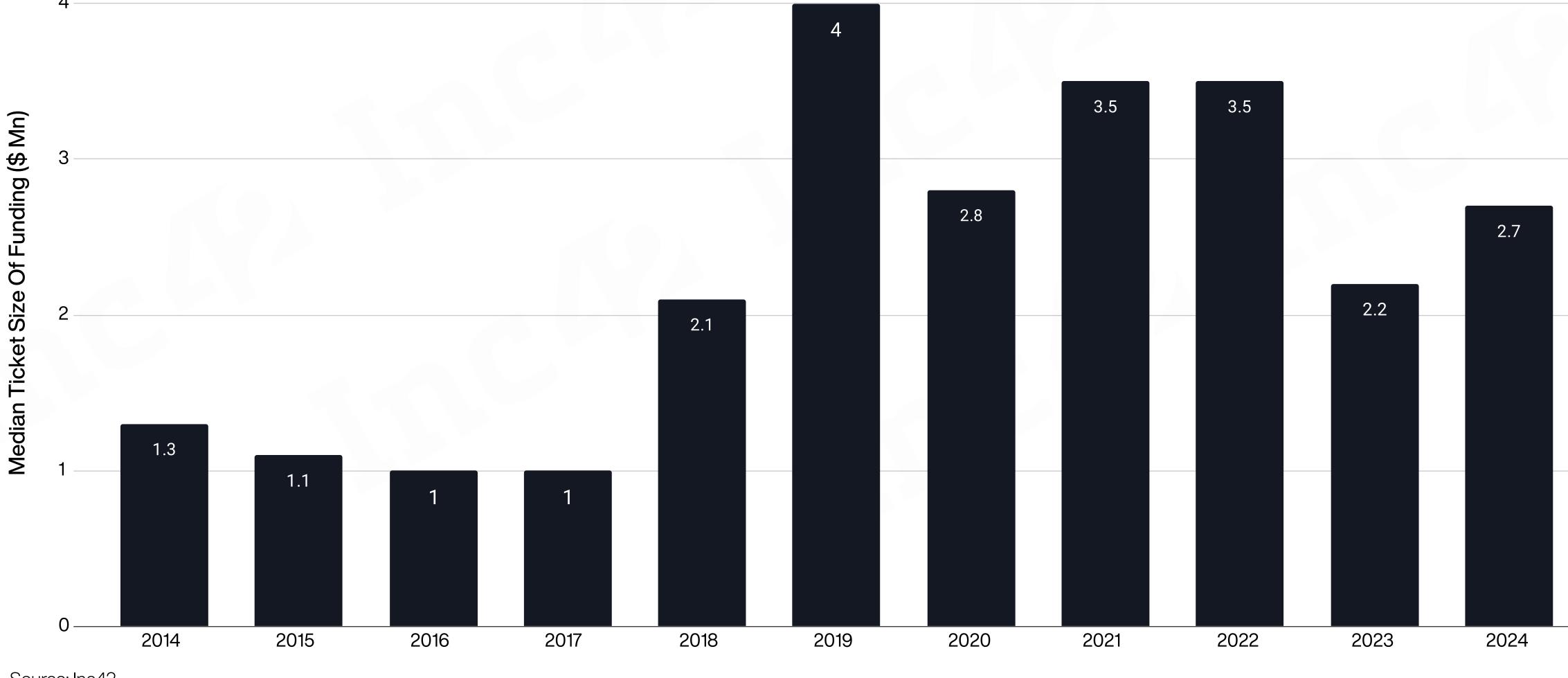


Deal Count



Median Ticket Size Stood At \$2.7 Mn For Indian Startups In 2024

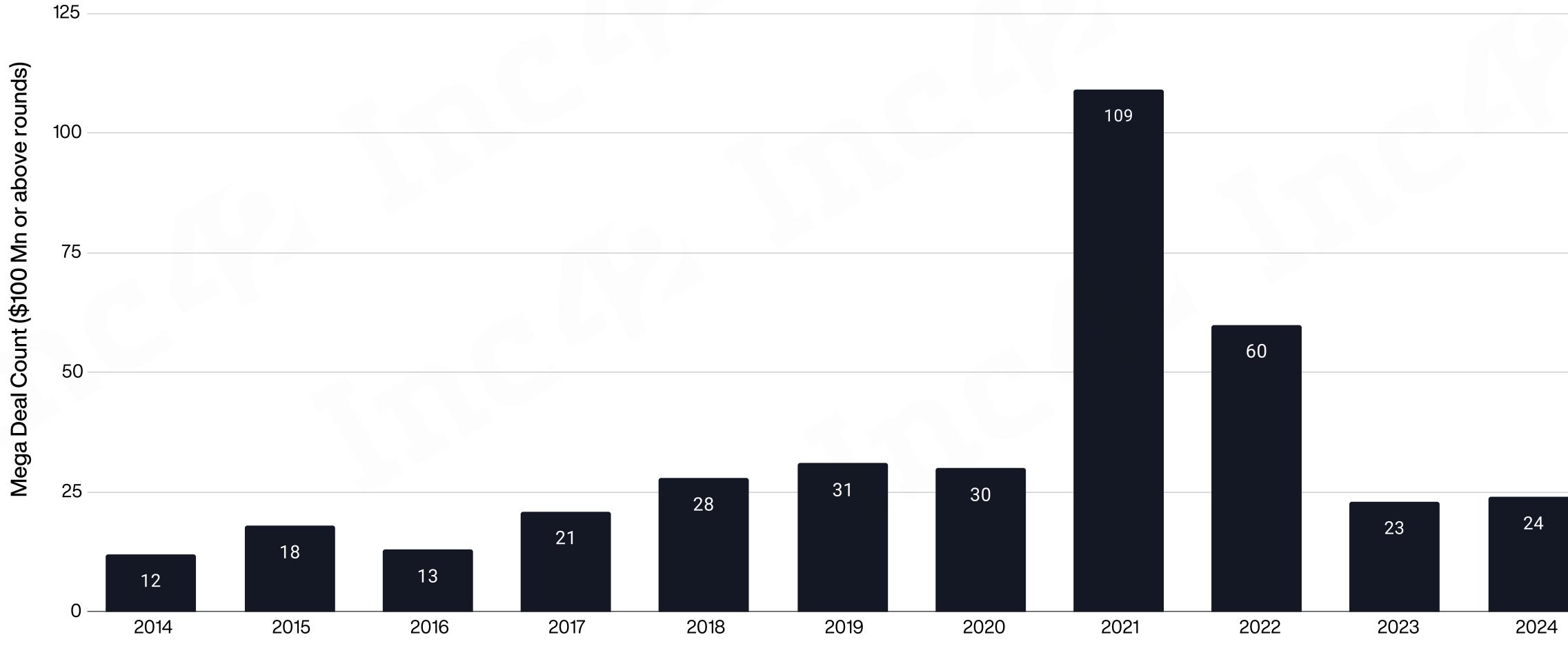
Compared to previous year, the median ticket size of startup funding grew by 23%



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Mega Deals Remain Stagnant In 2024 Zepto alone bagged three mega deals in 2024 [\$665 Mn, \$350 Mn, \$340 Mn]



Source: Inc42 Note: 2024 data is as of December 21

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Top 10 Biggest Startup Funding Rounds Of 2024

Name	Sector	Funding Stage	Round Size	Notable Investors
zepto	Consumer Services	Late Stage	\$665 Mn*	Nexus Venture Partners, Glade Brook Capital Partners
PharmEasy	Healthtech	Late Stage	\$216 Mn	Temasek Holdings, Naspers, Brand Capital, Prosus Ventures
	Edtech	Growth Stage	\$210 Mn	Hornbill Capital Advisors, Westbridge Capital, GSV Ventures
REBEL FOODS	Consumer Services	Late Stage	\$210 Mn	Temasek, Evolvence
Digital. Infrastructure. Solutions.	Enterprise Tech	Late Stage	\$200 Mn	International Finance Corporation
rapido	Travel Tech	Late Stage	\$200 Mn	Westbridge Capital, Nexus Venture Partners
ΟΥΟ	Travel Tech	Late Stage	\$175 Mn	Patient Capital, J&A Partners, Incred Wealth, Ask Group
	Edtech	Late Stage	\$150 Mn	The Rise Fund, Softbank, Accel, Chan Zuckerberg Initiative
FINOVA CAPITAL	Fintech	Late Stage	\$135 Mn	Avataar Venture Partners, Sofina, Madison India Capital
whatfix	Enterprise Tech	Late Stage	\$125 Mn	SoftBank, Warburg Pincus

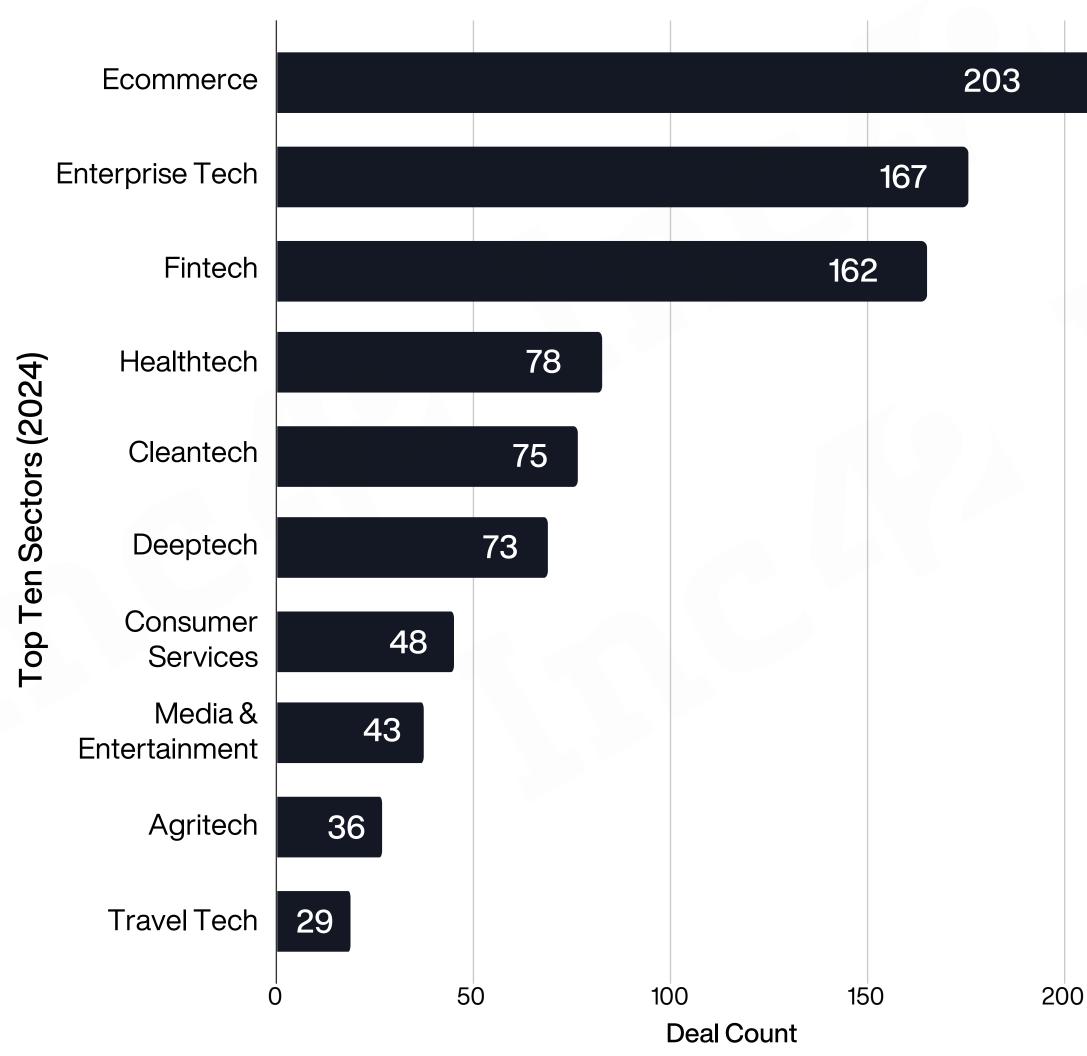
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Note: Based on Indian startup funding deals recorded between January 1 and December 21, 2024 | Zepto bagged three mega deals in 2024 [\$665 Mn, \$350 Mn, \$340 Mn]



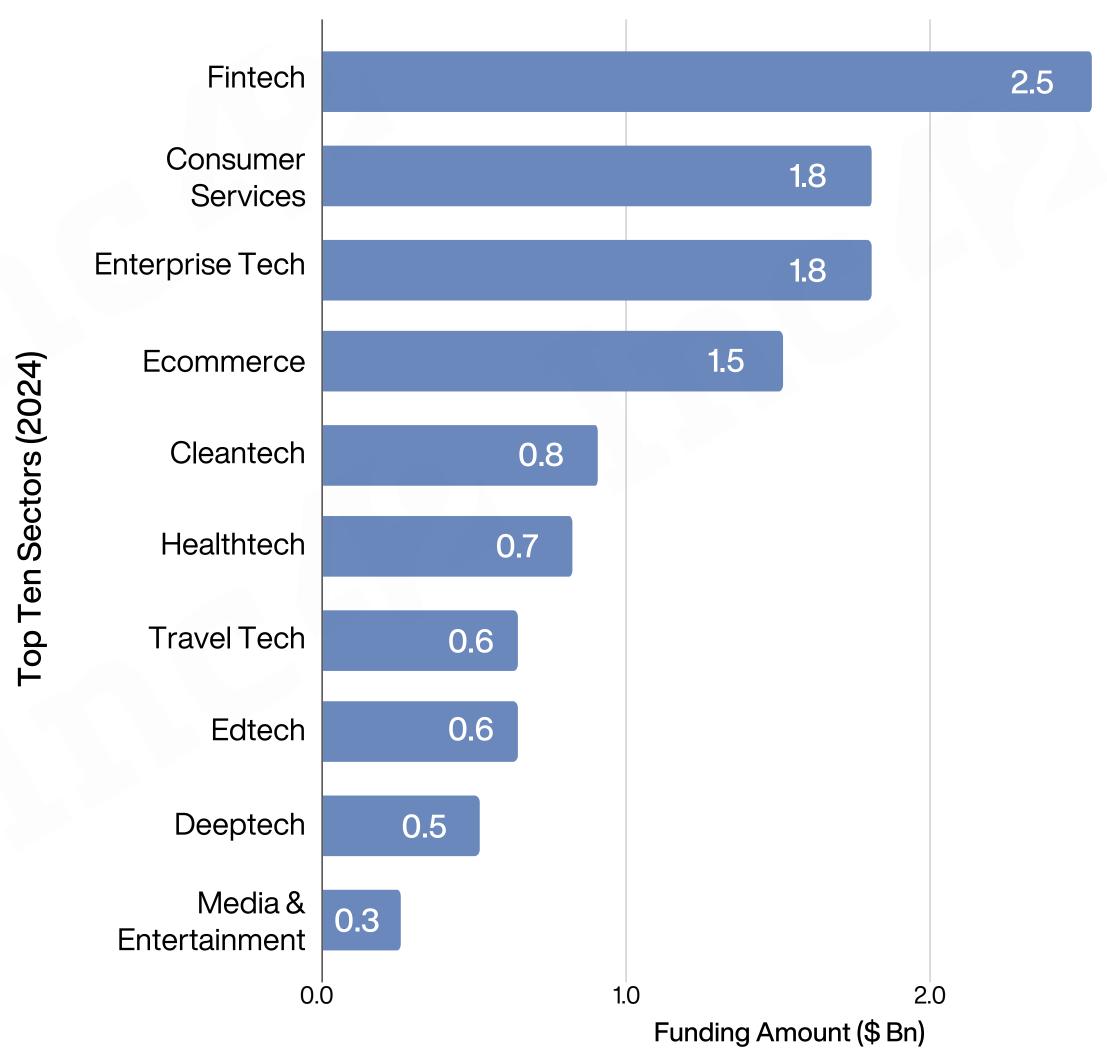


Top Ten Most Funded Sectors In 2024



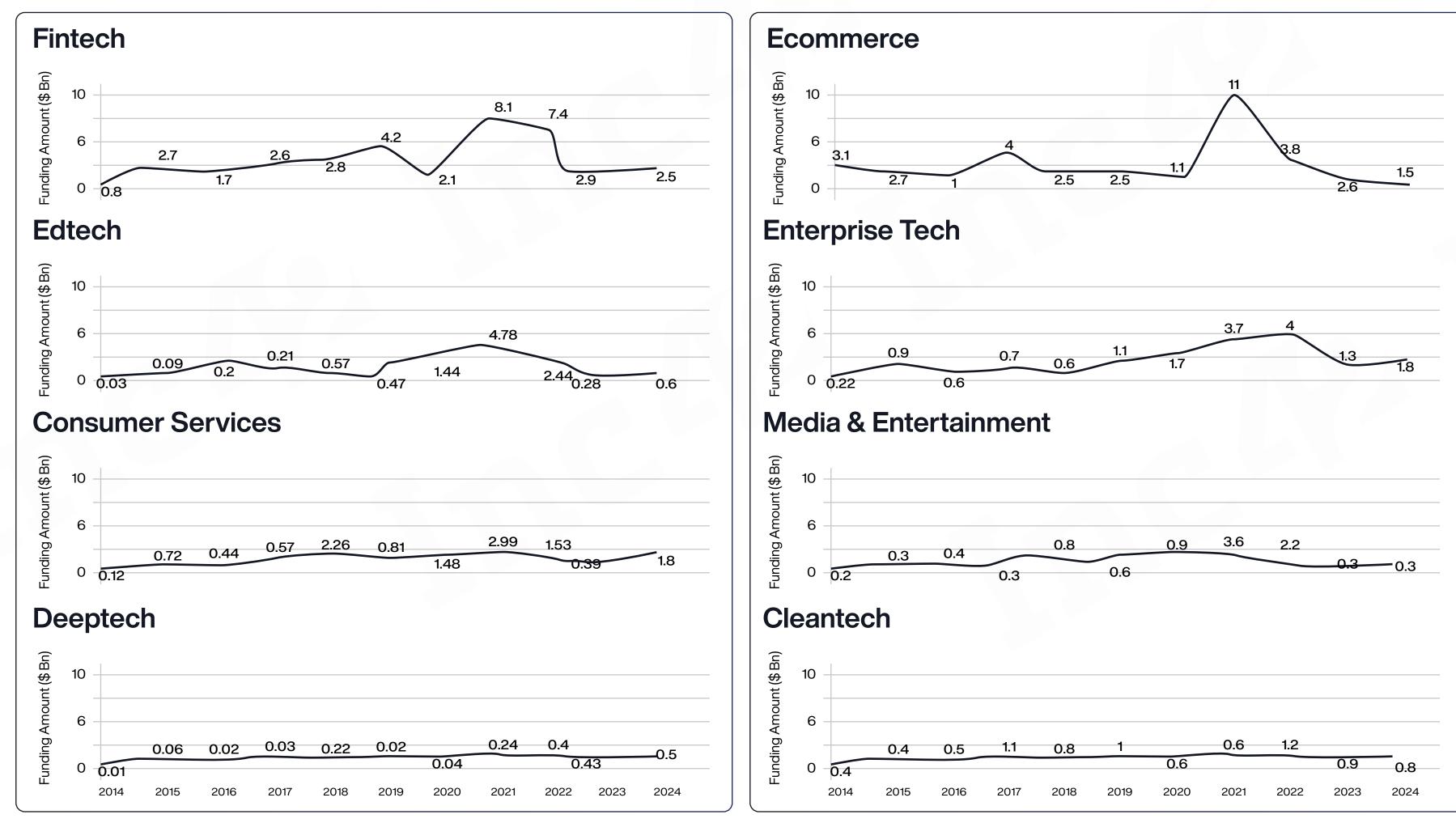
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Note: Based on Indian startup funding deals recorded between January 1 and December 21, 2024





Edtech And Consumer Services Saw Renewed Growth, Driven By Major Funding **Rounds In Physics Wallah And Zepto**



Source: Inc42

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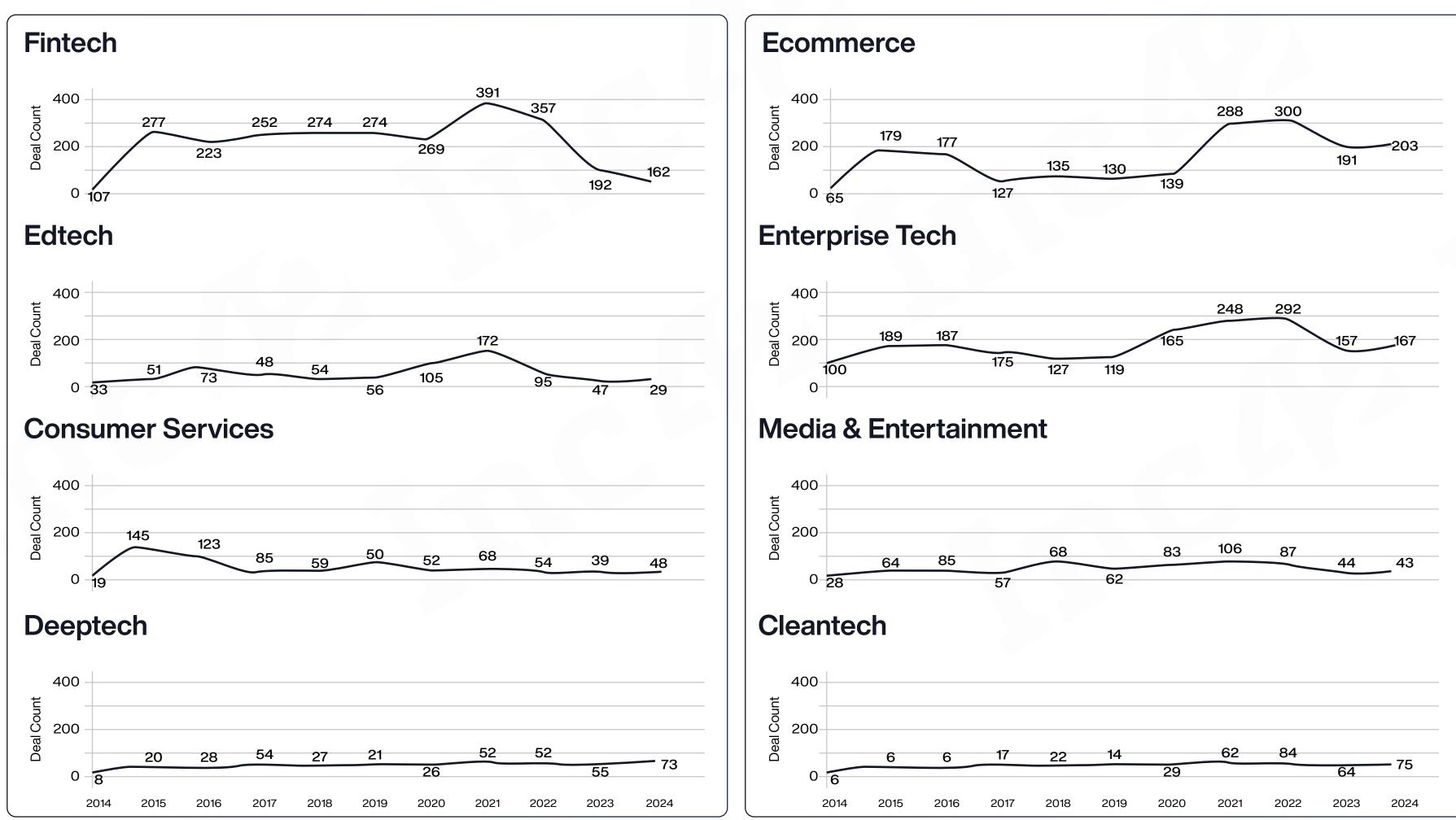
	YoY Change: Funding Amour
Fintech	-15%
Ecommerce	-42%
Edtech	114%
Enterprise Tech	38%
Consumer Services	362%
Media & Entertainment	5%
Deeptech	16%
Cleantech	-11%







Sector Wise Deal Count: Al Boom And Quick Commerce Surge Fuel Deal Count In **Deeptech And Consumer Services Sectors**



Source: Inc42

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	YoY Change: Funding Amount
Fintech	-16%
Ecommerce	6%
Edtech	-38%
Enterprise Tech	6%
Consumer Services	23%
Media & Entertainment	-2%
Deeptech	33%
Cleantech	17%







Indian Startup Funding: A Look At Top Funded Sectors

	2	2024		2023		2022	
	Funding Amount	Deal Count	Funding Amount	Deal Count	Funding Amount	Deal Count	
Fintech	\$2.5 Bn+	162+	\$3 Bn+	129+	\$4.8 Bn+	262+	
Ecommerce	\$1.5 Bn+	203+	\$2.6 Bn+	192+	\$3.8 Bn+	300+	
Enterprise Tech	\$1.8 Bn+	167+	\$1.3 Bn+	157+	\$4 Bn+	292+	
Cleantech	\$829 Mn+	75+	\$861Mn+	57+	\$1.1 Bn+	81+	
Deeptech	\$460 Mn+	73+	\$496 Mn+	61+	\$397 Mn+	52+	
Consumer Services	\$1.8 Bn+	48+	\$385 Mn+	39+	\$1.5 Bn+	54+	
Logistics	\$185 Mn+	20+	\$368 Mn+	32+	\$918 Mn+	36+	
Media & Entertainment	\$289 Mn+	43+	\$285 Mn+	44+	\$2.2 Bn+	87+	
Edtech	\$568 Mn+	29+	\$283 Mn+	47+	\$2.4 Bn+	95+	
Healthtech	\$716 Mn+	78+	\$233 Mn+	57+	\$1.4 Bn+	119+	
Travel Tech	\$590 Mn+	29+	\$209 Mn+	25+	\$374 Mn+	33+	
Agritech	\$265 Mn+	36+	\$208 Mn+	28+	\$817 Mn+	60+	

Source: Inc42 Note: 2024 data is as of December 21



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Startup Funding Shows Recovery Signs Across Stages [2024]

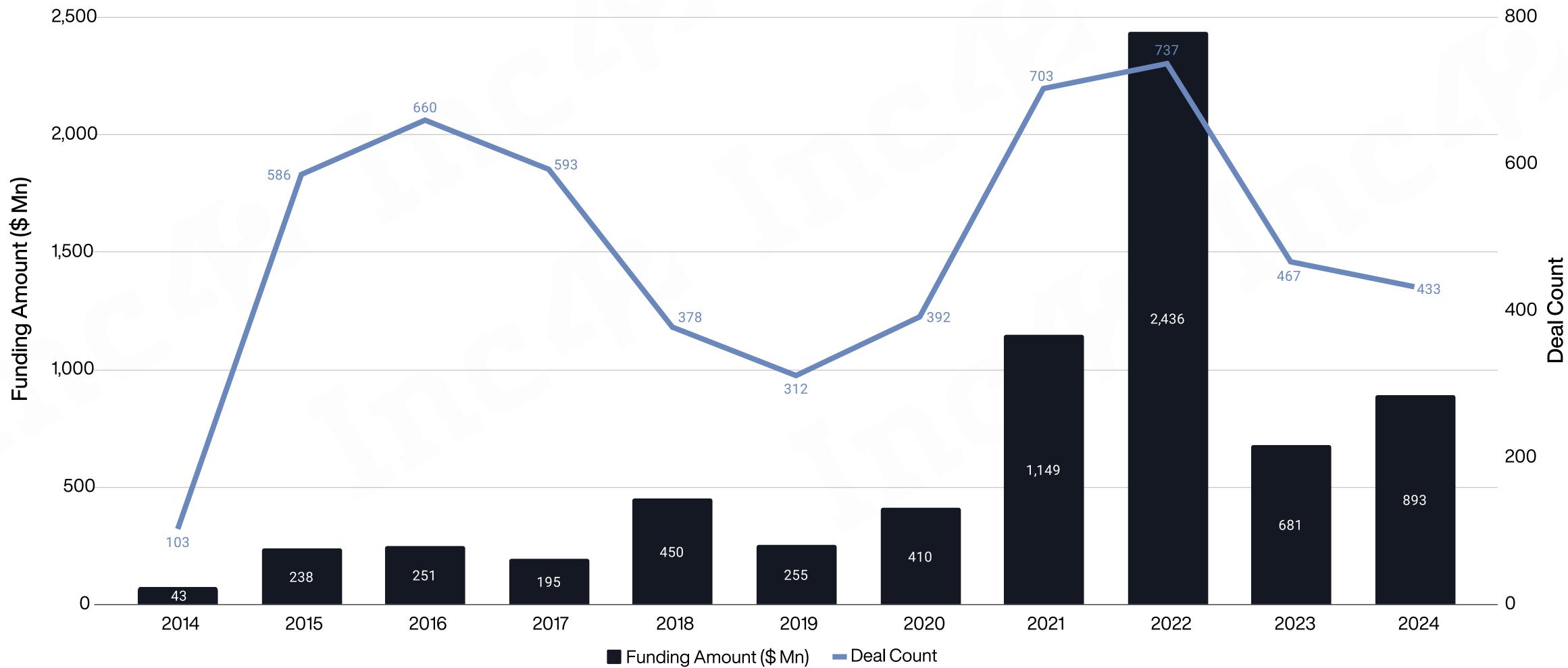
Investment Stage	Funding Amount	YoY Change	Deal Count	YoY Change
Seed Stage	\$893 Mn+	31%	433	-7%
Growth Stage	\$3.5 Bn+	21%	282	47%
Late Stage	\$7 Bn+	25%	150	81%

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Indian Startups Secured \$893 Mn+ At Seed Stage In 2024

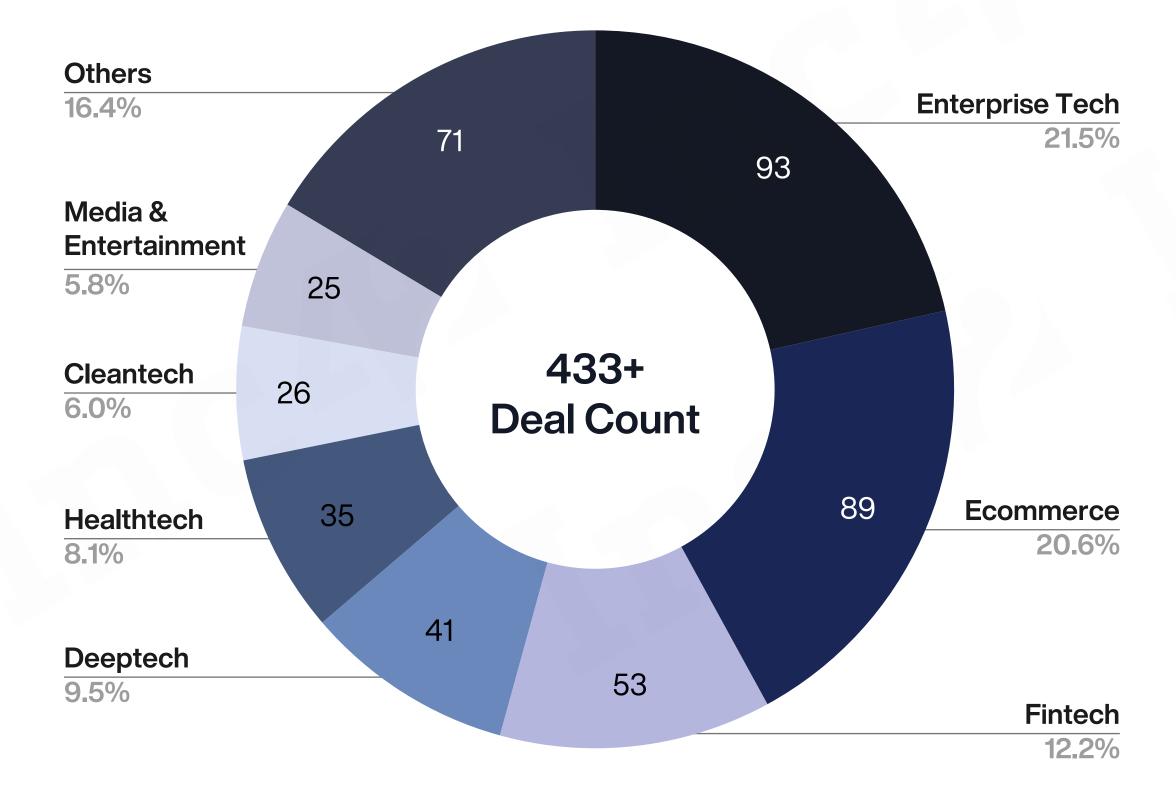
Seed funding jumped 31% YoY, driven by major rounds in Sentient Labs, Nurix AI and Lyskraft

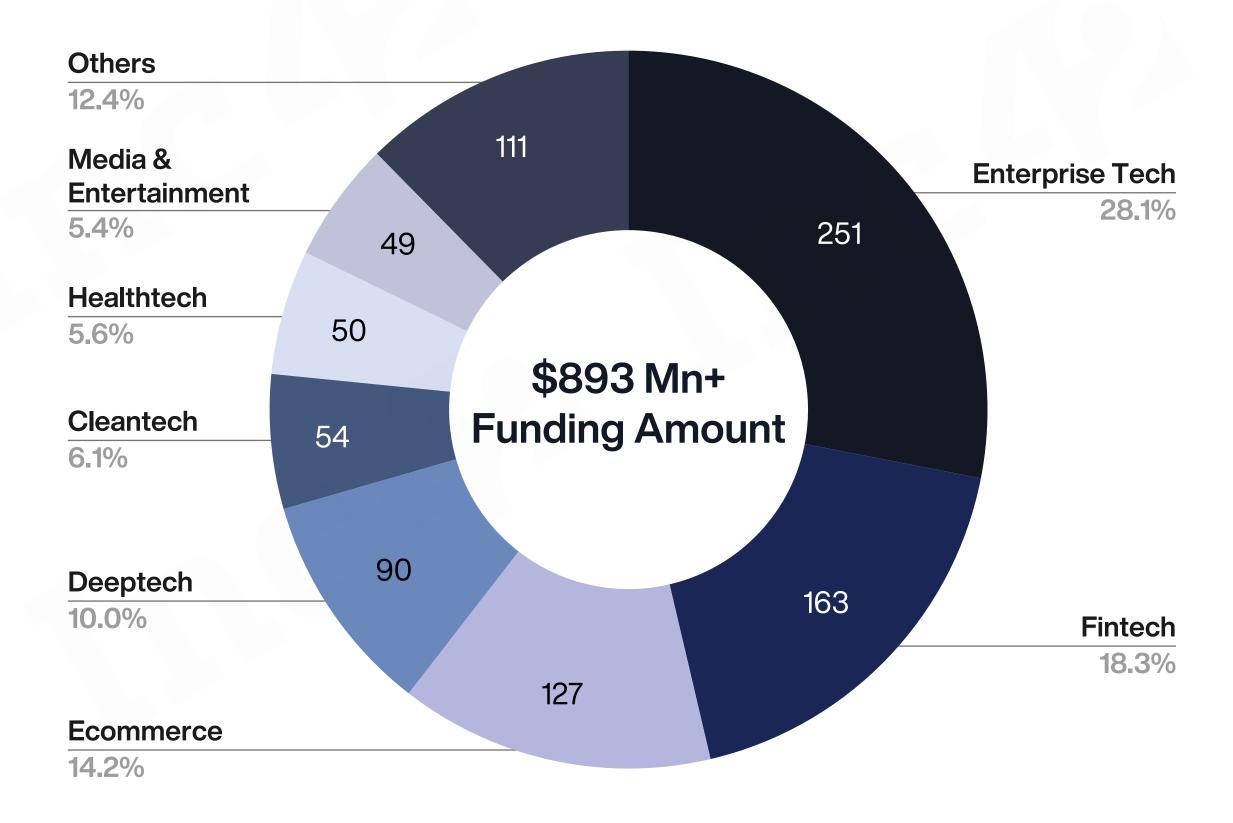


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Enterprise Tech, Fintech, Ecommerce Emerged As The Most Funded Sectors At Seed Stage



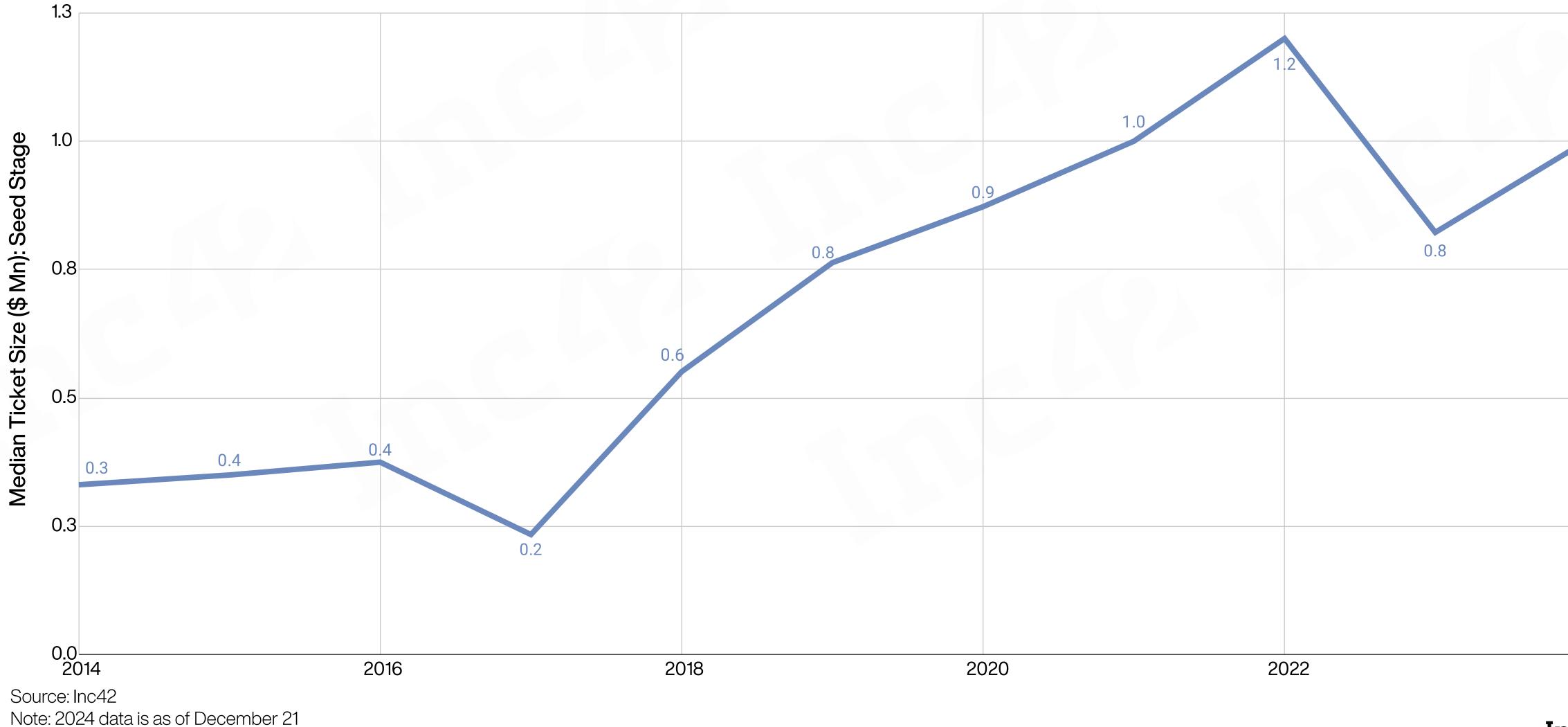






Median Ticket Size Stood At \$1 Mn For Seed Stage Deals In 2024

Compared to 2023, ticket size of seed stage funding witnessed an increase of 25%

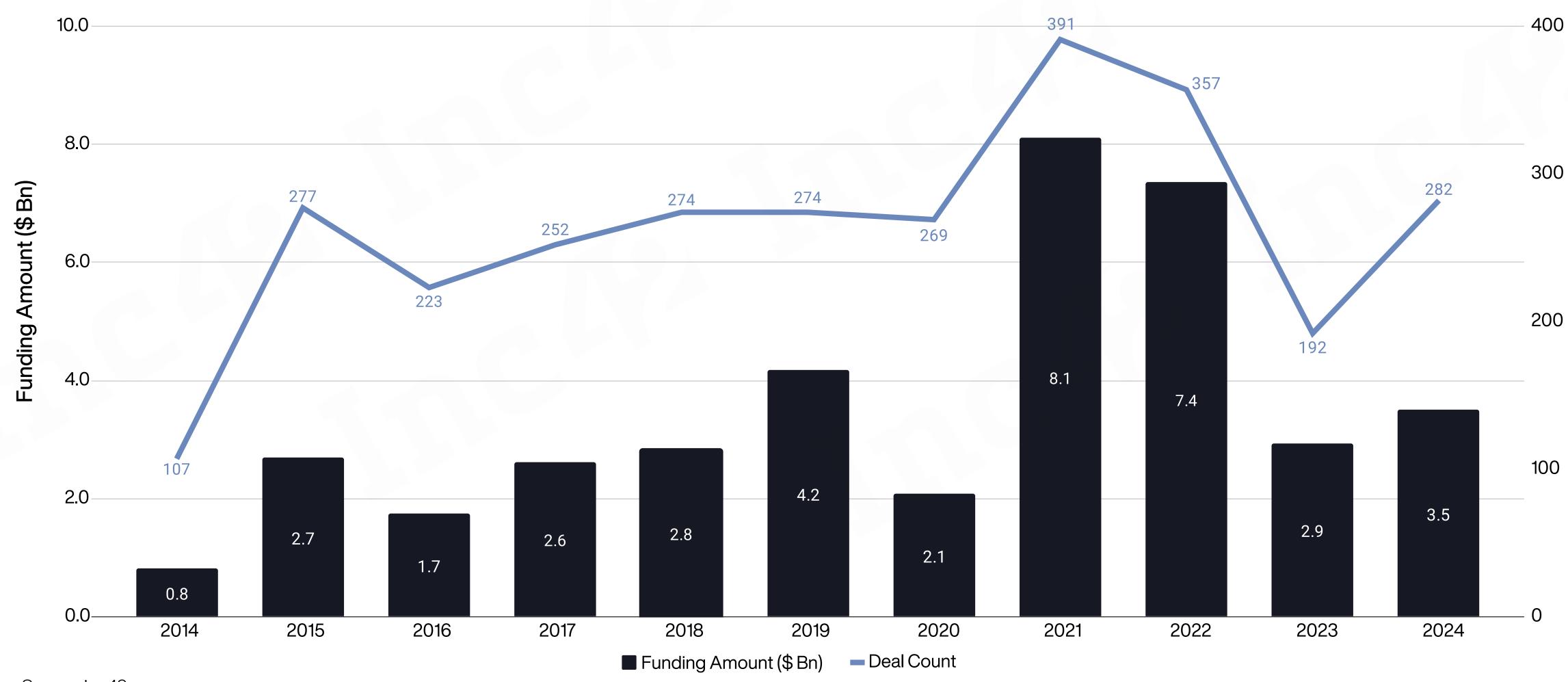


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Indian Startups Secured \$3.5 Bn+ At Growth Stage In 2024

Compared to the previous year, both the funding amount and deal count increased by 21% and 47% respectively



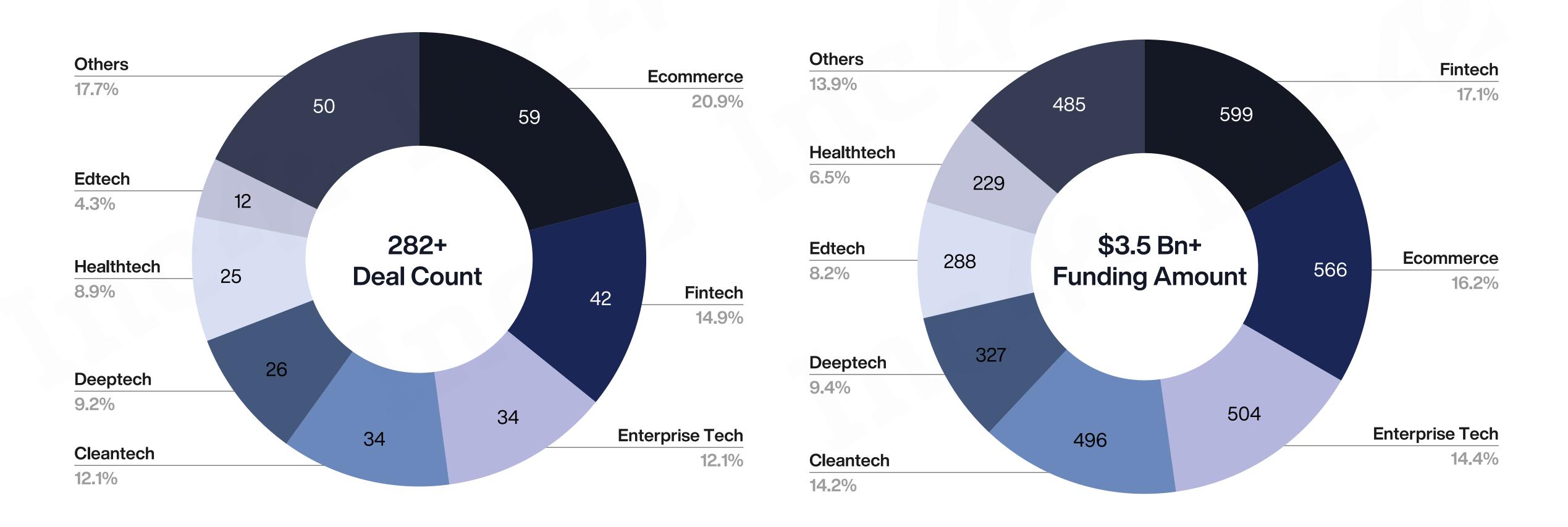
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Deal Count



Growth Stage Funding: Ecommerce & Fintech Emerged As The Most Funded Sectors In 2024

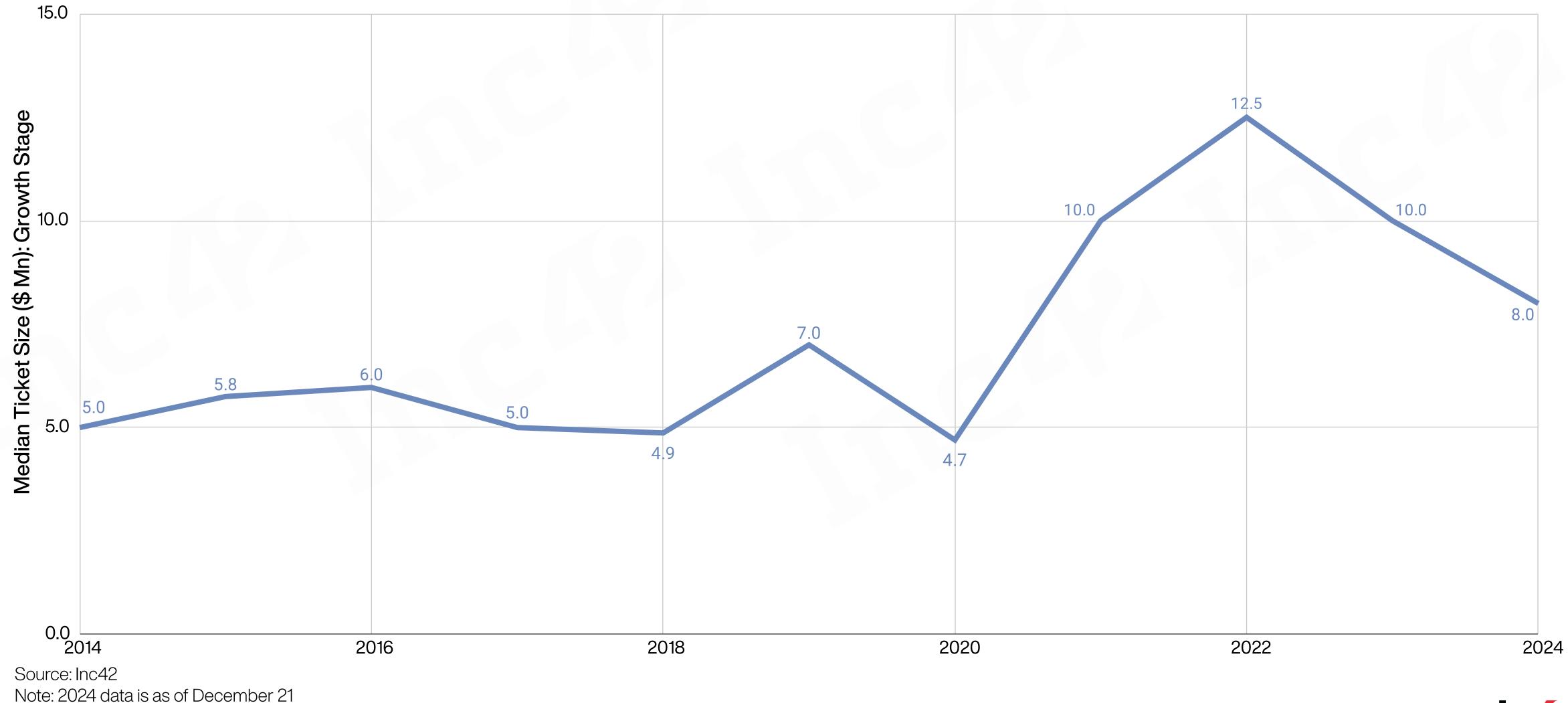






Median Ticket Size Stood At \$8 Mn For Growth Stage Deals In 2024

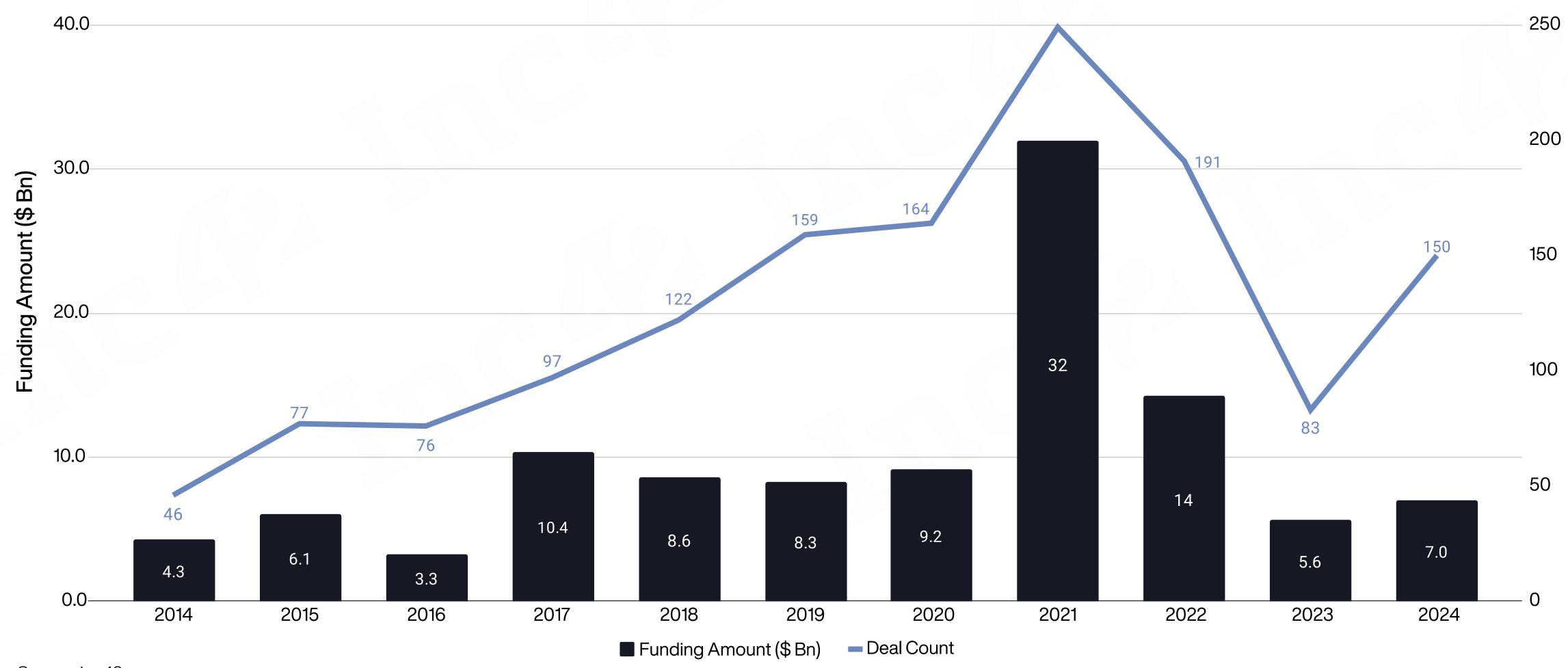
Compared to the previous year, ticket size of growth stage funding for Indian startups witnessed a decrease of 20%





Indian Startups Secured \$7 Bn+ At Late Stage In 2024

Compared to the previous year, both the funding amount and deal count increased by 25% and 81% respectively

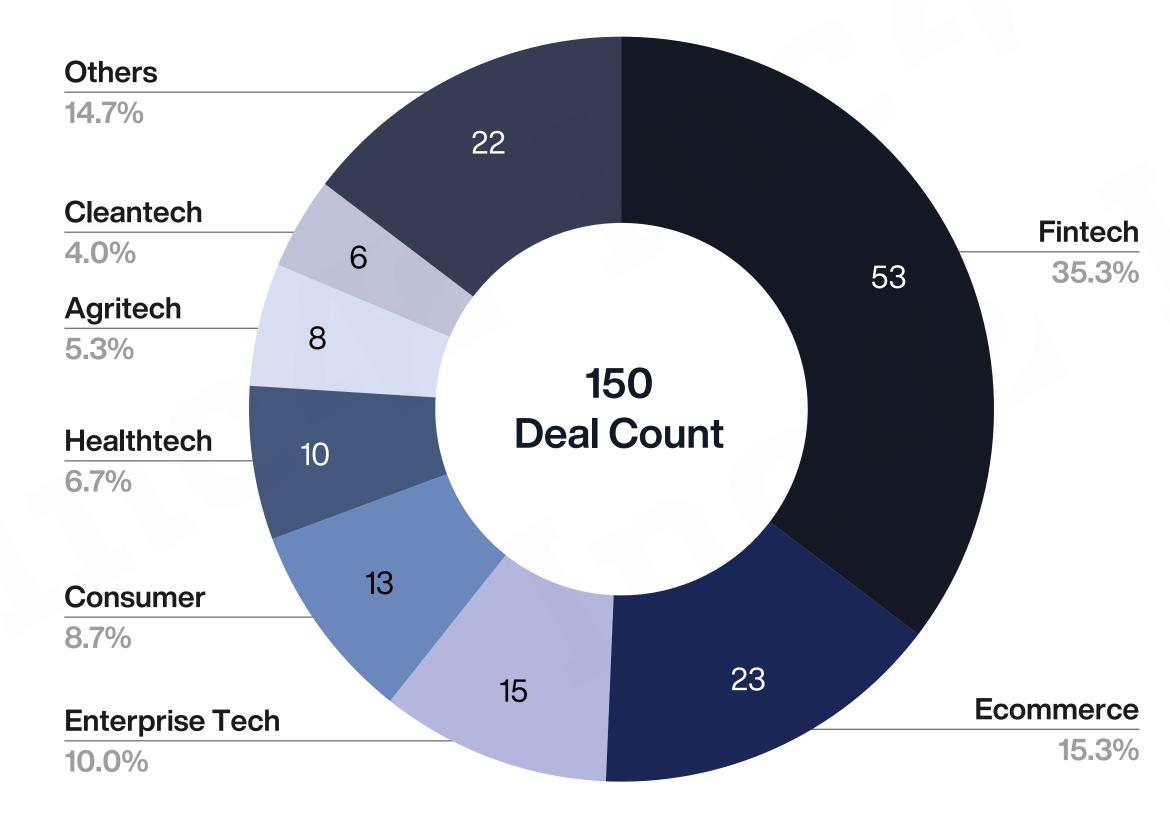


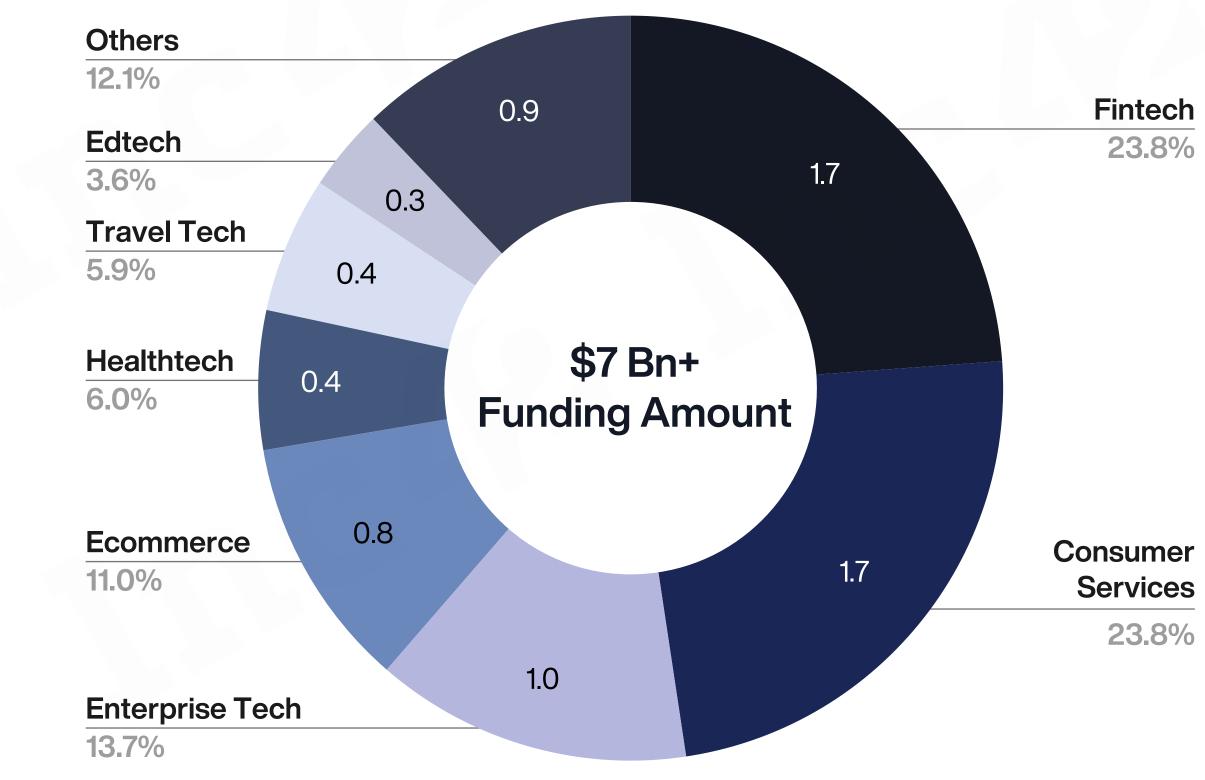
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Deal Count



Late Stage Funding: Fintech Was The Most Funded Sector In 2024

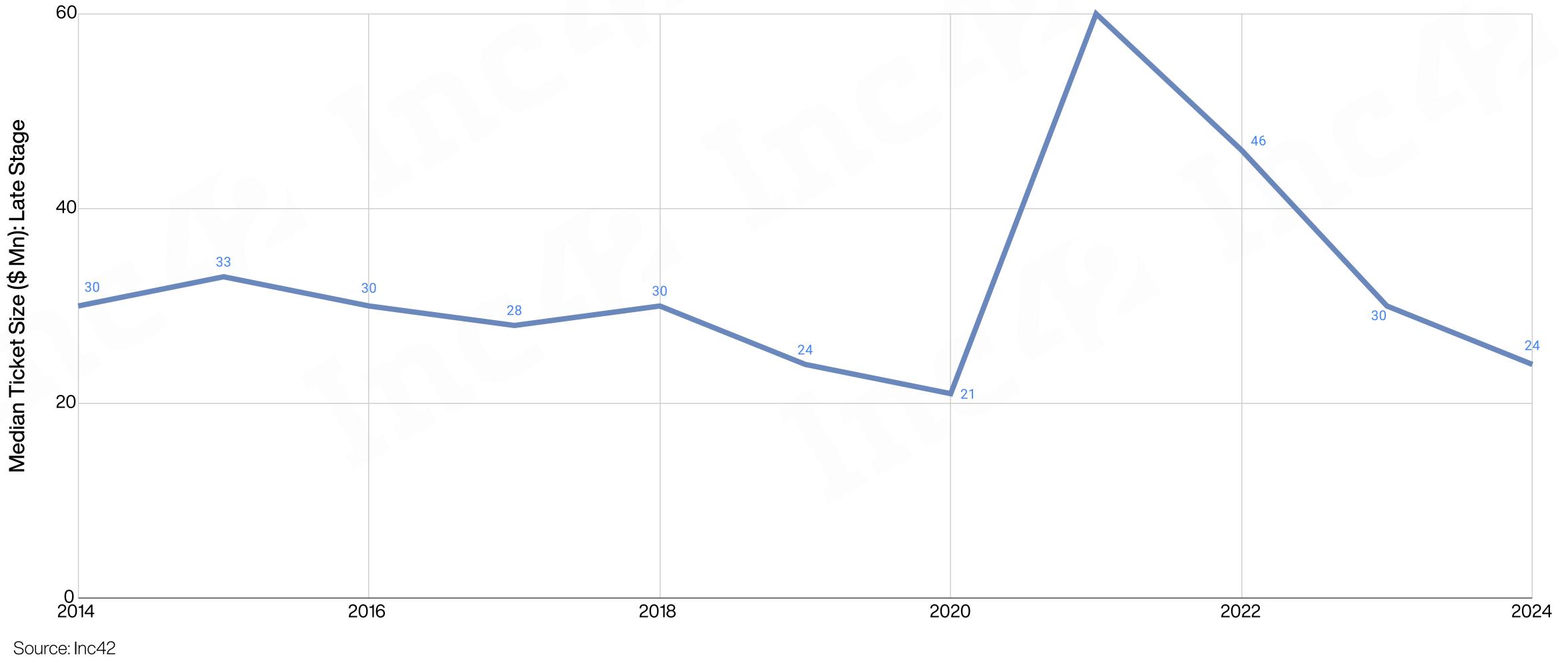






Median Ticket Size Stood At \$24 Mn For Late Stage Deals In 2024

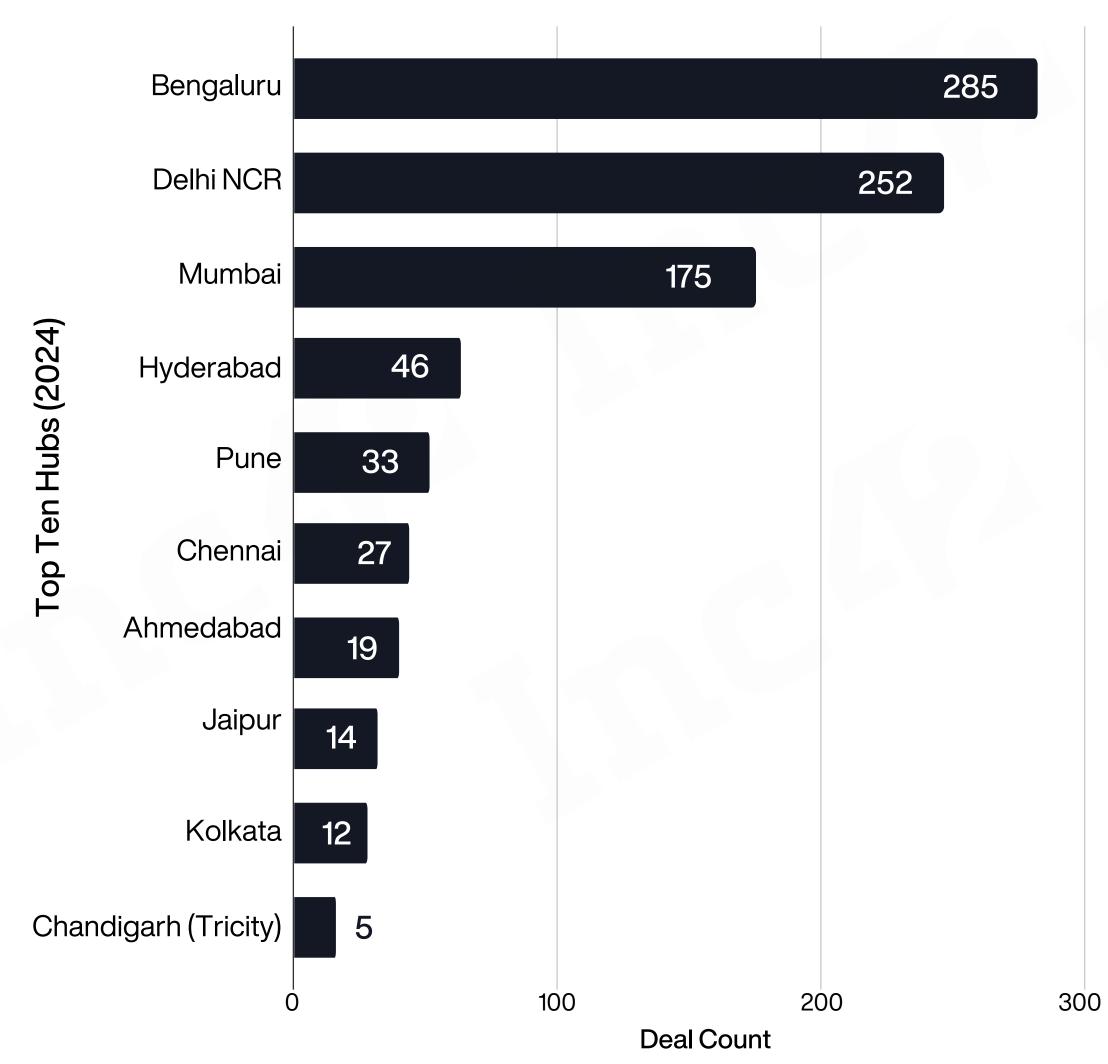
Compared to the previous year, ticket size of late stage funding witnessed a decrease of 20%



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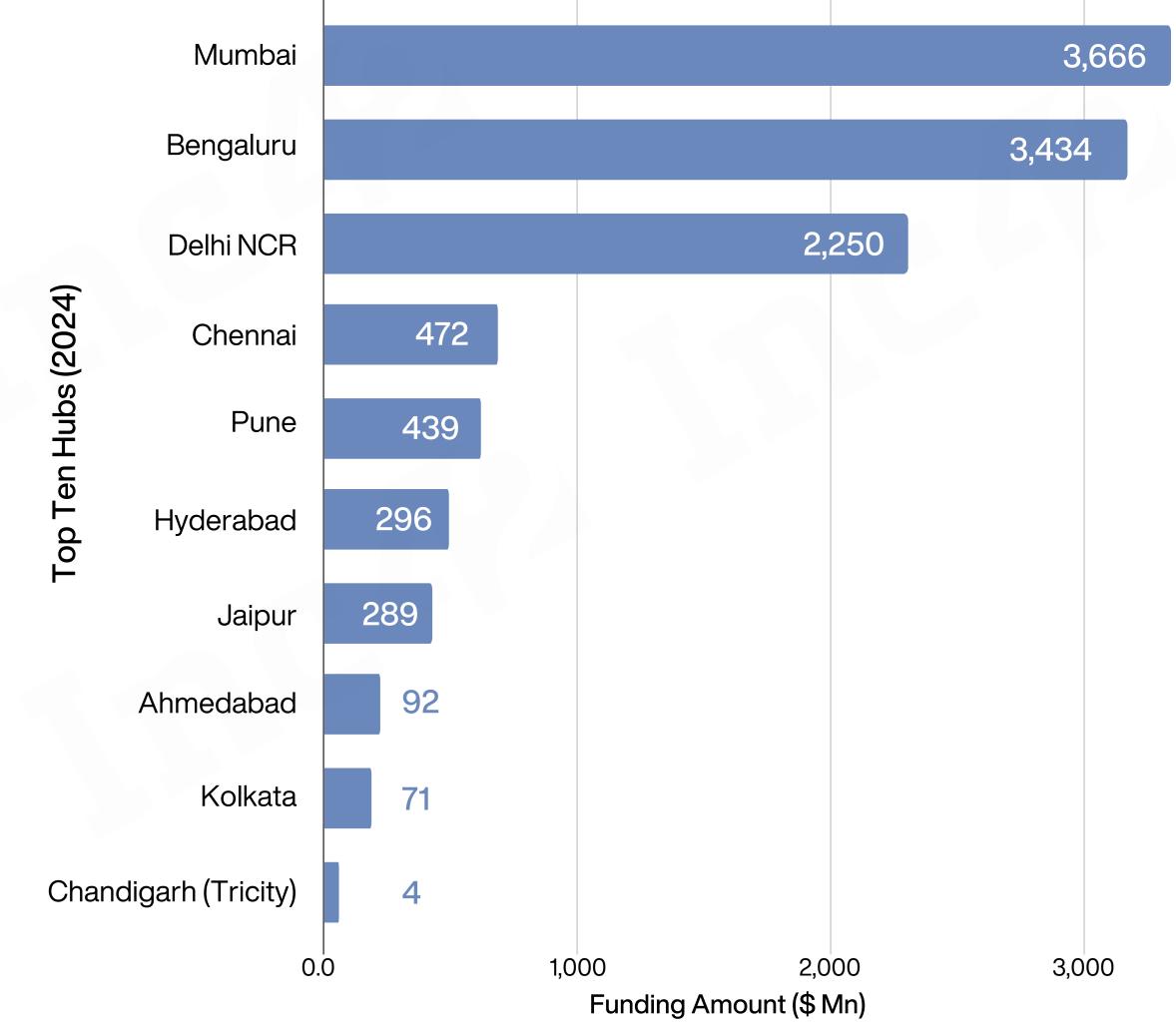


Ten Most Funded Indian Startup Hubs Of 2024



Source: Inc42

Note: Based on Indian startup funding deals recorded between January 1 and December 21, 2024 Zepto relocated its headquarters from Mumbai to Bengaluru in August this year. However, to maintain data consistency, we have attributed its funding rounds to Mumbai. Excluding the \$1.3 Bn raised by Zepto from Mumbai, Bengaluru would emerge as the clear leader in the funding rankings.





How Emerging Hubs Stack Up Against Each Other

Rank	Startup Hub	Funding Amount [2014 -2024]	Fundi [2014
1	Hyderabad	\$3 Bn+	384+
2	Pune	\$4.7 Bn+	382+
3	Chennai	\$4.7 Bn+	379+
4	Ahmedabad	\$930 Mn+	160+
5	Jaipur	\$1.4 Bn+	108+
6	Kolkata	\$248 Mn+	95+
7	Indore	\$101 Mn+	40+
8	Kochi	\$27 Mn+	34+
9	Chandigarh (Tricity)	\$229 Mn+	26+
10	Vadodara	\$105 Mn+	22+

Source: Inc42

Note: Based on funding deals reported between 2014 and December 21, 2024 Placed in order of number of deals | Tricity includes (Chandigarh + Mohali + Panchkula)





Indian Startups See A Surge In Secondary Deals

Here's a list of some notables secondaries recorded in 2024

Startup	Sector	Amount
'OO' lenskart	Ecommerce	\$200 Mn
HEALT <mark>HK</mark> ART	Ecommerce	\$153 Mn
ofbusiness	Fintech	\$100 Mn
Solution capillary	Enterprise Tech	\$95 Mn
Sedemac	Deeptech	\$91 Mn
Uc Urban Company	Consumer Services	\$63 Mn
shadowfax	Logistics	\$32 Mn
ATHER	Cleantech	\$15 Mn

Source: Inc42

Note: Based on secondary deals reported between January 1 and December 21, 2024 | This is not a comprehensive list

Investors Participating

Temasek, Fidelity

ChrysCapital, Motilal Oswal Alternates

Not Available

Avataar Venture Partners, InnoVen Capital, 57 Stars

360 ONE Asset, Xponentia Capital Partners, A91 Partners

Dharana Capital, Prosus

TPG NewQuest, NGP Capital, Qualcomm Ventures

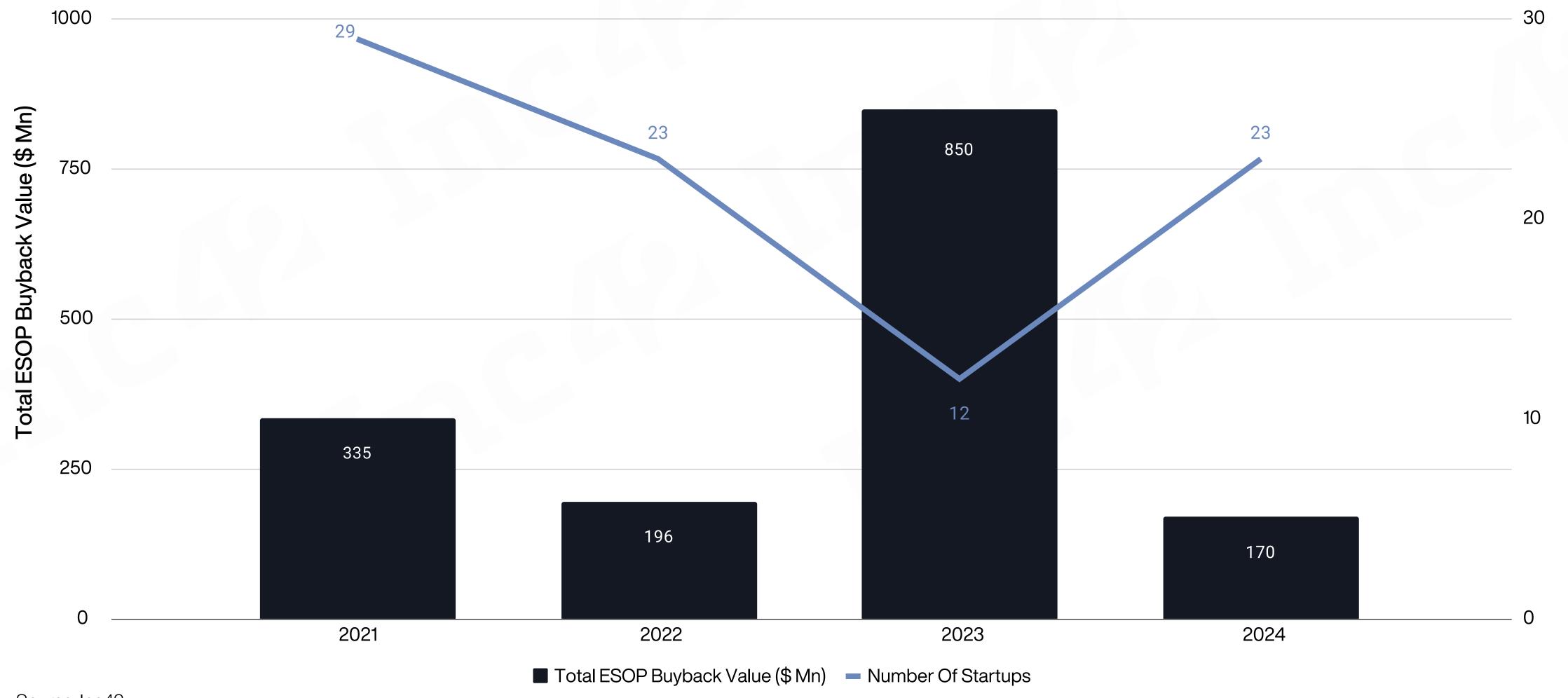
Hero MotoCorp





ESOP Buyback Deal Count Nearly Doubled In 2024

If we exclude Flipkart's massive \$700 Mn ESOP buyback from 2023, ESOP buybacks were 13% higher in 2024



Source: Inc42 Note: 2024 data as of December 21

Number Of Startups

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Indian Startup Employees Made \$170 Mn+ Via ESOPs In 2024

	ESOP Buyback Amount	No. Of Employees
SWIGGY	\$65 Mn	Undisclosed
Uc Urban Company	\$24 Mn	446
meesho	\$23.6 Mn	1.7K
S capillary	\$20 Mn	Undisclosed
ofbusiness	\$11.8 Mn	100
Pocket FM	\$8.3 Mn	Undisclosed
HEALT <mark>HK</mark> ART	\$6.5 Mn	Undisclosed
purplle	\$5.91Mn	Undisclosed
heac digital works	\$3 Mn	250
DeHaat Seeds to Market	\$1.18 Mn	153
A Propelld	\$834.5K	18
© everstage	\$591.9K	Undisclosed

Source: Inc42 Note: Data as of December 21

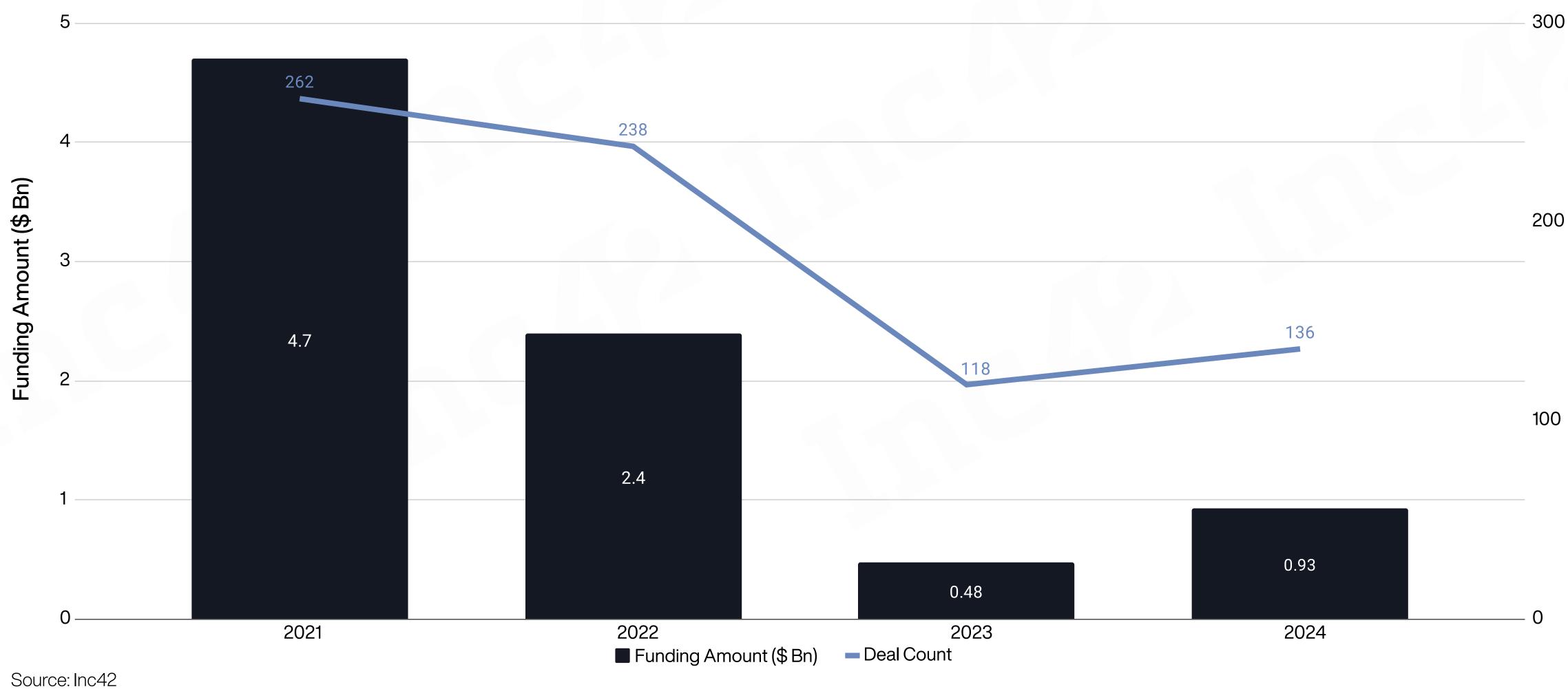
	ESOP Buyback Amount	No. Of Employees
THE SLEEP COMPANY	\$296K	105
📥 AppsForBharat	\$248.6K	25
Adda 247	Undisclosed	130
Classplus	Undisclosed	150+
leverage edu	Undisclosed	50+
T mygate	Undisclosed	51
Purchase	Undisclosed	40
	Undisclosed	Undisclosed
WINZO	Undisclosed	Undisclosed
ΣΧΥΧΧ	Undisclosed	Undisclosed
whatfix	Undisclosed	Undisclosed





Funding For Women Led Startups Doubles In 2024

Finova Capital (\$135 Mn) and Atlan (\$105 Mn) were the year's biggest deals

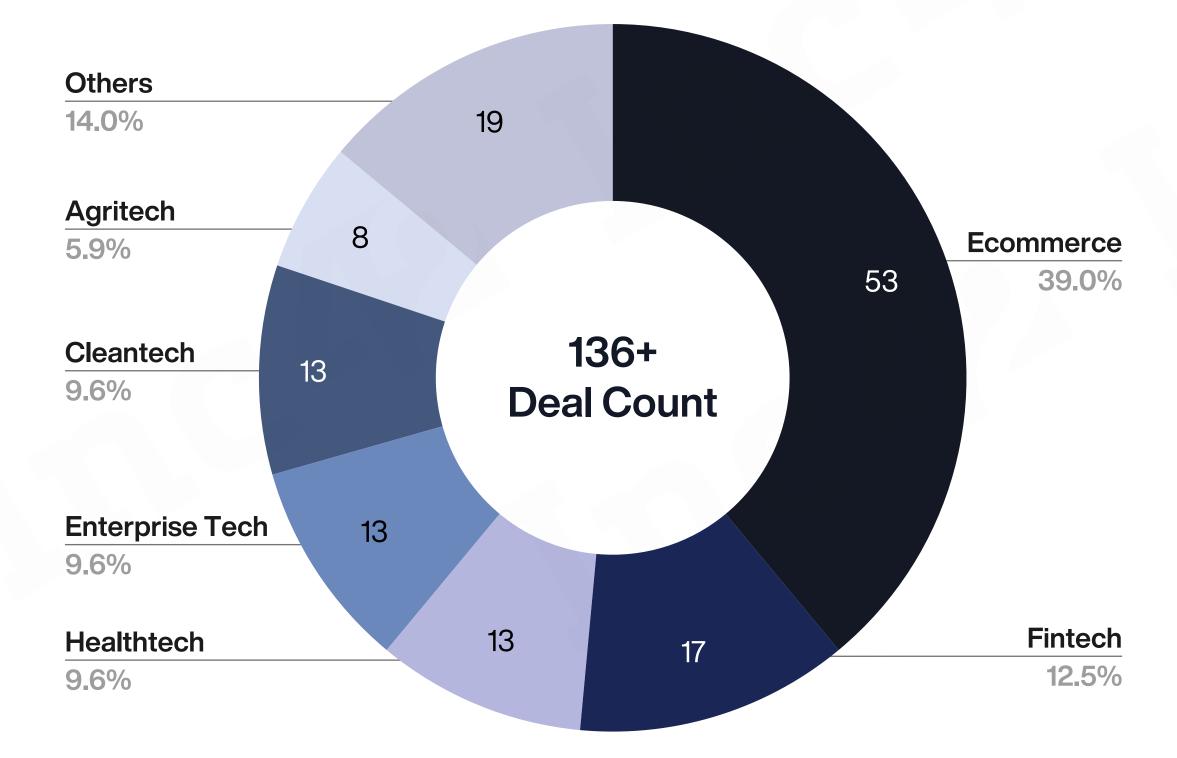


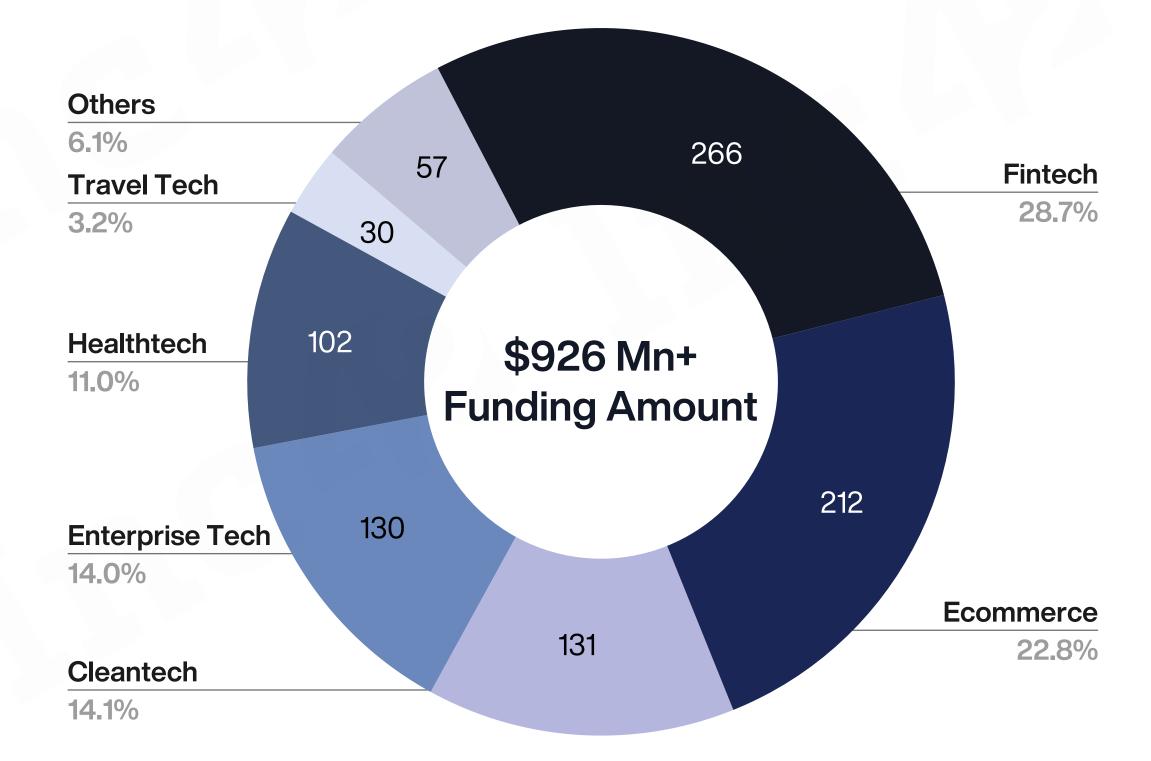
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Women Led Startups — Ecommerce And Fintech Emerged As Most Funded Sectors In 2024







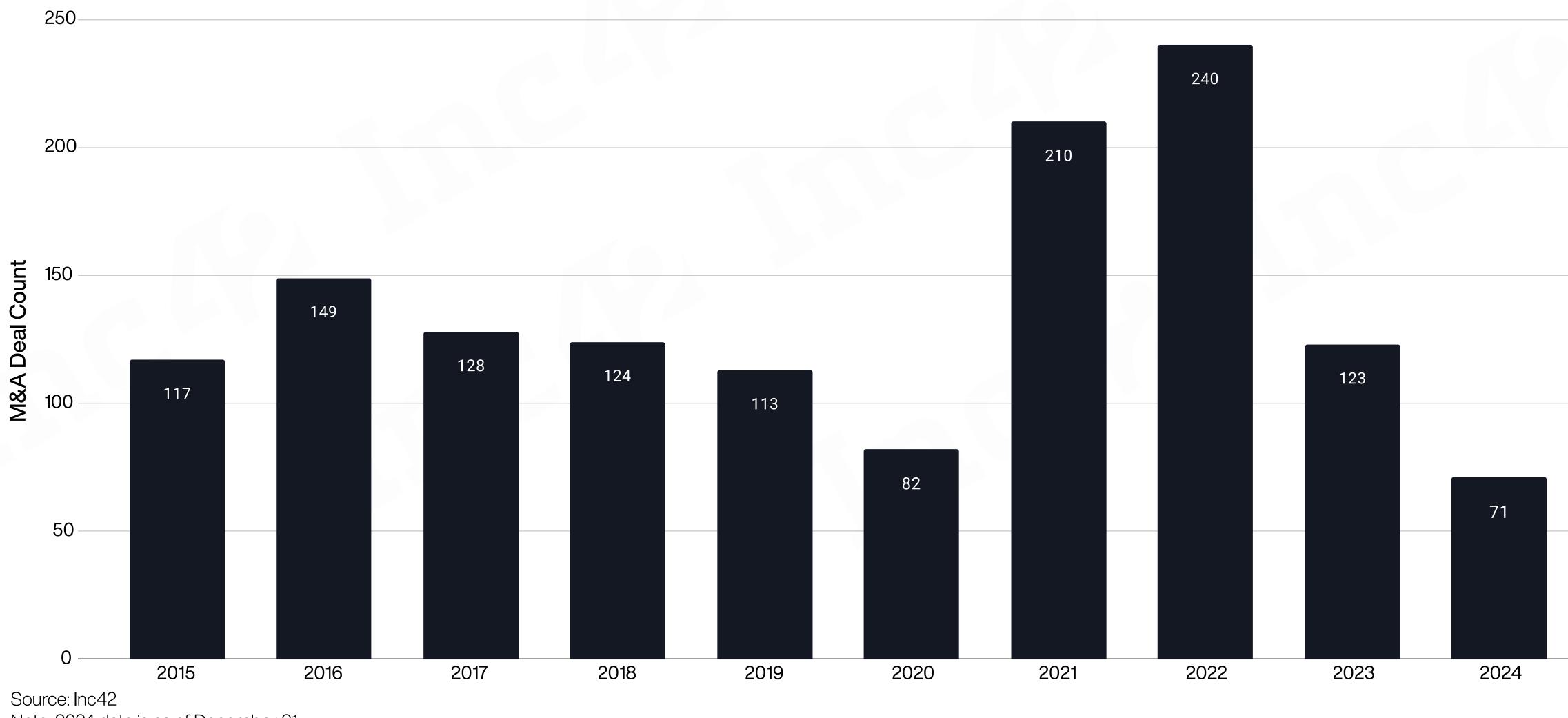


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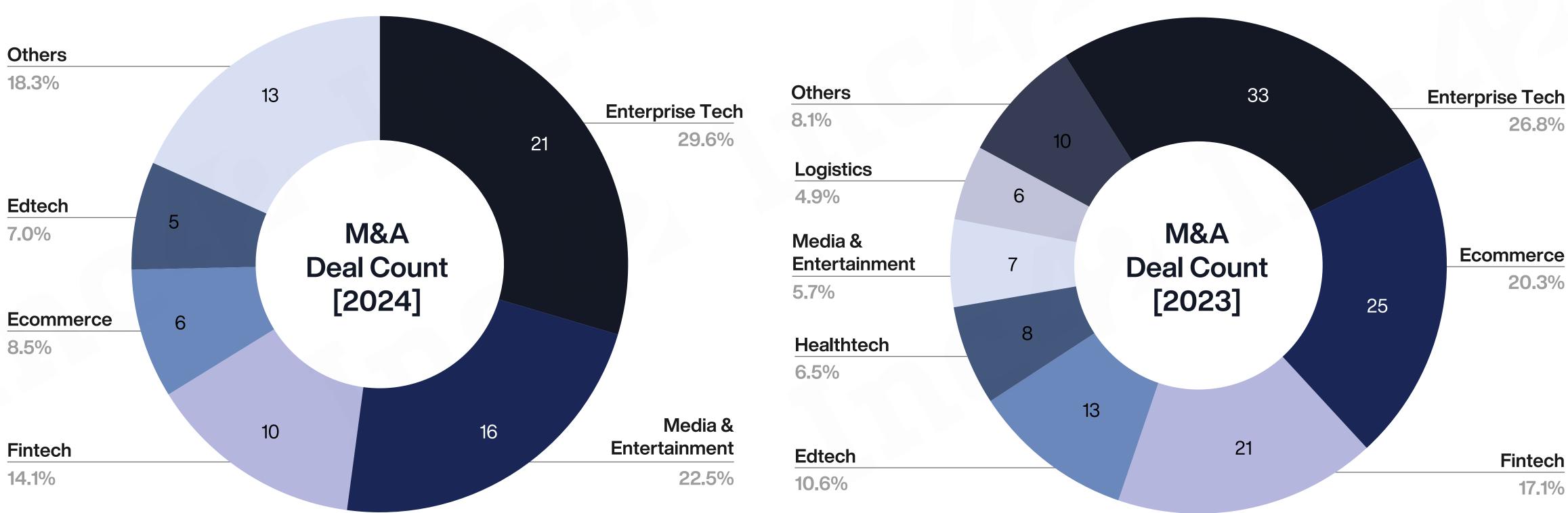
Indian Startup M&As See 42% Decline In 2024

Indian startup M&As have remained sluggish in 2024, ecommerce witnessed a sharp 76% fall in M&A deals



Note: 2024 data is as of December 21

Startup M&As: Sectorwise Outlook [2024 Vs 2023]



17.1%



Top Indian Startup M&As Of 2024

Acquired Organisation	Sector	Acquirer	Sector	Deal Size	Stake Percentage
insider 💉	Consumer Services	zomato	Consumer Services	INR 2,048	100%
G 6 Hospitality	Hospitality	ΟΥΟ	Travel Tech	INR 1,457 Cr	100%
• Bird Eats Bug	Enterprise Tech	BrowserStack	Enterprise Tech	INR 168 Cr	100%
LENDINGKA₹T Simplifying MSME Finance	Fintech	Fullerton India	Financial Services	INR 252 Cr	NA
S checkmyguest [®]	Travel Tech	ΟΥΟ	Travel Tech	INR 230 Cr	100%
DEVICE42	Enterprise Tech	<pre>freshworks</pre>	Enterprise Tech	INR 1,919.7 Cr	100%
ΤΛΡΛΟΥΛ	Education	Veranda	Edtech	INR 362 Cr	100%
🍏 ET Money	Fintech	wealth 360 E	Financial Services	INR 366 Cr	100%
SPARTAN POKER.	Media & Entertainment	🗱 1verse	Fintech	Undisclosed	100%
eka	Enterprise Tech	STG SYMPHONY TECHNOLOGY GROUP	Financial Services	Undisclosed	100%
🚳 Arya.ai	Enterprise Tech	aurionpro 💸	Fintech	INR 137.7 Cr	67%
SILICONCH SYSTEMS	Deeptech	<u>©</u> LTSCT	Deeptech	INR 183 Cr	100%
E Fusebox	Media & Entertainment	& Nazara™	Media & Entertainment	INR 234.55 Cr	100%

Source: Inc42

Note: This is not an exhaustive list and includes transactions where either the acquirer or the acquiree is an Indian startup





Indian Startup Funding: Investor Participation Trends



Total Investors Which Backed Indian Startups In 2024





Change In **Investor Participation** Compared To 2023



Source: Inc42

84+

New Startup Funds Launched/Announced In 2024



\$8.7 Bn+

Total Value Of New Funds Launched In 2024



+55%

Change In Value Of New Funds Launched Year-Over-Year



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India's Startup Investor Landscape



TheChennai **Letsventure** Mumbai Angels **INCUBATION &** σ INNOVATION Nuturing Passion, Mentoring Success FOUNDATION WeFounderCircle Funding | Business | Commu

Source: Inc42

Note: This is not an exhaustive list or ranking of any kind, but a representation of a select few significant names

UniLazer

RRT

RESOLATES

DM Gupta

Family Office

Sharrpventures

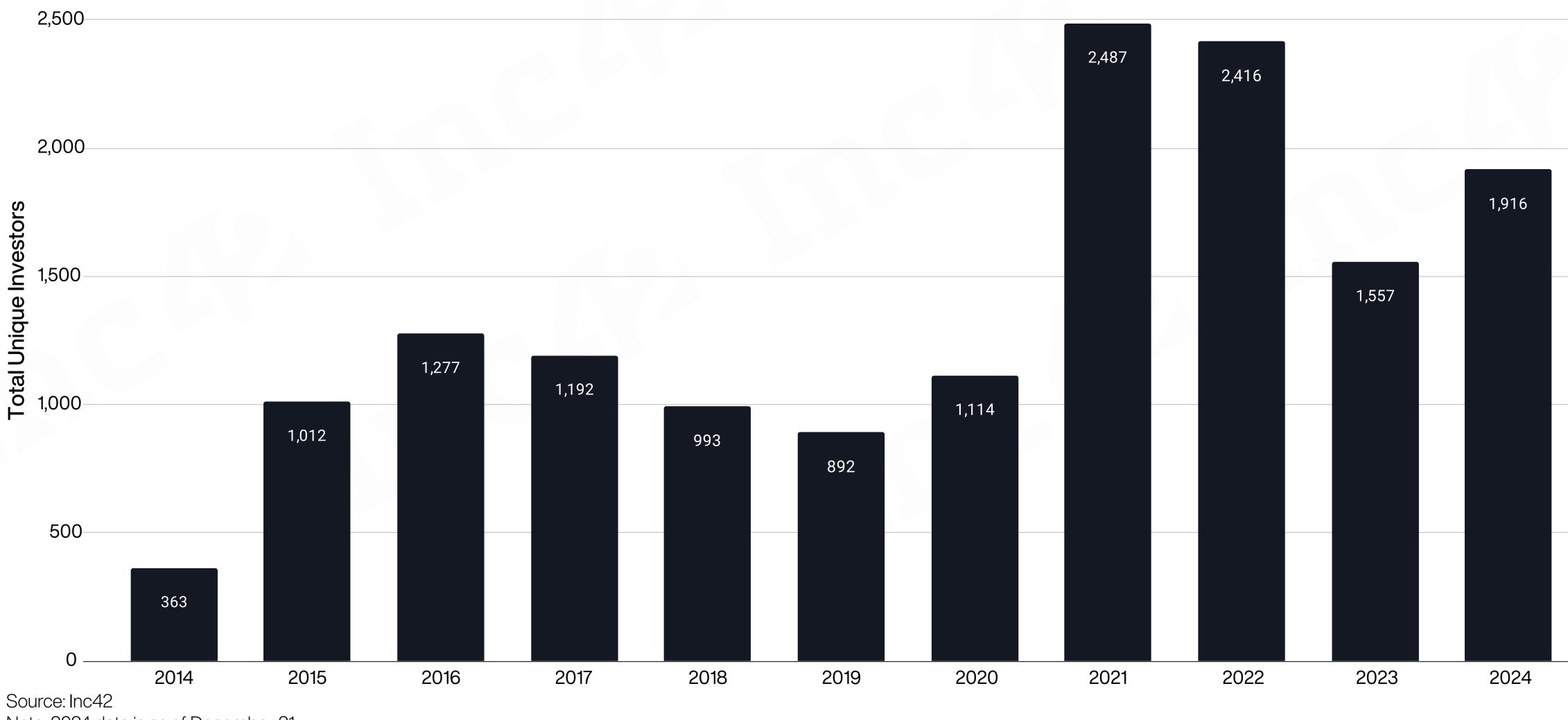






Over 1.9K Investors Backed Indian Startups In 2024

Compared to the previous year, the investor count increased by 23% this year



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Celebs And Their Startup Investments in 2024



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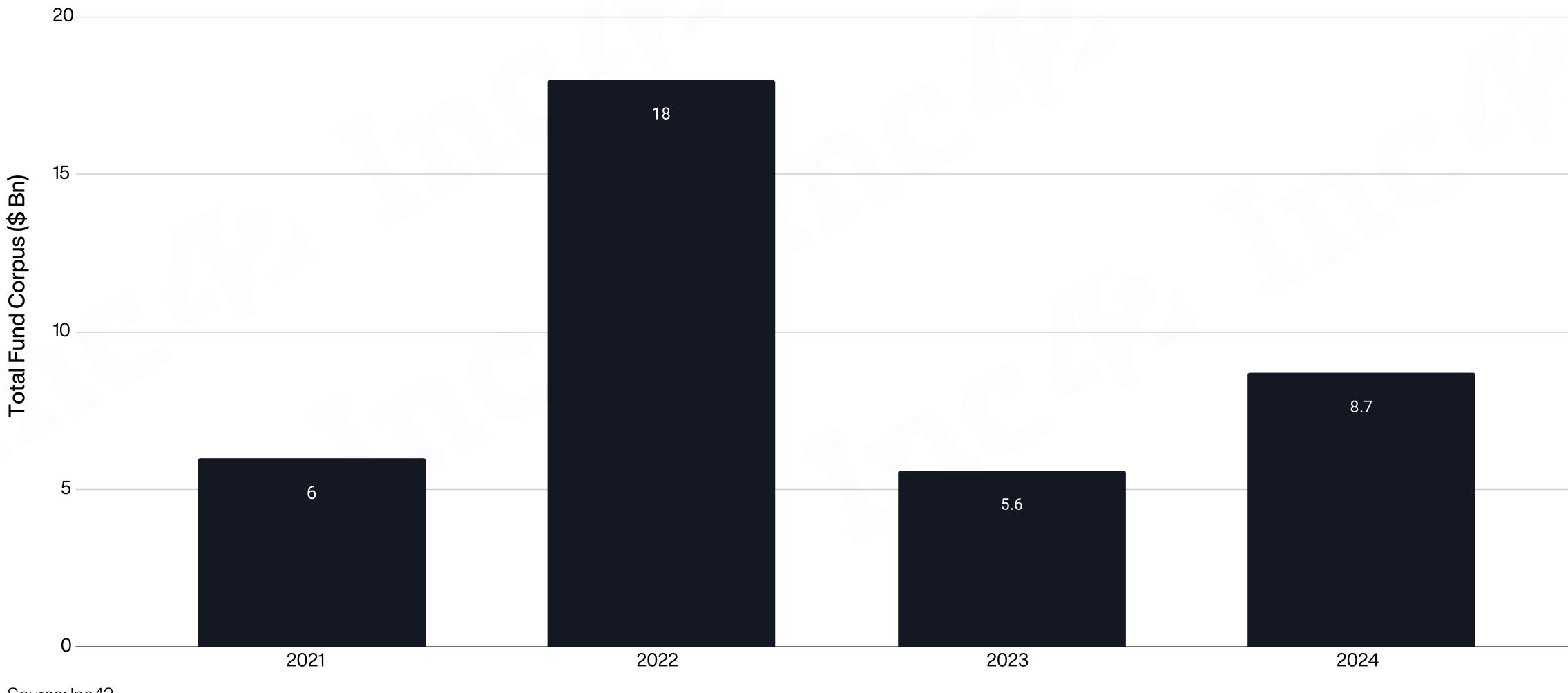






Funds Worth \$8.7 Bn+ Launched For Indian Startups In 2024

The value of new funds jumped 55% year-over-year



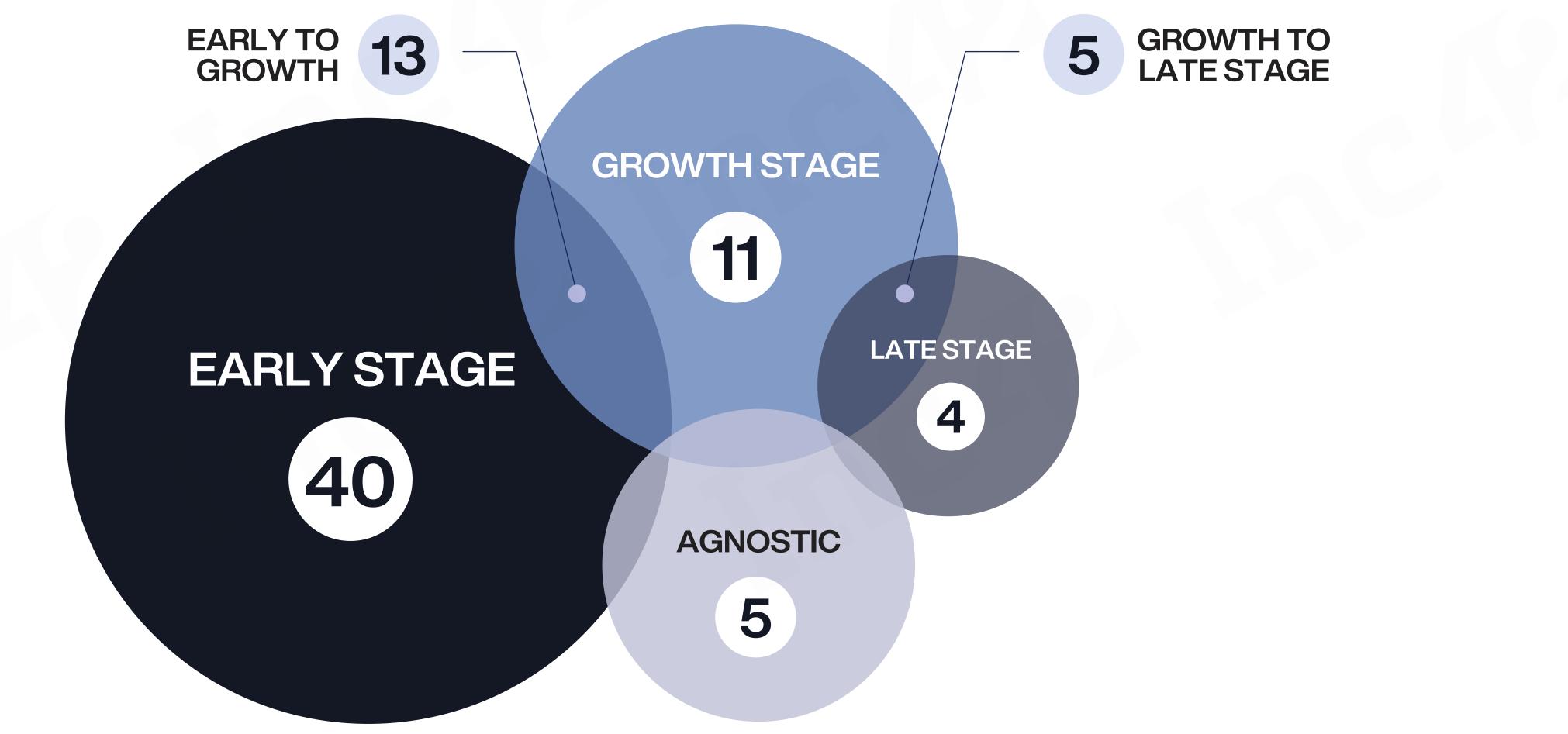
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New Funds Launched In 2024: More Than Half Prioritise Early-Stage Startup Investments

Sunrise sectors at early stage include — Vertical AI, AI infrastructure and semiconductors



Source: Inc42





Which Sectors Are Funds Banking On?

Based on sector thesis analysis of new funds announced/launched in 2024, here's the list of top sectors funds are targeting

Rank	Sectors	Notable Org
1	Deeptech	Endiya Partn
2	Fintech	100Unicorns
3	Consumer Internet	Stellaris Ven
4	Enterprise Tech	Arigato Capi
5	Healthtech	ChrysCapita
6	Ecommerce/D2C	Sauce VC, St
7	Agritech	GOI Agri Fun
8	Manufacturing	ChrysCapita
9	Mobility	Next Bharat '
10	Gaming	Centre Cour

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s, Titan Capital, General Catalyst, Huddle Ventures, Capria Ventures

nture Partners, Titan Capital, Client Associates, IvyCap Ventures

pital, Cactus Venture Partners, Titan Capital, Alphatron Capital, VentureSoul Partners

al, Future Leaders Fund, Norwest Venture Partners, B Capital,

Stride Ventures, Anthill, Arigato Capital, Huddle Ventures

Ind, Arigato Capital, Capria Ventures, GVFL

al, Capital A, Future Leaders Fund, growX ventures

Ventures, 100Unicorns, Avaana Climate And Sustainability Fund

Irt Capital, KITVEN, Trillion Dollar Ventures



Funds Worth \$8.7 Bn+ Launched For Indian Startups In 2024

Fund Name	Fund Type	Fund Size	Stage Focus	Sector Focus
100Unicorns Fund II	VC Fund	\$200 Mn	Early Stage	EV, Defence, D2C, SaaS, Travel, Fintech
35 North Ventures	VC Fund	\$59.5 Mn	Early Stage	Sector Agnostic
8X Ventures	VC Fund	\$23.96 Mn	Early Stage	Deeptech, Water Sanitation, Hygiene, Industry 4.0, Advanced Computing
Abyro Capital*	VC Fund	\$25 Mn	Early Stage	Al, SaaS, Healthcare, Manufacturing, Supply Chain, Delivery
Agri Fund	Govt	\$89.4 Mn	Early Stage	Agritech
AJVC	VC Fund	Not Available	Early Stage	Sector Agnostic
Alphatron Capital	VC Fund	\$30 Mn	Stage Agnostic	SaaS, Fintech, Healthtech, Al/ML, Digital Content, D2C
Anicut Capital	VC Fund	\$35.7 Mn	Late Stage	Sector Agnostic
Ankur Capital	VC Fund	\$150 Mn	Early Stage	Digital Technology, Deeptech
Anthill	Debt+Equity	\$100 Mn	Early Stage	Consumer Brands & Experience, Wellness Entertainment
Arigato Capital	VC Fund	\$29 Mn	Early Stage	Agritech, Cleantech, GenAl, Fintech, Consumer Brands, SaaS

Source: Inc42





Fund Name	Fund Type	Fund Size	Stage Focus	Sector Focus
Aroa Opportunities	VC Fund	\$50 Mn	Early & Growth Stage	Sector Agnostic
Avaana Climate	VC Fund	\$135 Mn	Early Stage	Climate Tech, Sustainable Resource Management, Mobility
B Capital	VC Fund	\$750 Mn	Growth & Late Stage	Technology, Healthcare, Cimate Tech
Bharat Value Fund	VC Fund	\$240 Mn	Growth Stage	Consumer Goods
BizDateUp	Angel Fund	\$23.97 Mn	Early Stage	Tier II, III Startups, Sustainability, Social Impact
BlueGreen Capital	VC Fund	\$75 Mn	Stage Agnostic	Climate, Sustainability, Fintech, B2C
Cactus Venture	VC Fund	\$75.8 Mn	Early Stage	B2B SaaS, Climate Tech, Healthtech
Capital A [Fund II]	VC Fund	\$48 Mn	Early & Growth Stage	Manufacturing, Deeptech, Climate Tech, Fintech
Capria Ventures	VC Fund	\$18.24 Mn	Early & Growth Stage	Fintech, HRTech, Agritech, Climate Tech, SaaS
Caret Capital Fund II	VC Fund	\$50 Mn	Early Stage	Mobility, Distribution, Employment
Cedar Capital	VC Fund	\$30 Mn	Early & Growth Stage	Banking Technology, B2B Fintech, Insurance Companies, NBFCs
Centre Court Capital	VC Fund	\$41.9 Mn	Early Stage	Sports, Gaming





Fund Name	Fund Type	Fund Size	Stage Focus	Sector Focus
ChrysCapital	PE Fund	\$700 Mn	Late Stage	Enterprise Tech, Financial Services, Healthcare & Life Sciences
Client Associates	VC Fund	\$36 Mn	Early & Growth Stage	Consumer Tech
Colossa Ventures	VC Fund	\$59.6 Mn	Early Stage	Healthcare, Healthtech, Fintech, Climate, Cleantech, Deeptech
Endiya Partners	VC Fund	\$100 Mn	Growth Stage	Digital Industry, Deeptech, Health, SaaS, Al
Equirus InnovateX	VC Fund	\$25 Mn	Early Stage	Saas, Deeptech, Fintech
Eternal Capital	VC Fund	\$14.39 Mn	Early Stage	Sector Agnostic
Filter Capital India	VC Fund	\$100 Mn	Growth Stage	IT Services, SaaS, Tech-Led Businesses Across Consumer, Financia
Future Leaders Fund	PE Fund	\$350 Mn	Late Stage	Financial Services, Consumption, Digital & Technology, Healthcare
General Catalyst	VC Fund	\$8 Bn	Early & Growth Stage	Artificial Intelligence, Defence & Intelligence, Climate & Energy
Green Frontier Capital	VC Fund	\$176 Mn	Early & Growth Stage	Climate Tech
GrowthCap Ventures	VC Fund	\$5.9 Mn	Early Stage	Fintech, SaaS, Deeptech
growX ventures	VC Fund	\$47.2 Mn	Early & Growth Stage	Semiconductors, Defence Tech, Spacetech, Alternate Materials





Fund Name	Fund Type	Fund Size	Stage Focus	Sector Focus
GVFL	VC Fund	\$23.8 Mn	Early Stage	B2B SaaS, Healthtech, Agritech, Climate Tech, Deeptech
Huddle Ventures	VC Fund	\$17.8 Mn	Early Stage	Consumer Brands, Fintech, Agritech, Healthcare
Hyderabad Angels	Angel Fund	\$18.1 Mn	Early & Growth Stage	Tech, Al
IIT Bombay Fund**	VC Fund	\$11.8 Mn	Early Stage	Science, Medtech, Biotech, Space, Defence
InCred Growth	PE Fund	\$60.2 Mn	Growth & Late Stage	Consumer, Financial Services, Enterprise, Technology
IndiGo Ventures	VC Fund	Not Available	Early & Growth Stage	Travel, Lifestyle, Hospitality, Transport
Inflexor Ventures	VC Fund	\$33.7 Mn	Early Stage	Sector Agnostic
IvyCap Ventures	VC Fund	\$251Mn	Early Stage	Healthtech, Edtech, Consumer Tech, Deeptech, Fintech, Agritech
Jamwant Venture	Angel Fund	Not Available	Early Stage	Defence, Aerospace, Deeptech
Kedaara IV	PE Fund	\$1.73 Bn	Growth & Late Stage	Banking, Healthcare, Consumer, SaaS
Kenro Capital*	VC Fund	Not Available	Growth Stage	Sector Agnostic
KITVEN	Govt	\$2.3 Mn	Early Stage	Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics

Note: 2024 data as of December 21 | The analysis focuses exclusively on funds announced for Indian startups Launches include — launch announcements, first close and full fund closures





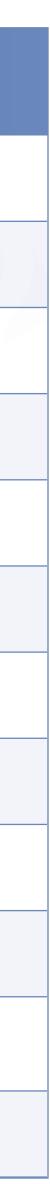
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Fund Name	Fund Type	Fund Size	Stage Focus	Sector Focus
LC Nueva Investment	VC Fund	\$18 Mn	Growth Stage	Sector Agnostic
MountTech Growth	VC Fund	\$29.9 Mn	Early Stage	Defence, Aerospace, Deeptech
MudhalVC	VC Fund	\$15 Mn	Early Stage	Sector Agnostic
Next Bharat Ventures	CVC	\$40.5 Mn	Early Stage	Agriculture, Financial Inclusion, Rural Supply Chain, Rural Mobility
Norwest Venture	VC Fund	\$3 Bn	Stage Agnostic	Enterprise Tech, Consumer, Healthcare
Oister Tribe Ace Fund	VC Fund	\$500 Mn	Growth & Late Stage	Sector Agnostic
Ortella Global Capital	VC Fund	\$36 Mn	Early & Growth Stage	Sector Agnostic
OTP Ventures	VC Fund	\$47.7 Mn	Early Stage	Consumer, Consumer Tech, Fintech
Pavestone Technology	VC Fund	\$97 Mn	Early & Growth Stage	Spacetech, 5G Infra, Blockchain, Quantum Computing, EV Component
Playbook Partners	VC Fund	\$250 Mn	Growth & Late Stage	Healthcare, Climate Change, SaaS
Prath Ventures	VC Fund	\$26.8 Mn	Early & Growth Stage	Consumer Brands and Technolog
PROMAFT Partners	VC Fund	\$119 Mn	Early & Growth Stage	Sector Agnostic





Fund Name	Fund Type	Fund Size	Stage Focus	Sector Focus
Rangoli India Fund	VC Fund	Not Available	Growth Stage	Not Available
Rockstud Capital	VC Fund	\$36 Mn	Early Stage	Digitalisation, Sustainability, Financial Inclusion, Health & Safety
RPSG Capital Ventures	VC Fund	\$65.94 Mn	Early Stage	D2C
Sauce VC (Fund III)	VC Fund	\$43.6 Mn	Early Stage	Consumer brands
Sorin Investments	VC Fund	\$161.90 Mn	Growth Stage	Fintech, Edtech, Saas, Logistics, Cleantech, D2C
Spacetech Fund**	Govt	\$119 Mn	NA	Spacetech
Special Opportunities	PEFund	\$480 Mn	Late Stage	Financial Services, Healthcare, Consumer, Tech
Spyre PropTech	VC Fund	\$50 Mn	Growth Stage	Real Estate Tech
Stellaris Venture	VC Fund	\$300 Mn	Growth Stage	Artificial Intelligence, Enterprise Software, Consumer Technology
Stride Ventures	VC Fund	\$400 Mn	Stage Agnostic	Sector Agnostic
Stride Ventures India	Debt Fund	\$165 Mn	Stage Agnostic	Consumer Brands, Financial Services, Cleantech
Tetr – Under 20 Fund	VC Fund	\$10 Mn	Early Stage	Artificial Intelligence, Emerging Technologies, Sustainability, D2C





Fund Name	Fund Type	Fund Size	Stage Focus	Sector Focus
ThinKuvate	VC Fund	\$11 Mn	Early Stage	Healthtech, Fintech, IOT, AI/ML, Consumer Tech, Martech
Titan Capital	VC Fund	\$40 Mn	Growth Stage	Consumer internet, D2C, fintech, SaaS, Web3
Trident Growth Partners	VC Fund	Not Available	Growth Stage	Consumer, Financial Services, Enterprise Software & Tech
Trillion Dollar Ventures	VC Fund	\$5.8 Mn	Early Stage	Spirituality Tech, Fintech, Gaming, Creator Economy, Social
Upekkha	Accelerator Fund	\$40 Mn	Early Stage	SaaS, Enterprise Tech
VentureSoul Partners	Debt Fund	\$71.87 Mn	Growth Stage	Fintech, B2C, B2B SaaS
Volt VC	VC Fund	\$5.3 Mn	Early Stage	D2C, B2C, B2B2C
Warmup Ventures	VC Fund	\$35.3 Mn	Early Stage	Deeptech, Climate, Sustainability
Whiteboard Capital	VC Fund	\$35.8 Mn	Early Stage	Sector Agnostic
Yali Capital	VC Fund	\$97 Mn	Early Stage	Deeptech
z21	VC Fund	\$40 Mn	Early Stage	Al, Enterprise Tech, Healthcare
Zeropearl	VC Fund	Not Available	Early Stage	Consumer, GenAl, SaaS





India's Most Active Startup Investors In 2024: A Ranking

Investor Name	Туре	Deal Count
Searce AngelList India	Angel Network/Platform	120
	Venture Debt Firm	76
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	VC/PE Firm	60
BLUME	VC/PE Firm	58
TRIFECTA CAPITAL	Venture Debt Firm	55
	VC/PE Firm	54
an. ventures	VC/PE Firm	51
INFLECTION POINT VENTURES	VC/PE Firm	48
CAPITAL	Venture Debt Firm	45
united in	Angel Network/Platform	42

Source: Inc42

Note: This ranking is based on data consolidated from Inc42's Investor Ranking & Sentiment Surveys [2024 & Q3 2024 edition], and deals recorded in the Inc42 database.

Notable Startups Backed

Ambak, Boba Bhai, Juleo, The Hosteller, Truva, WorkHack, ZuAl

Pharmeasy, Ola Electric, BlueStone, Lohum, Ather Energy

One Card, Ola Electric, Country Delight, Rebel Foods, Haber, Apnamart, Cashfree

Terractive, Kilrr, Felicity Games, Emomee, Boba Bhai,

Interview Kickstart, Optimo, Clientell, Bambrew, Lightfury Games

Kaleidofin, KISSHT, Even, Vetic, Hygenco

The Naturik Co, Zafo, Zircle, Orbit Wallet, OpenLeaf, many more

Plan B, CredoHire, Urban Farms, Snap E, Agrilectric

Snap-E Cabs, REGRIP, Palette Brands, Glamplus

Bluestone, Ather, BharatPe, Infra.Market, Rebel foods

Grip Invest, Galaxeye, Big Bang Boom Solutions, Bluwheelz, Pantherun



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Investor Name	Туре	Deal Coun
blacks	Venture Debt Firm	39
NTLER	VC/PE Firm	37
	Accelerator/Incubator	36
Venture Catalysts** India's 1 st Multi-Stage VC	Accelerator/Incubator	33
JITO INCUBATION & INNOVATION FOUNDATION	Angel Network/Platform	28
P peak xv	VC/PE Firm	24
REALTIMX ANGEL FUND	Angel Network/Platform	22
digital nation building	VC/PE Firm	21
ELEVATION	VC/PE Firm	20
IVY Growth Associates	Angel Network/Platform	20
Accel	VC/PE Firm	19
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Notable Startups Backed nt

Celebal, Ankura Hospitals, Batterysmart

Namma Yatri, Cautio, Houseeazy, Meine Electric, Freshcon

eMines, SaaM Drones, Nitro, Marcos Gaming, Lawyered, Hippo Innovations

SmartJoules, Skye Air Mobility, Butterfly Learnings, CoRover

Jewelbox, Alyf, Heliware, Zevo, Elixia, Zintlr

Atlan, Lyskraft, Ethereal Machines, Atlys, BlueStone

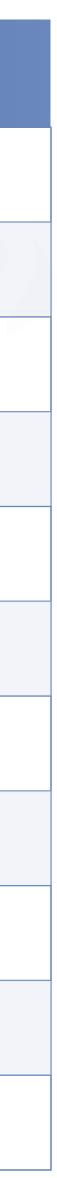
CargoFL, Wherehouse, Mymandi, Mentorkart, Beautywise

Ola Krutrim, Foxtale, Rocketlane, Neysa, Atomicwork

Nanonets, Sprinto, UnifyApps, Wishlink

Nasher Miles, Recur Club, Wyld, CricHeroes, Regrip, Nojoto

Nanonets, Sprinto, Stanza Living, Testsigma





Investor Name	Туре	Deal Count
Indian Angel Network®	VC/PE Firm	19
TITAN CAPITAL	VC/PE Firm	19
ALLIN	VC/PE Firm	18
HU⊅⊳LE	VC/PE Firm	18
WeFounderCircle Funding I Business I Community	VC/PE Firm	18
ANICUT	VC/PE Firm	17
IndiaQuotient	VC/PE Firm	17
info edge	CVC/ Corporate	17
J 30NE4 CAPITAL	VC/PE Firm	15
finvolve	VC/PE Firm	15
Lightspeed	VC/PE Firm	15
Marwari Catalysts India's Fastest Growing Startup Accelerator	Accelerator/Incubator	15

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Notable Startups Backed

Dhruva Space, Serigen, Althion, Lamark, Adya.ai

InPrime Finserv, Neodocs, Boba Bhai, LetsDressUp

Ioniq, Optionbase, Spill Games, Med Mitra, Taakat hunger bar

Litestore, GreenGrahi, Oncare, True Diamond, Asaya

Settl, EcoRatings, Bharatsure, Kyari

The Ayurveda Experience, Grip Invest, Zingavita

Convin, Llumo AI, Blitz, Distil

Buyeazzy, Bluestone, Clean Electric, Gnani.Al

Vidyut Tech, Circuit House Technologies, Elivaas, Scimplifi

STAGE, Inc42, Sunfox, Indrajaal, Cashe

Zepto, Pocket FM, ShareChat, Zyod

Pratap IVF, One Dose, Nostalgia Pages, Leap Ahead India, TURMS, Climekare





Investor Name	Туре	Deal Count
Piper Serica	VC/PE Firm	15
Google for Startups	CVC/ Corporate	15
firesideventures	VC/PE Firm	14
Letsventure	Angel Network/Platform	14
Sidbi VENTURE	Public institution	14
Whiteboard	VC/PE Firm	14
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100 UNICORNS	Accelerator/Incubator	12
Gruhas	VC/PE Firm	12
GVFL	VC/PE Firm	12
Nexus venture partners	VC/PE Firm	12
omnivore	VC/PE Firm	12

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Notable Startups Backed

Freed, OTP Less, Six Sense Mobility, DesignX, Swara Fincare, University Living

Supersourcing, vidyo.ai, Segwise, Kroop Al

Rozana.in, Supertails, Inner Hour, Newme

BluWheelz, DIAL4242, Ghost Kitchens, LoanKuber

NewSpace Research & Technologies, GPS Renewables, The Ayurveda Experience

Mindgrove, Jupiter, DaMENSCH, Supertails

Kushal's, Two Brothers Organic Farm, SolarSquare, Fittr

OTO Capital, Butterfly Learnings, ControlZ, Neodocs

SolarSquare, Matel, Settl, Bummer

Dice, CTPL.IO, Ghost Kitchen

Zepto, Ultrahuman, Rocketlane, Neysa

TartanSense, Sid's Farm, Optimo Loan, Varaha





Investor Name	Туре	Deal Count
SALARPURIA	Family Office	12
35NORTH	VC/PE Firm	11
IIMA VENTURES	Accelerator/Incubator	11
kalaari	VC/PE Firm	11
VOUR CAPITAL	VC/PE Firm	11
BÉCORE Venture Advisors Enabling Access to Financial Success	Angel Network/Platform	10
British International Investment	Public institution	10
VENTURES	VC/PE Firm	10
Endiya	VC/PE Firm	10
IvyCap _{Ventures}	VC/PE Firm	10
Mumbai Angels A 360 ONE Company	Angel Network/Platform	10
seafund	VC/PE Firm	10

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Notable Startups Backed

Homelane, Inc42, Broadway, NU Republic (Nu world Retail)

Teevra Edutech (SpeedLabs), Tailor Tech (Cloud Tailor), Beshak Solutions

Butterfly Learnings, Morphing Machines, Curelo, Eternz

Agrim, byteXL, Convin, kindlife.in

DeepMatrix, QPi Al, EtherealX, Induz, Leanworx, Superfone

ADITUS, Recyclekart, Better Way Living

Capatin Fresh, Battery Smart, ChargeZone

Fibe, Rentomojo, MyScoot, ClaimBuddy

Sigtuple, Nkure, Mylo, Myelin Foundry, Altiushub

Beatoven.ai, Celcius, Dhruva Space, Icanheal

Big Bang Boom Solutions, ReCircle, Dhruva Space, Bambrew

Saanchiconnect, Finsall, Redwing Labs, consint.ai, swapp design





Investor Name	Туре	Deal Coun
$\mathop{\mathrm{TDV}}_{\mathrm{Partners}}$	VC/PE Firm	10
The Chennai Angels Nuturing Passion, Mentoring Success	Angel Network/Platform	10
UNICORN INDIA VENTURES	VC/PE Firm	10
kalaari	VC/PE Firm	10
CONSUMER PARTNERS	VC/PE Firm	9
MEOM	VC/PE Firm	9
TEMASEK	VC/PE Firm	9
	Family Office	8
AUM Ventures	VC/PE Firm	8
BEENEXT	VC/PE Firm	8
JUNGLe	VC/PE Firm	8

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Notable Startups Backed nt

Eternz, Marrfa, Vecros, SalarySe, Srimandir

Jollee, Letsdressup, KNP Arise, Kreedo

Venttup, Vodex, Eyerov, Pelocal, Qubehealth

kindlife, Clean Electric, Convin, LXME

Power Gummies, Ugaoo, Go Zero, GO DESi

Pienomial, MerlinAl.co, Budy.bot, Highperformr, Zepic

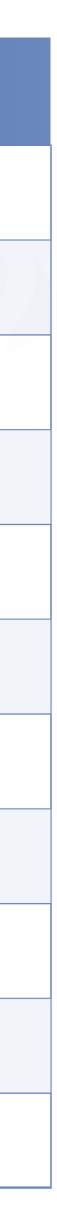
Rebel Foods, UpGrad, Lenskart, Pharmeasy

Fiona Diamonds, 1 Digital sTACK, Sisir Radar

Newme, Validus Fintech, Sharing Shakti, Llumo

First Coffee, Scimplifi, Haber

Vayana Network, RED.Health, Walko





Investor Name	Туре	Deal Cou
PRIME VENTURE PARTNERS	VC/PE Firm	8
Sharrp Ventures	Family Office	8
SILVERNEEDLE V E N T U R E S	VC/PE Firm	8
Stellaris VENTURE PARTNERS	VC/PE Firm	8
aws	CVC/ Corporate	8
ajvc	VC/PE Firm	7
ARISE VENTURES	VC/PE Firm	7
AXIL R WHERE INNOVATION MEETS EXECUTION	VC/PE Firm	7
HA Hyderabad Angels Value Beyond Capital	Angel Network/Platform	7
THE INVESTMENT TRUST OF INDIA GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES FUND	VC/PE Firm	7
khosla ventures	VC/PE Firm	7
Y Combinator	Accelerator/Incubator	7

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Notable Startups Backed unt

Elchemy, Punch, PlanetSpark

Purplle, CureSkin, The Good Bug, Zouk

Dhruva Space, Zvolv, SuperK, Onfinance, Hypergro

Turno, GTM Buddy, Nestasia, Zouk

unScript.ai, Phot Ai, NeuralGarage

In Stealth - will be announced in early 2025.

Assiduus, Outdoor Goats, Streamingo.ai, CoreFactors, Inc 42

Alyve Health, Metalbook, Wiz Freight

OTO, LetsEV, NOTO Icecreams, Blucopa, Skippi

Grip, Fasal, Coffeee.io, ReelSaga, CureSkin

HealthifyMe, Zetwerk, Even, CureSkin

SuperKalam, Orange Health Labs, Vahan





Investor Name	Туре	Deal Count
advantedge	VC/PE Firm	6
C athera VENTURE PARTNERS	VC/PE Firm	6
BlueHill c a p i t a	VC/PE Firm	6
	VC/PE Firm	6
GEMBA CAPITAL LISTEN · INVEST · NURTURE	VC/PE Firm	6
III peer capital	VC/PE Firm	6
rtp global	VC/PE Firm	6
SAAMA	VC/PE Firm	6
sauce.vc	VC/PE Firm	6
SPECIALE INVEST	VC/PE Firm	6
V E N T U R E S	VC/PE Firm	5
жНg	VC/PE Firm	5

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Notable Startups Backed

Zeno Moto, Electrifi Mobility, Moonrider, Ambak, Supernova

Ati Motors, Terra, Hyperbots, Clickpost, Cynlr, Billion Hearts

EtherealX, Zebu, Raptee, Plugzmart, AutoNXT

Nitro Commerce, Unikon.ai, NowPurchase

Docube, Eternz, Lightfury,

Fabriclore, Webless, Stupa Analytics, Bidso, Vaaree

Stable Money, Zyod, Two Point O Capital

Mokobara, DaMENSCH, Go Zero, MyMuse India, Supertails

Rockit, Dr. Paws, BabyOrgano, Jollee

Mindgrove, Skydo, CynLr, GalaxEye

Quid Cash, Medulance, The Pant Project, Atomgrid, Ongrid

DO, EZ, BBK, Salty, BT





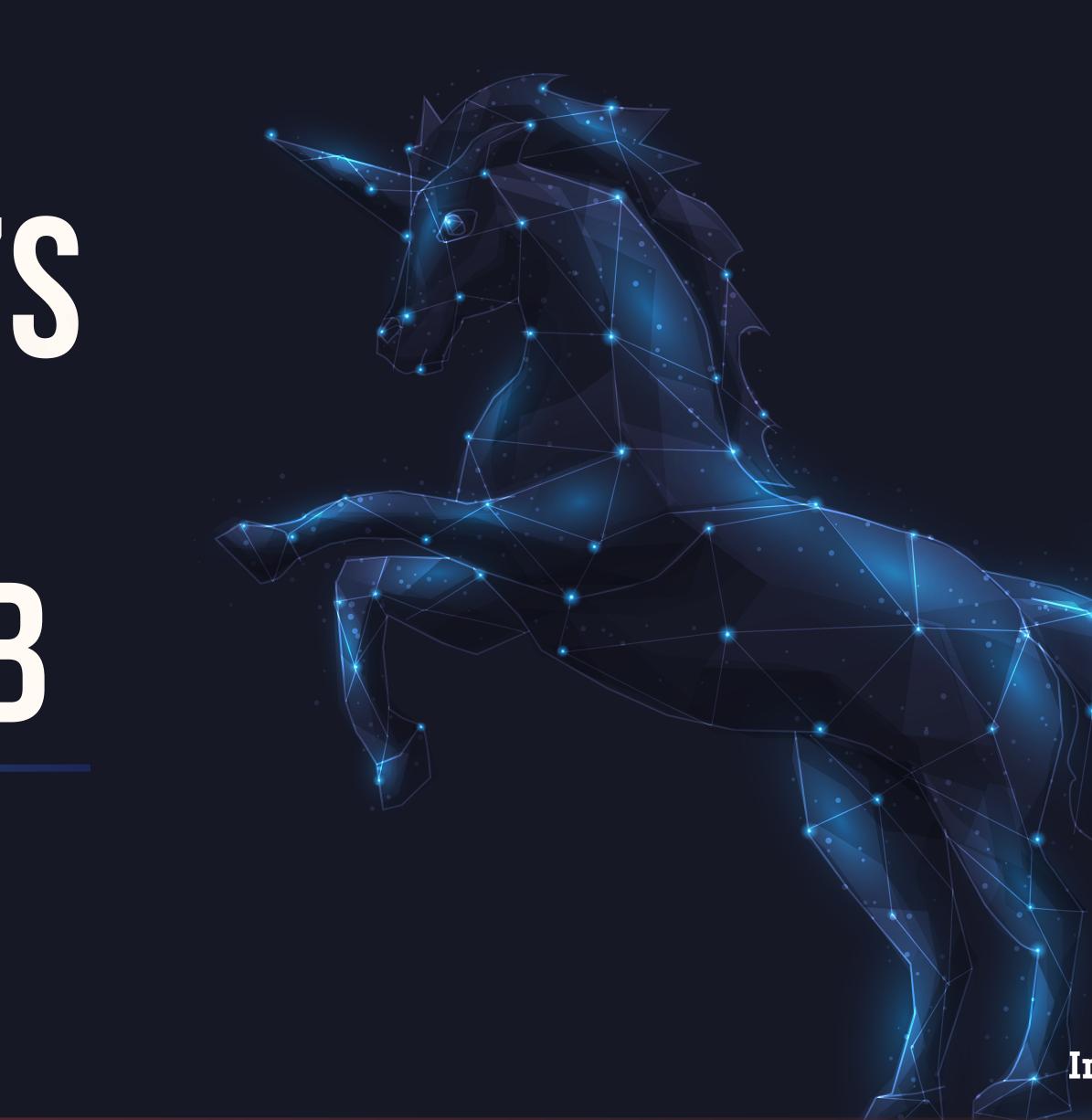
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	Lumikai	VC/PE Firm	5	Mayhem Studios, Frammer Al, Vobble
	<i>T pi</i> Ventures [®]	VC/PE Firm	5	Ahammune Biosciences, Clean Electric, Quanfluence
	Rukam Capital	VC/PE Firm	5	Beco, Assembly, Yoho
	8 [∞] EIGHT ROADS [™]	VC/PE Firm	5	Bhanzu, Fibe, Shadwofax
	ORIOS Venture Partners	VC/PE Firm	4	WickedGud, NowPurchase, Varaha
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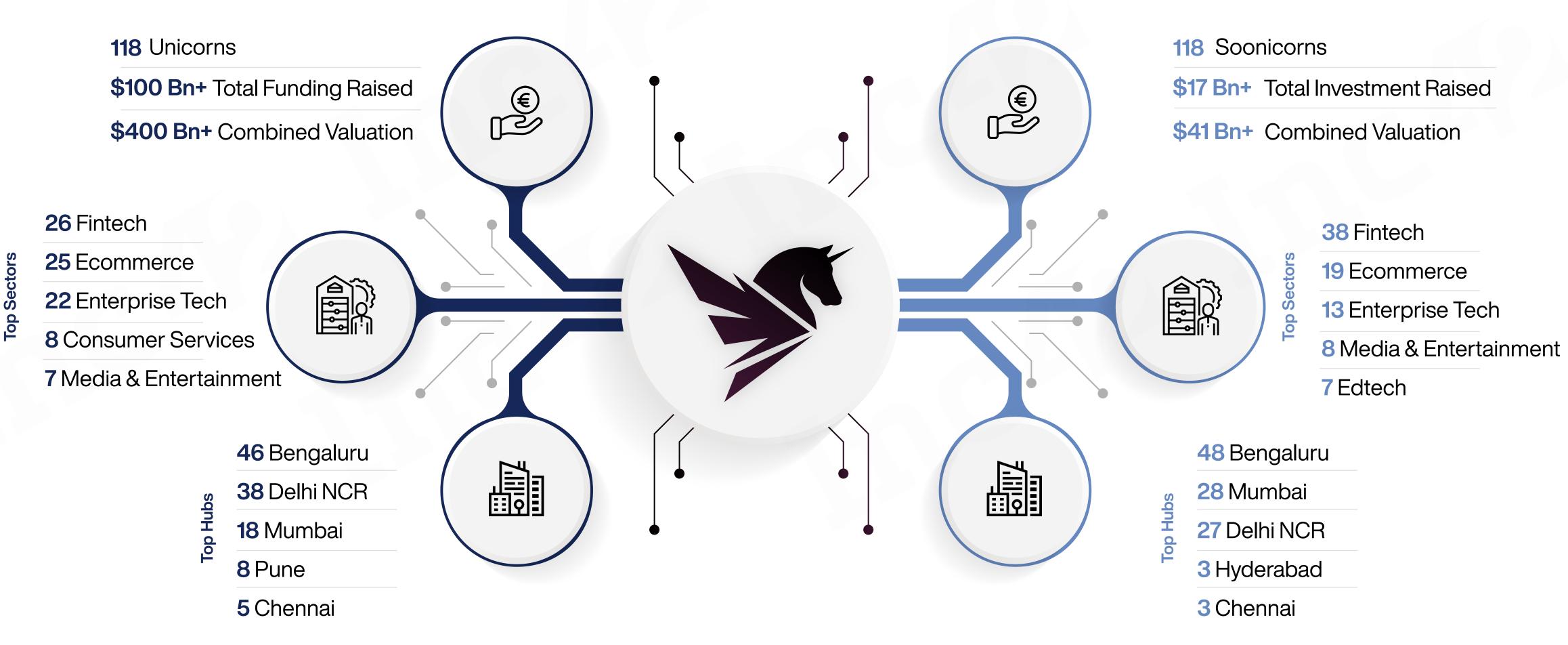








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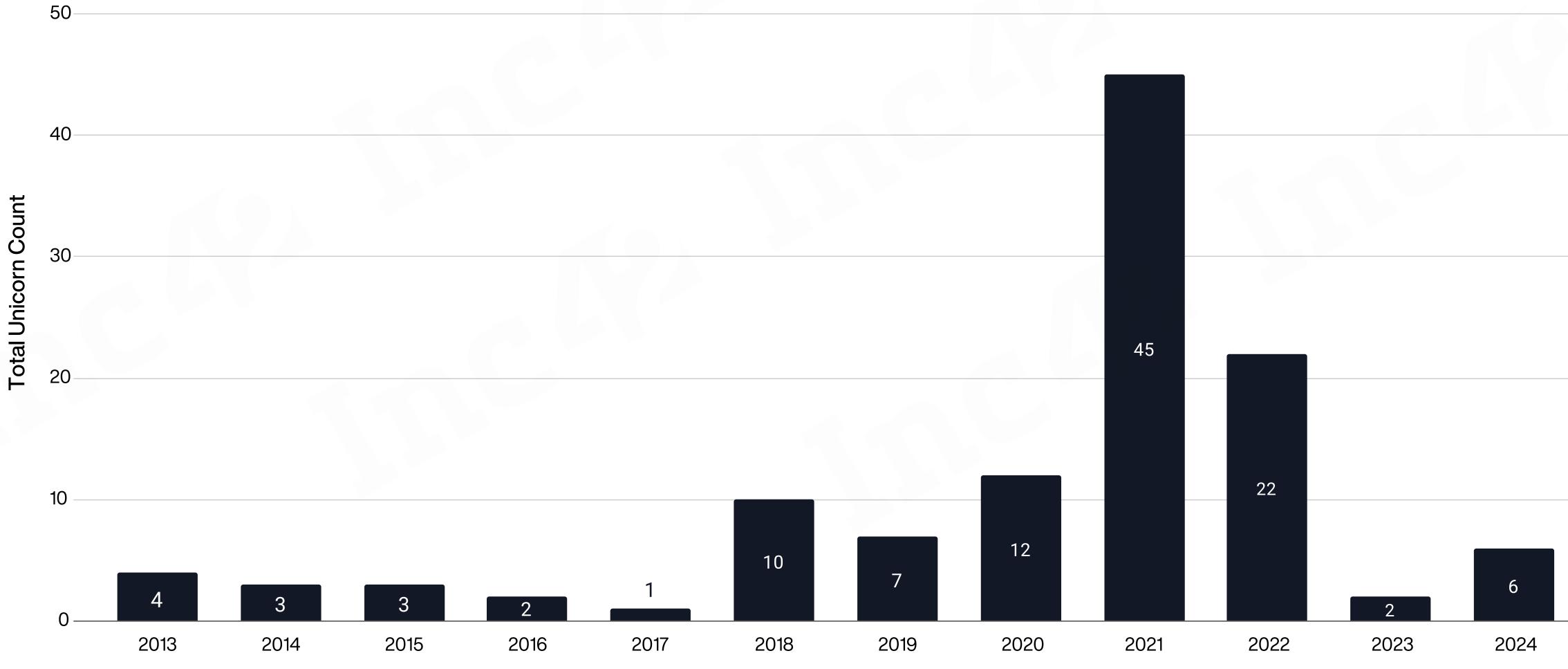
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Note: Unicorn count includes Indian startups that have ever entered the unicorn club Out of the 118 unicorns minted by the Indian startup ecosystem, some of them are currently valued under \$1 Bn, are acquired or listed

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Indian Startup Ecosystem Added Six New Unicorns In 2024

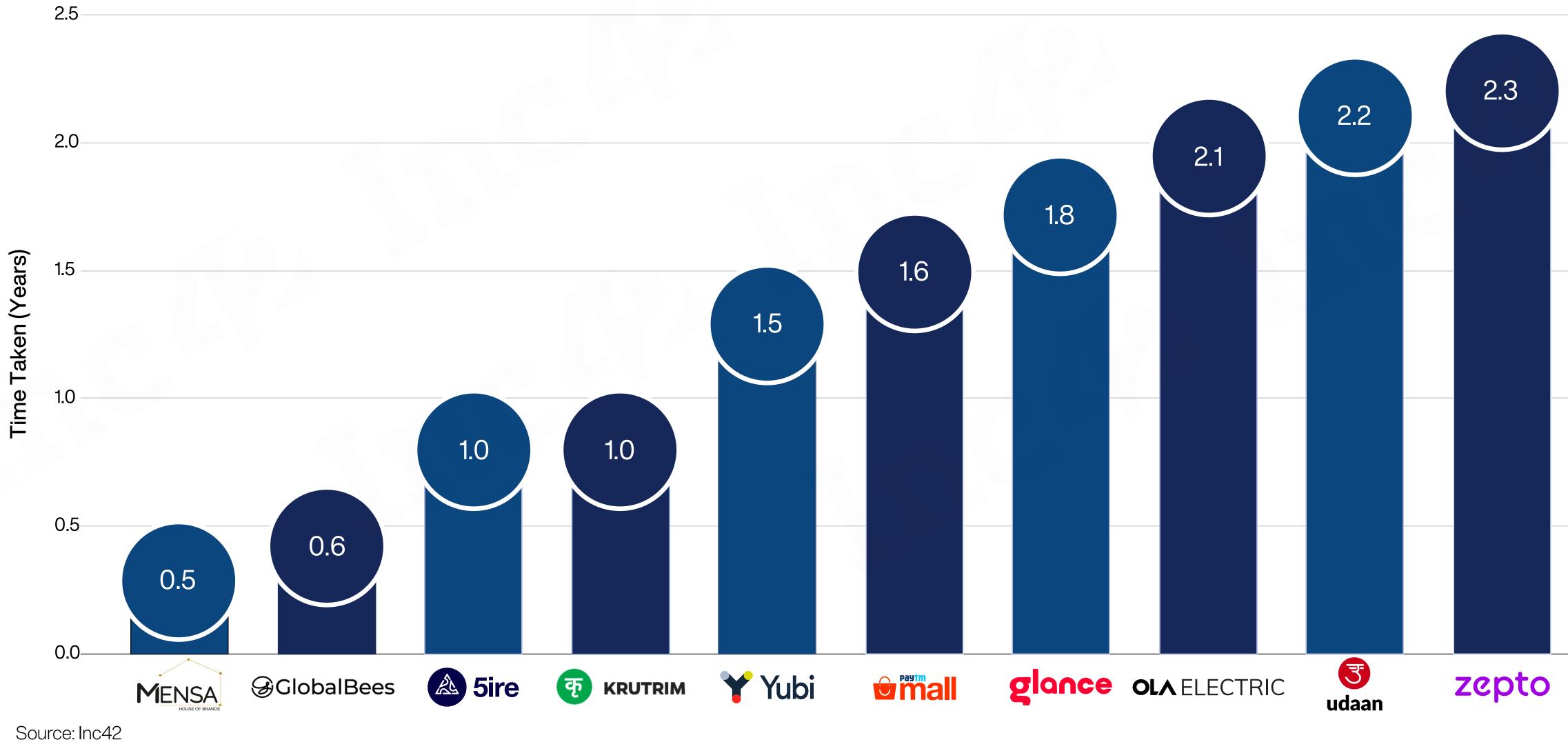
Ather Energy, Krutrim, Moneyview, Perfios, Rapido and Rategain touched \$1 Bn valuation in 2024



Source: Inc42 Note: Zoho is not included in this analysis.

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Top 10 Fastest Unicorns In India



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Unicorn Trajectory: Years to Achieve \$1 Bn+ Valuation



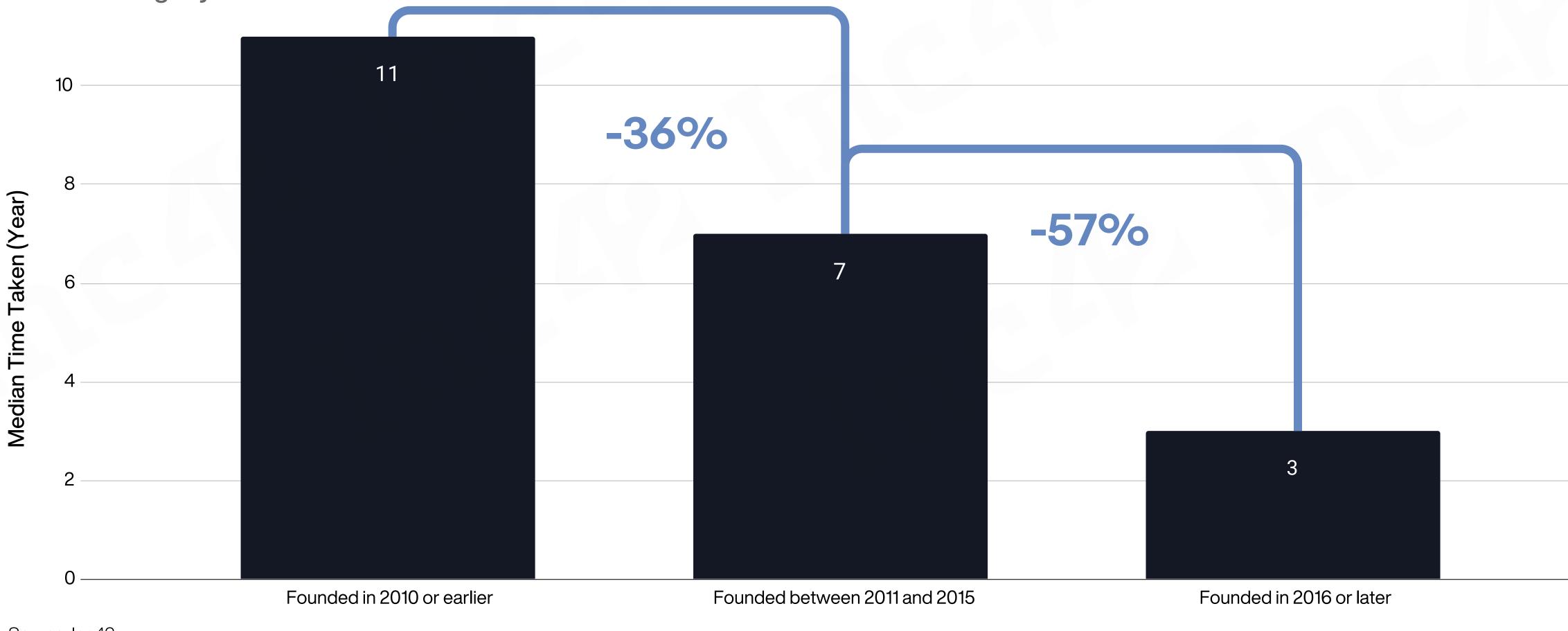
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Fast Lane To Unicorn: Startups Founded Post 2015 Are Crossing \$1 Bn Mark **Faster Than Their Predecessors**

Startups founded in 2010 or earlier typically took 11 years to achieve unicorn status, while those founded in 2016 or later reached this milestone eight years faster



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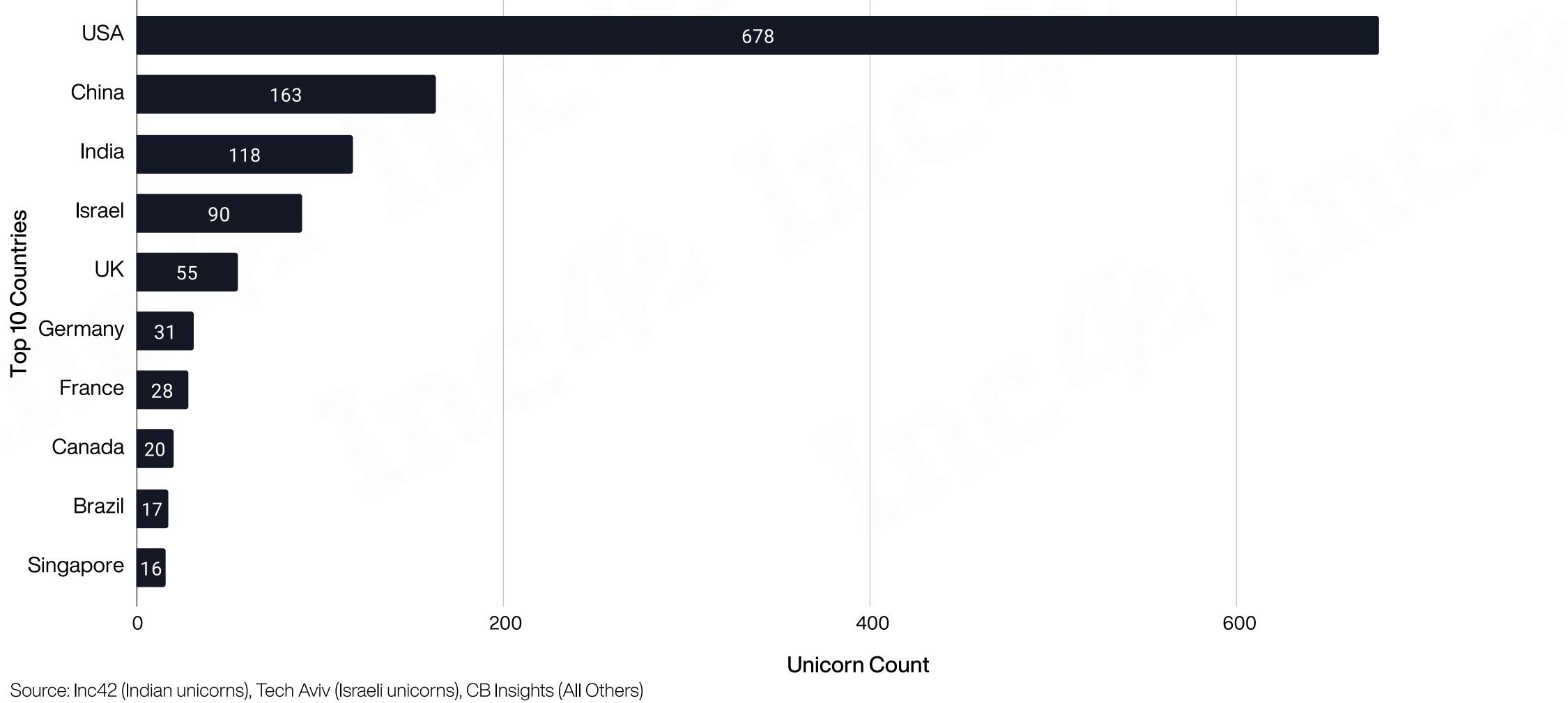
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India Has the Third Highest Number of Unicorns Globally

By 2030 the total number of unicorns in India is estimated to be 250

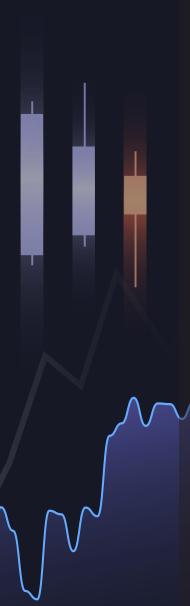






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Key Highlights: Indian Startup IPOs In 2024



Median Gain In Listing Price Across Startup IPOs

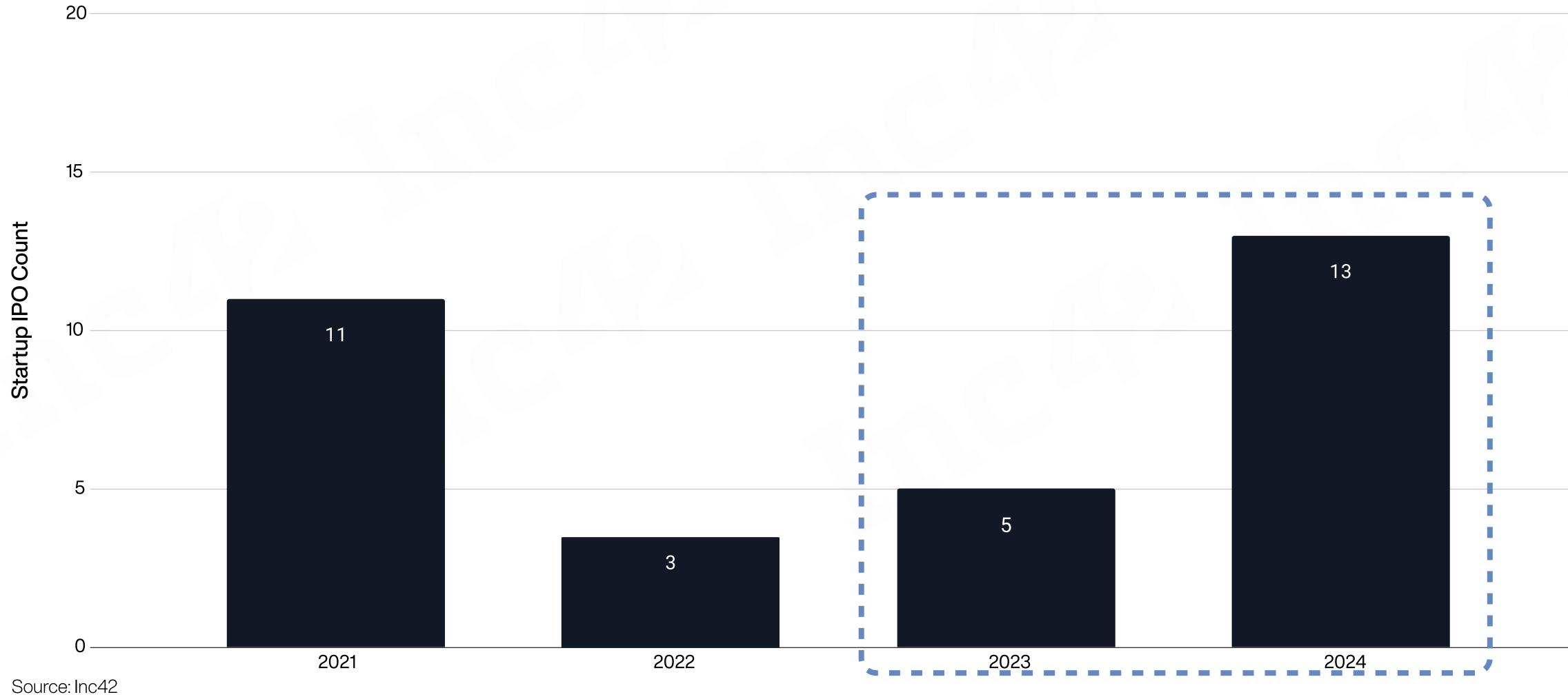


Source: Inc42

Startup IPOs Listed At Profit

New Age Tech IPOs Make A Comeback In 2024

Compared to last year, there is a 2.6x increase in new age tech companies' public listing



2024's IPO Champions: TAC Security Wins SME Board, Unicommerce Rules Mainboard

Name	IPO Size	Issue Price	Listing Price	Listing Change
TAC Security	₹30 Crore	₹106	₹290	174%
Unicommerce	₹277 Crore	₹108	₹230	113%
MobiKwik	₹572 Crore	₹279	₹440	58%
tbo.com TRAVEL SIMPLIFIED	₹1.5K Crore	₹920	₹1380	50%
ixigo	₹740 Crore	₹93	₹135	45%
<u>Jest</u>	₹63 Crore	₹101	₹143	42%
firstory	₹4.2K Crore	₹465	₹625	34%
(ï)erhood°	₹19.4 Crore	₹75	₹96	28%
awfis	₹599 Crore	₹383	₹432	13%
SWIGGY	₹11.3K Crore	₹390	₹420	8%
digit	₹2.6K Crore	₹272	₹281	3%
BLACKBUCK	₹1.1K Crore	₹273	₹280	3%
OLA ELECTRIC	₹6.1K Crore	₹76	₹75.99	0%

Source: Inc42

Note: TAC Security, Trust Fintech, and Menhood are not mainboard IPOs, but are listed on the NSE SME exchange.

New age tech companies in India launched **IPOs worth** ₹29K Cr in 2024







THE PULSE OF TECH INC42'S ANNUAL INVESTOR & FOUNDER SURVEY







The Pulse Of Tech Inc42's Annual Investor Survey 2024: Key Highlights

Investor Confidence

91% of investors are more confident in startup investments in 2025

Growth Stage Priorities

Operating profits are the new north star for Indian growth-stage investors



Al's Enduring Appeal

Al remains a top choice for Indian startup investors in 2025

Policy Effectiveness

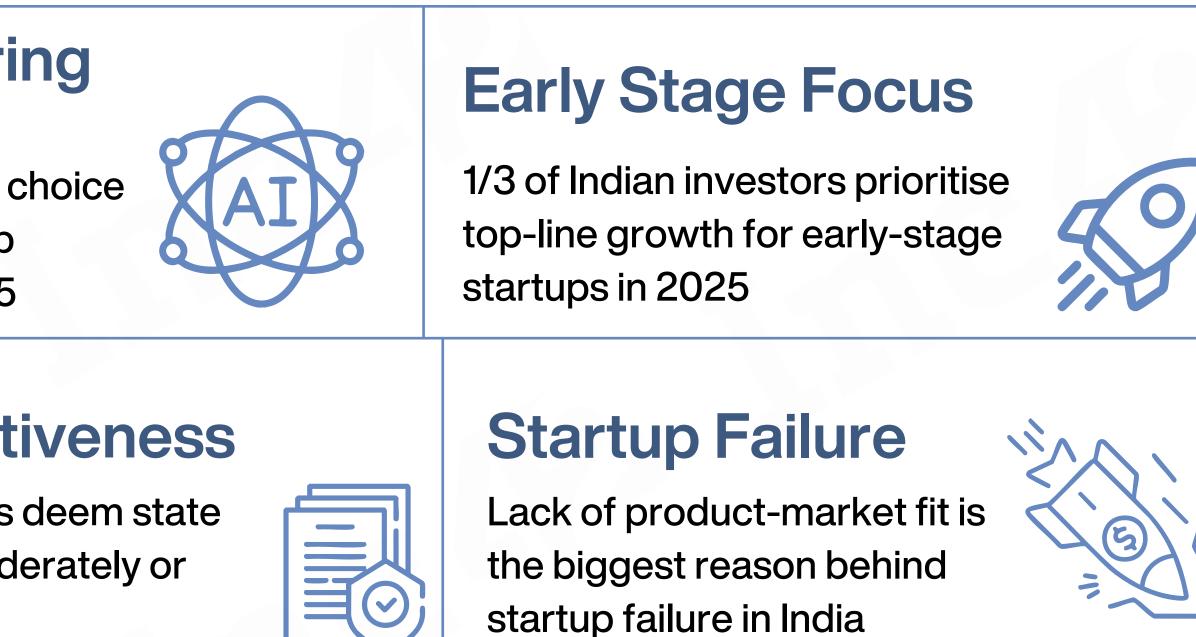
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Reverse Flipping

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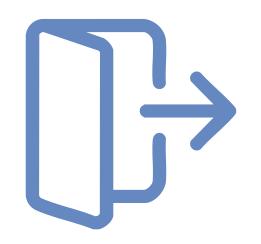


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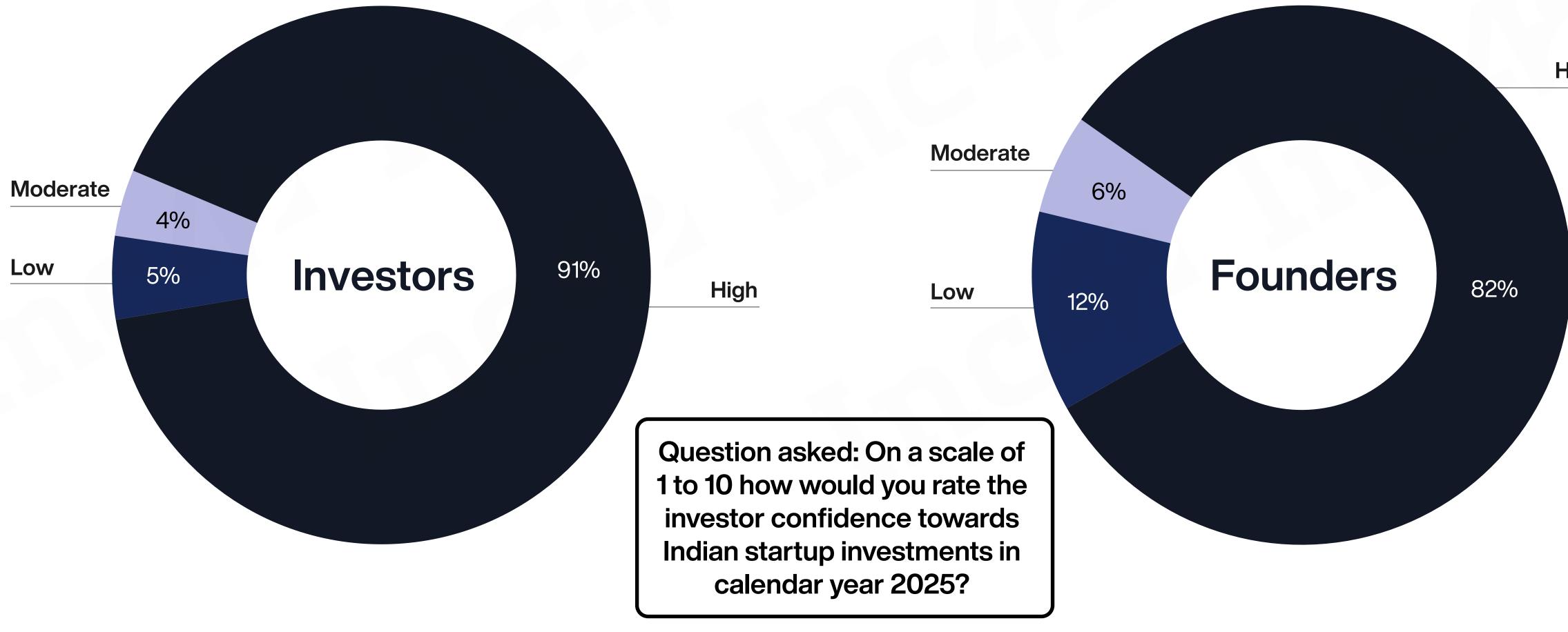
Exit Multiples

2x-5x is the most common exit multiple range for Indian startup investors in 2024



Investors More Optimistic Than Founders About VC Funding In 2025

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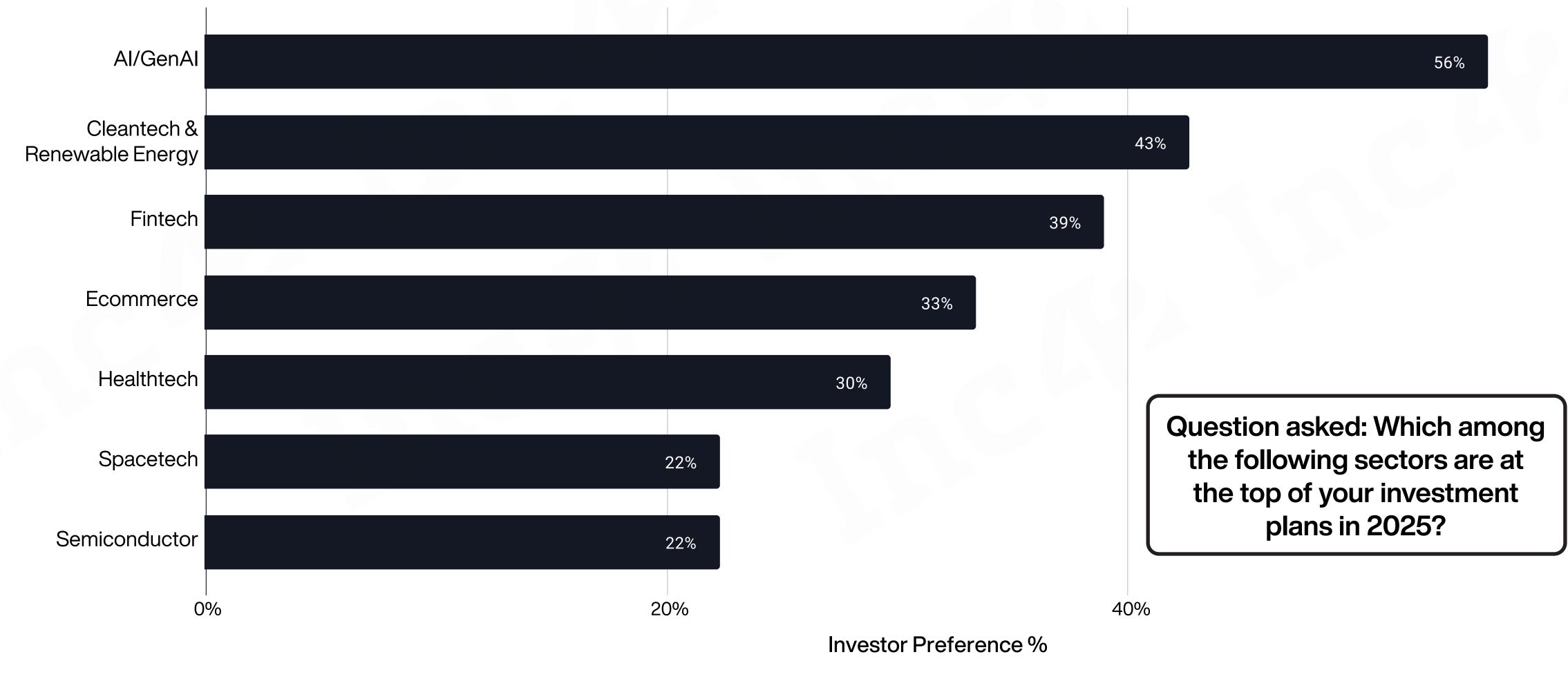
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AI To Remain A Hot Favourite For Startup Investors In 2025

In 2025, we predict investor confidence will largely polarise around vertical AI, applied AI, and AI infrastructure

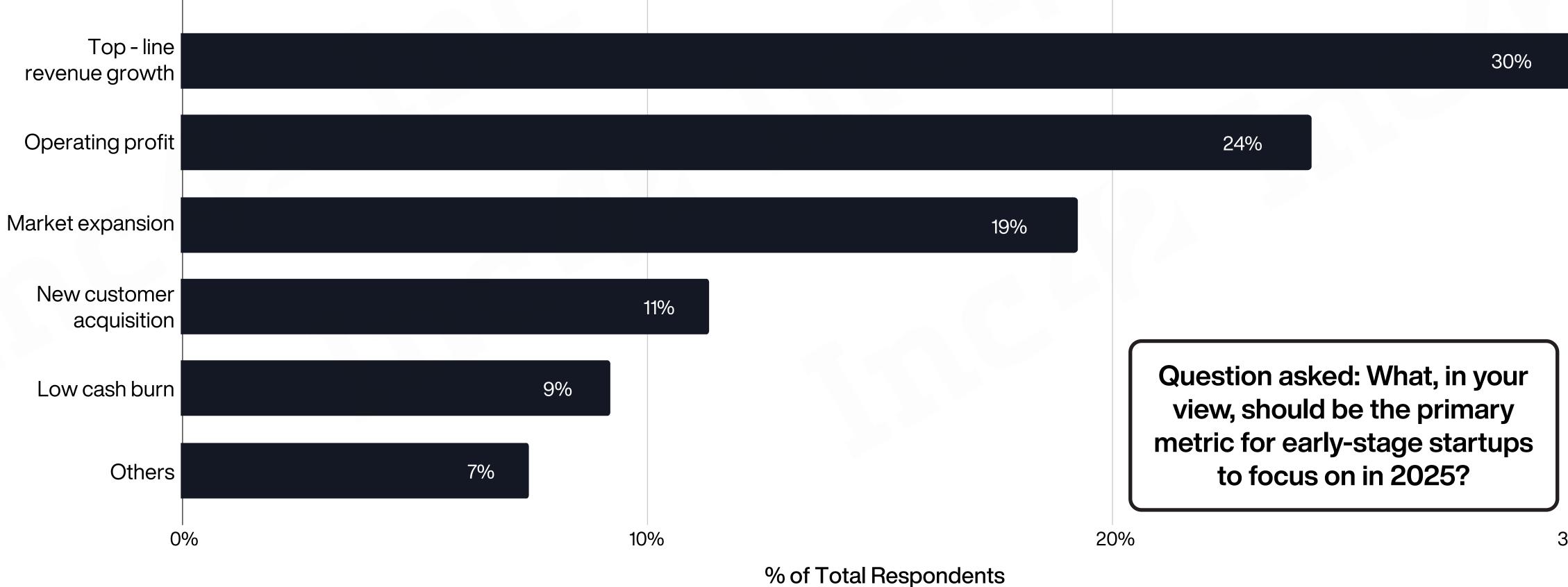


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60%

One Third Of Indian Investors Want Early Stage Startups To Focus On Top Line Growth In 2025

Startups showcasing early profitable business models are gaining investor attention, with operating profit emerging as the second most important factor in investment decisions



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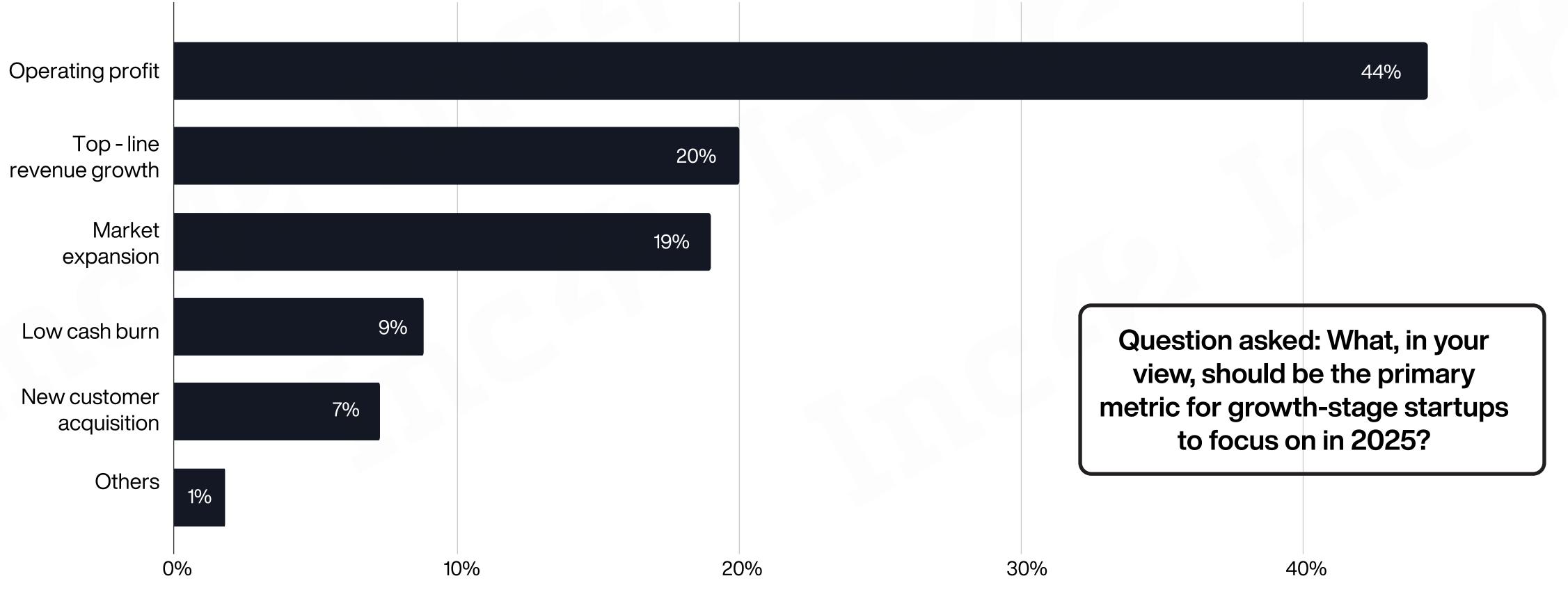


30%



Operating Profits: The New North Star For Indian Growth Stage Startups

For growth-stage investments, operating profit is a crucial factor in evaluating startups, as nearly 50% of investors have indicated it as a key consideration



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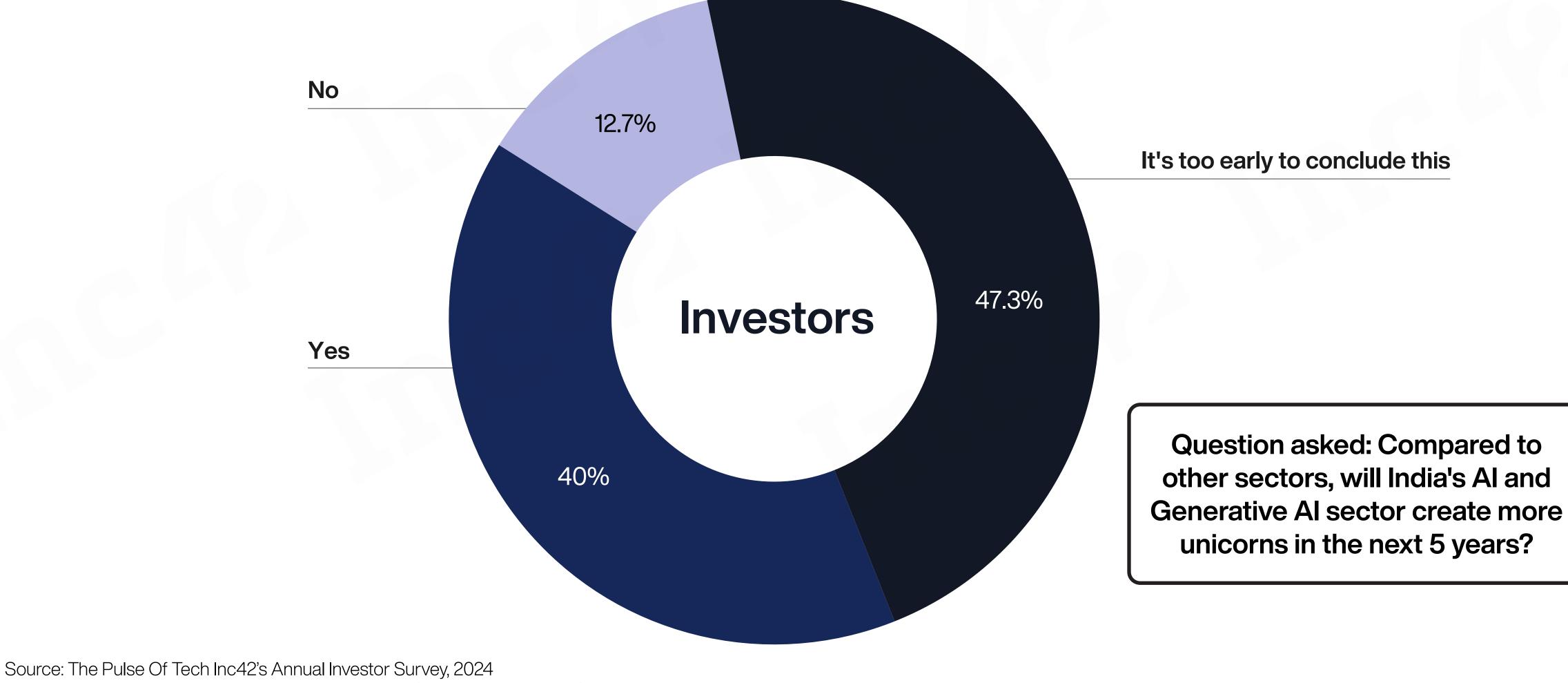
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Will Al Outpace Other Sectors In Creating Unicorns In India?

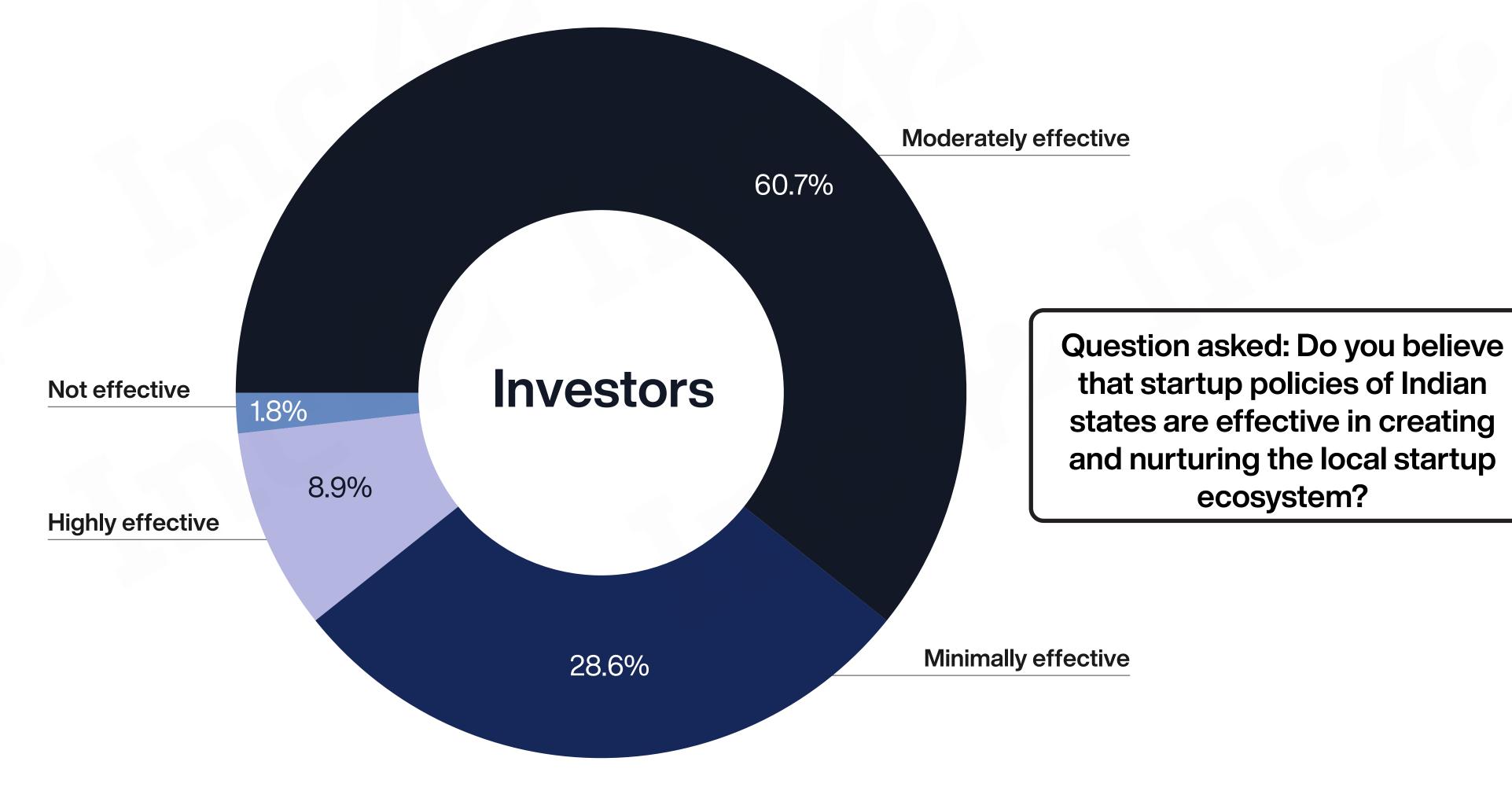
While it's too early to predict AI unicorns, the sector is poised to drive big cheque investments in the ecosystem in 2025



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Majority Investors Find Startup Policies By State Governments Moderately Effective

Nine out of ten investors deem current policies moderately or minimally effective



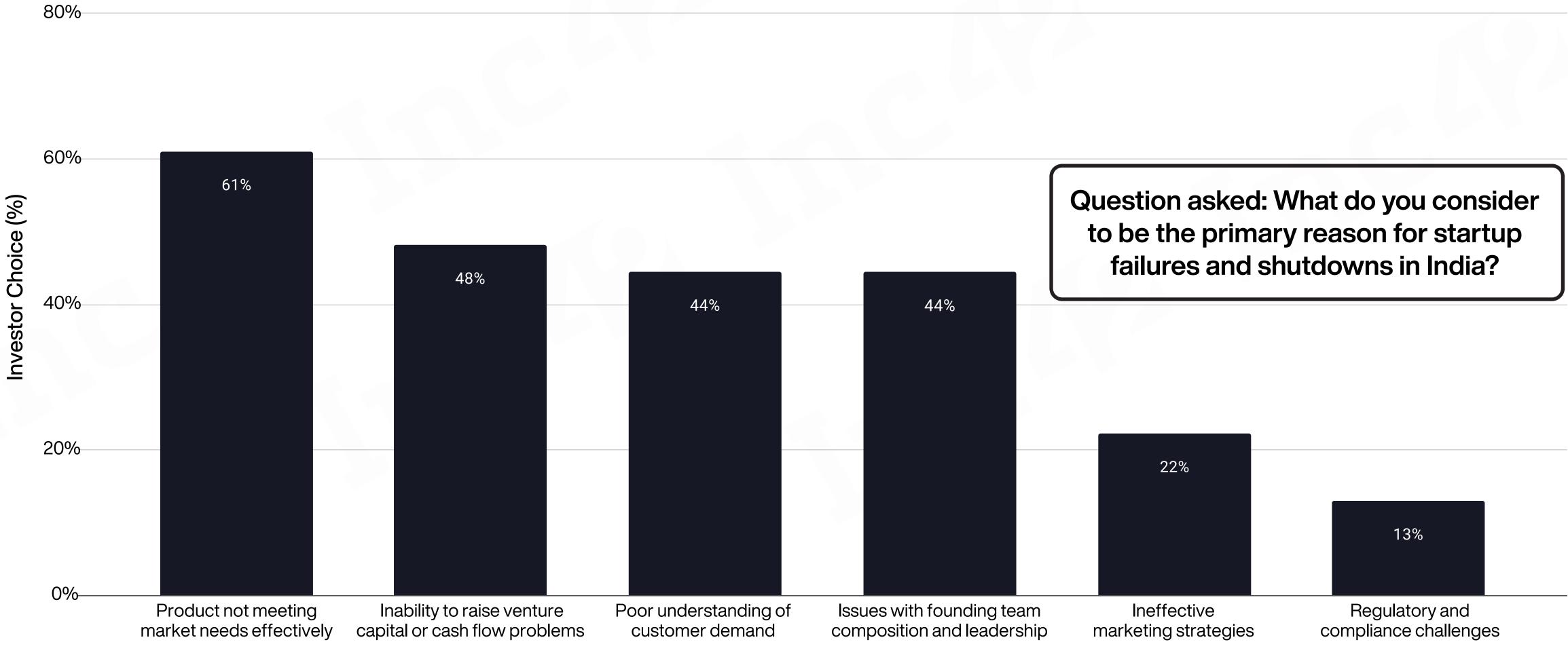
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Lack Of Product Market Fit — The Biggest Reason Behind Startup Failures In India

Lack of product market fit and cash flow issues are the top reasons for startup failures in India, cited by 61% and 48% of investors, respectively



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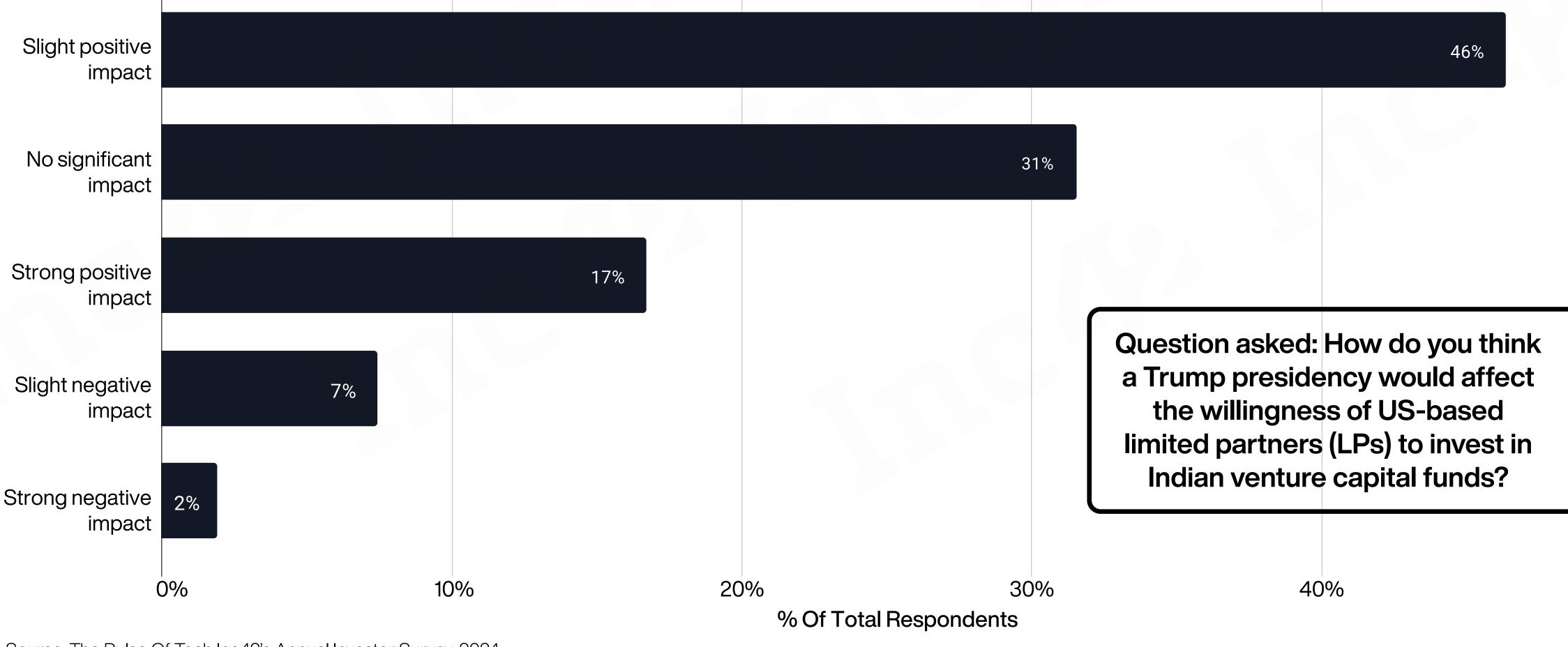




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Indian Investors Embrace Trump Presidency For US Capital Inflow In Indian **VC Funds**

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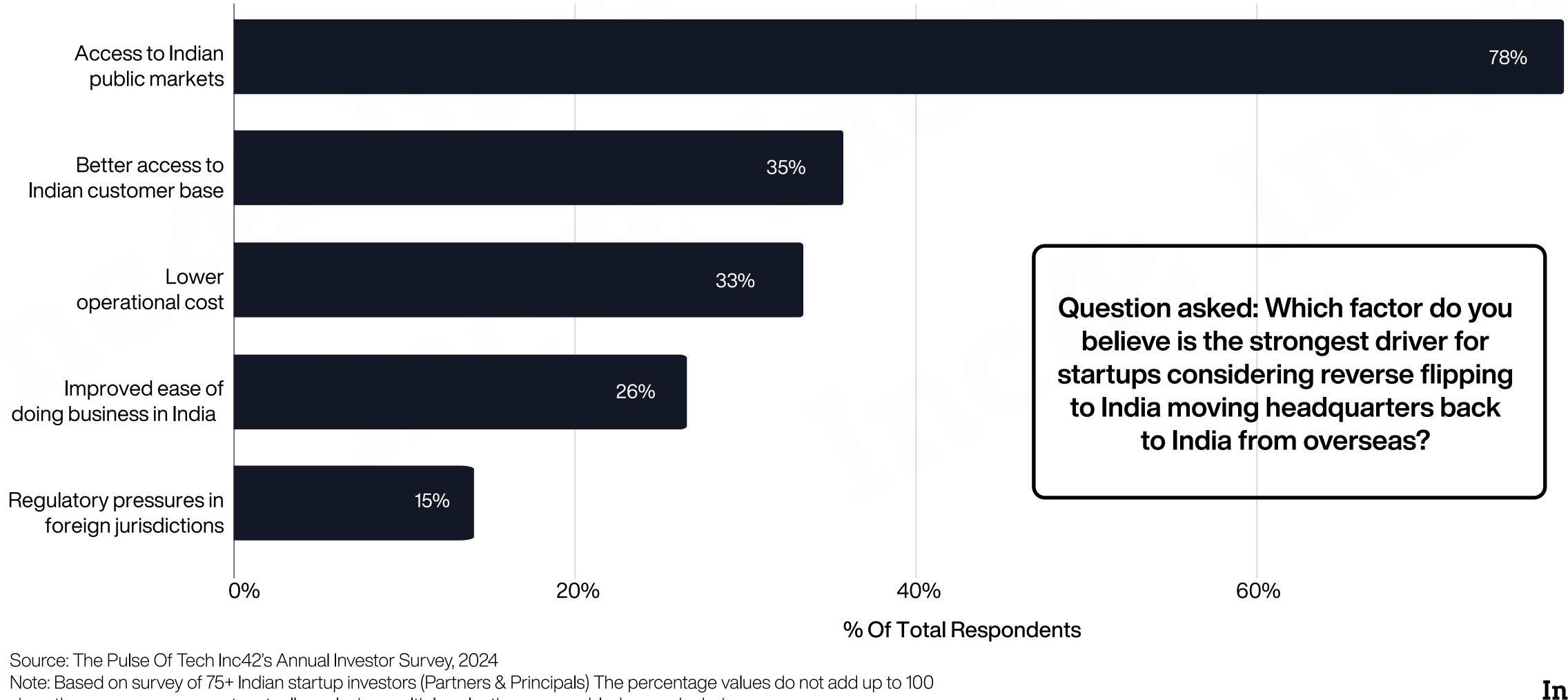






Reverse Flipping: Why Indian Startups Are Moving Back Home

Eight out of ten Indian investors say access to the Indian public market is the key reason for the return of Indian startups to their home country



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The Pulse Of Tech Inc42's Annual Founder Survey, 2024: Key Highlights

Ad Spend Boost

1/3 of Indian startups plan to increase ad spend by 50%



Startup Failure

Inability to understand customer demand is the primary reason behind startup failures in India

GenAl Impact

Marketing & Sales functions will be most impacted by GenAl adoption



Secondary Deals

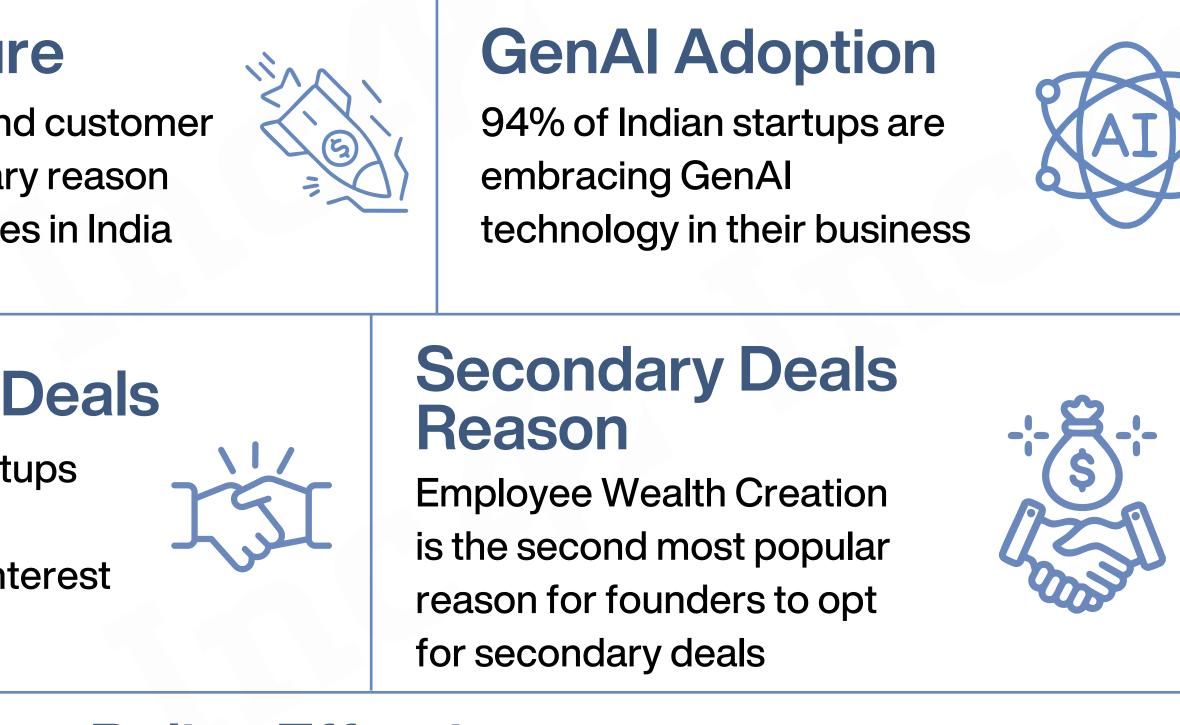
60% of Indian startups report an uptick in secondary deals interest

Appraisal Target

11-15% is the target appraisal range for next fiscal year



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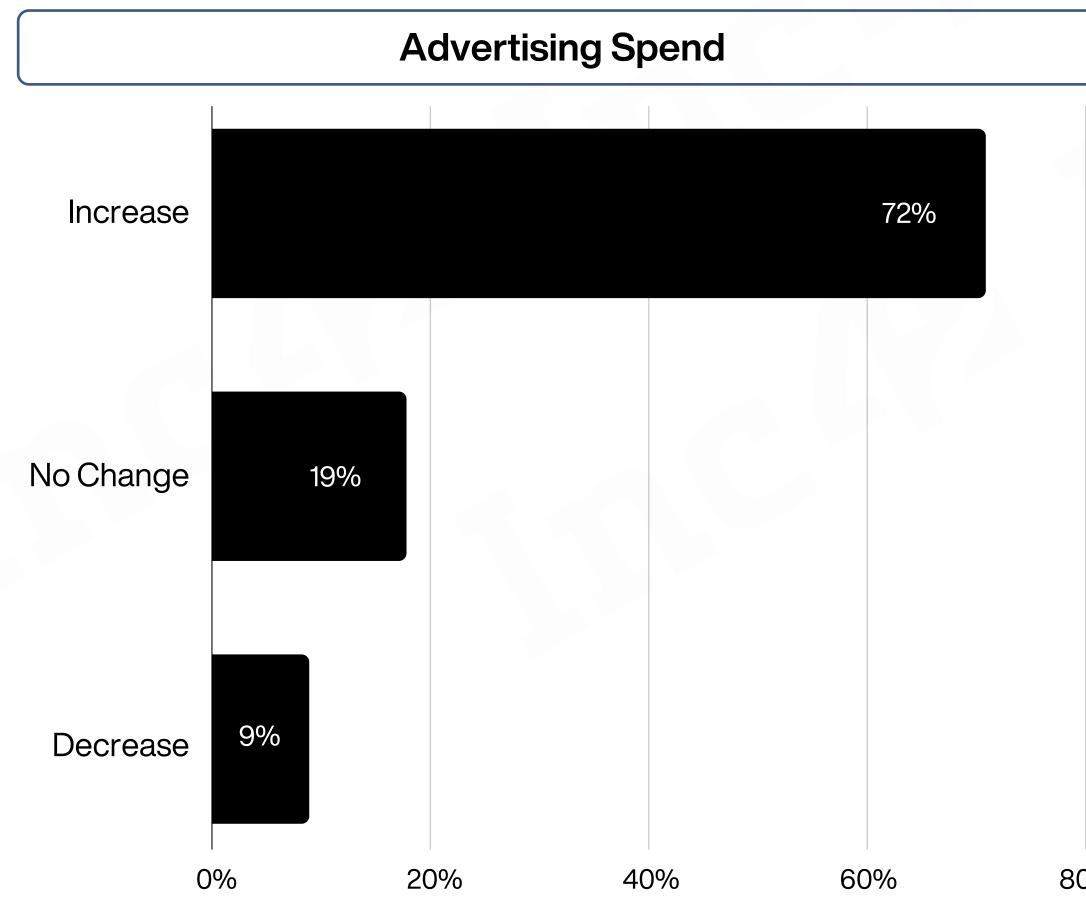
Policy Effectiveness

7 out of 10 founders deem state startup policies moderately or minimally effective



Ad & IT Spend On The Rise: Over 70% Of Indian Startup Founders Plan To Boost Budget In 2025

More than one-third of Indian startups plan to boost ad spend by 50%, IT budget by 11-25%

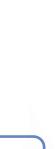


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IT Spend Increase 72% No Change 21% Question asked: In FY26, do you intend on increasing or decreasing your advertising/IT budget? 7% Decrease 80% 0% 20% 40% 60%













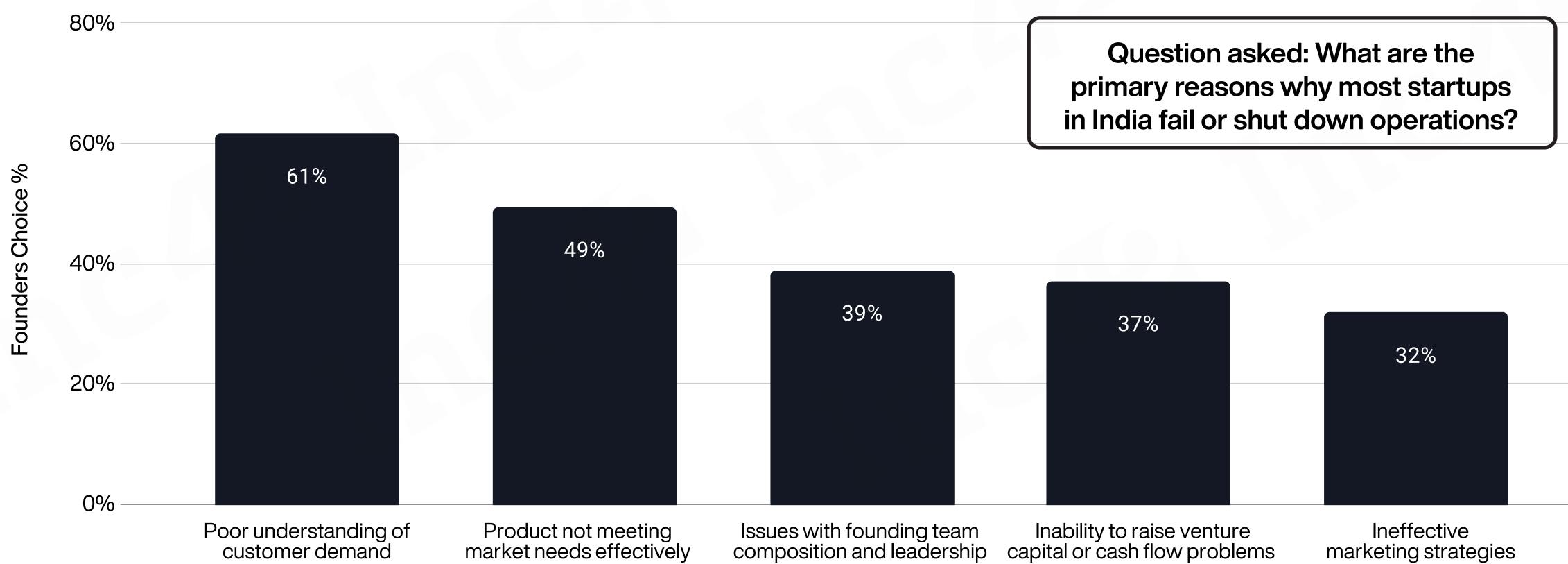




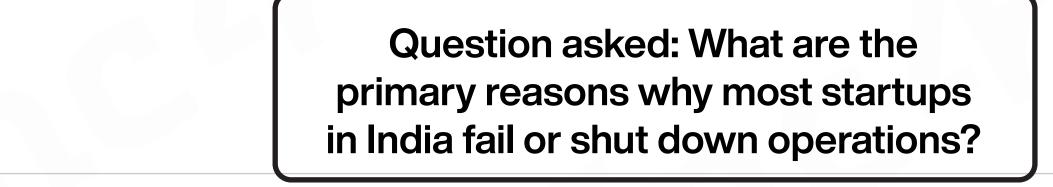


Indian Startups Fail Due To Poor Understanding Of Customer Demand

Almost two-thirds of Indian founders point to customer demand misunderstanding as the primary cause of startup failures

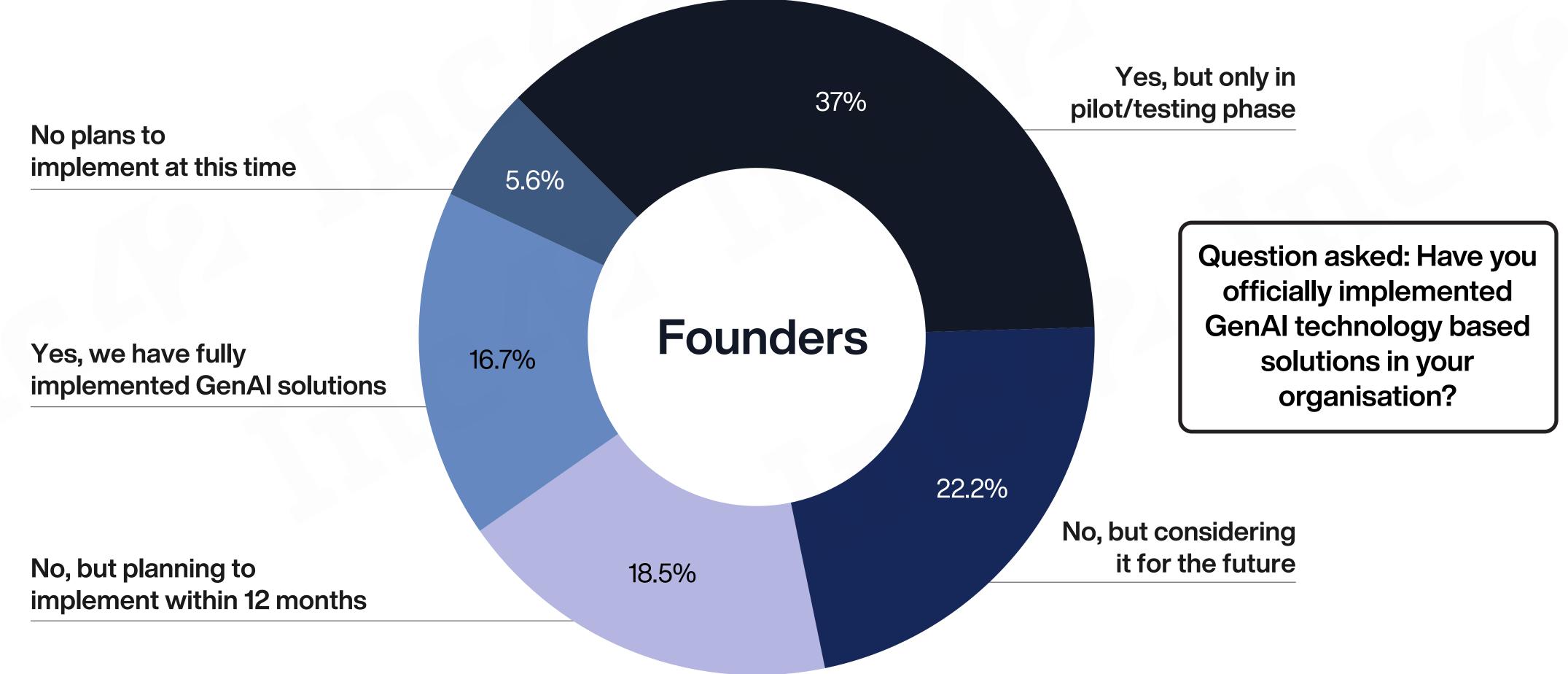


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Over One Third Of Indian Startup Founders Are Piloting GenAl In Their Business

The vast majority of new ventures (94%) are embracing GenAl, a testament to its widespread adoption

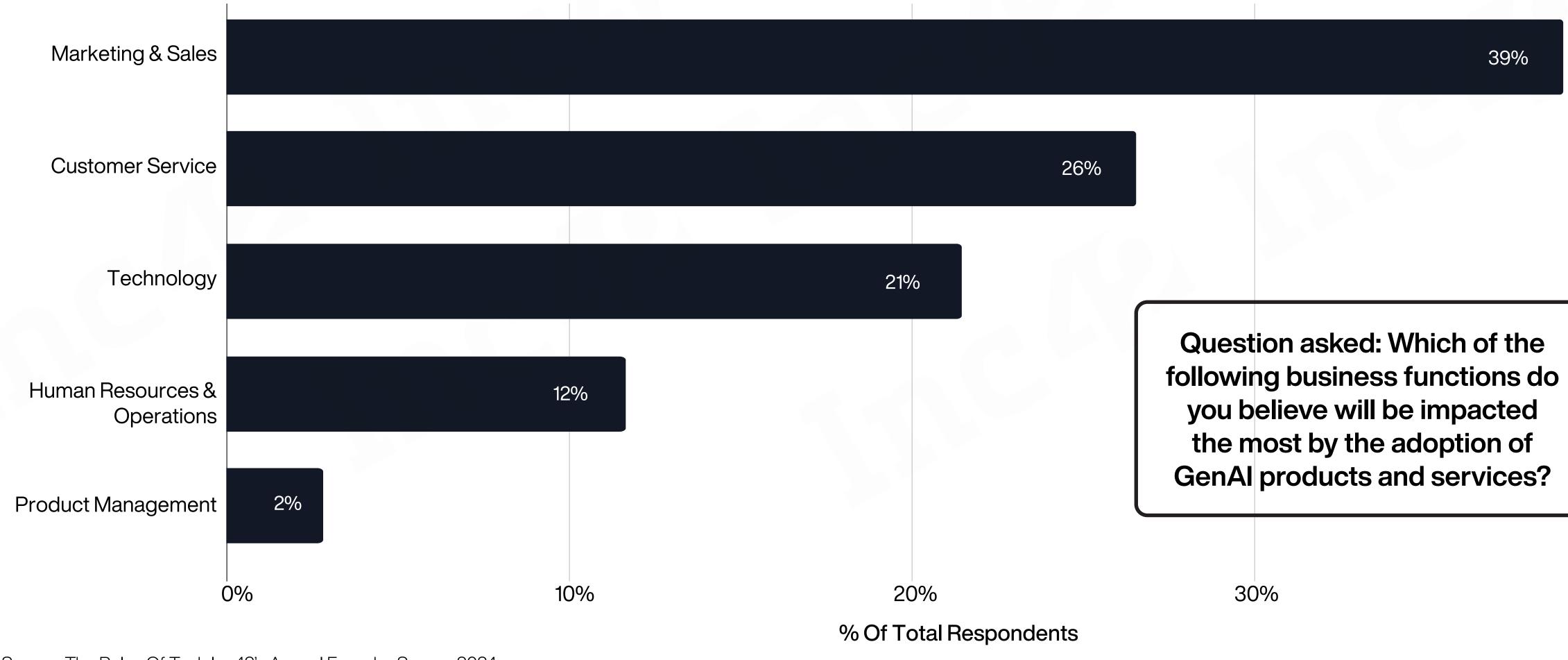


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GenAl Poised To Disrupt Marketing And Sales Functions In Indian Startups

Customer service comes in as the second most likely area for AI upheaval, a quarter of founders foresee chatbots and AI assistants taking over traditional support roles



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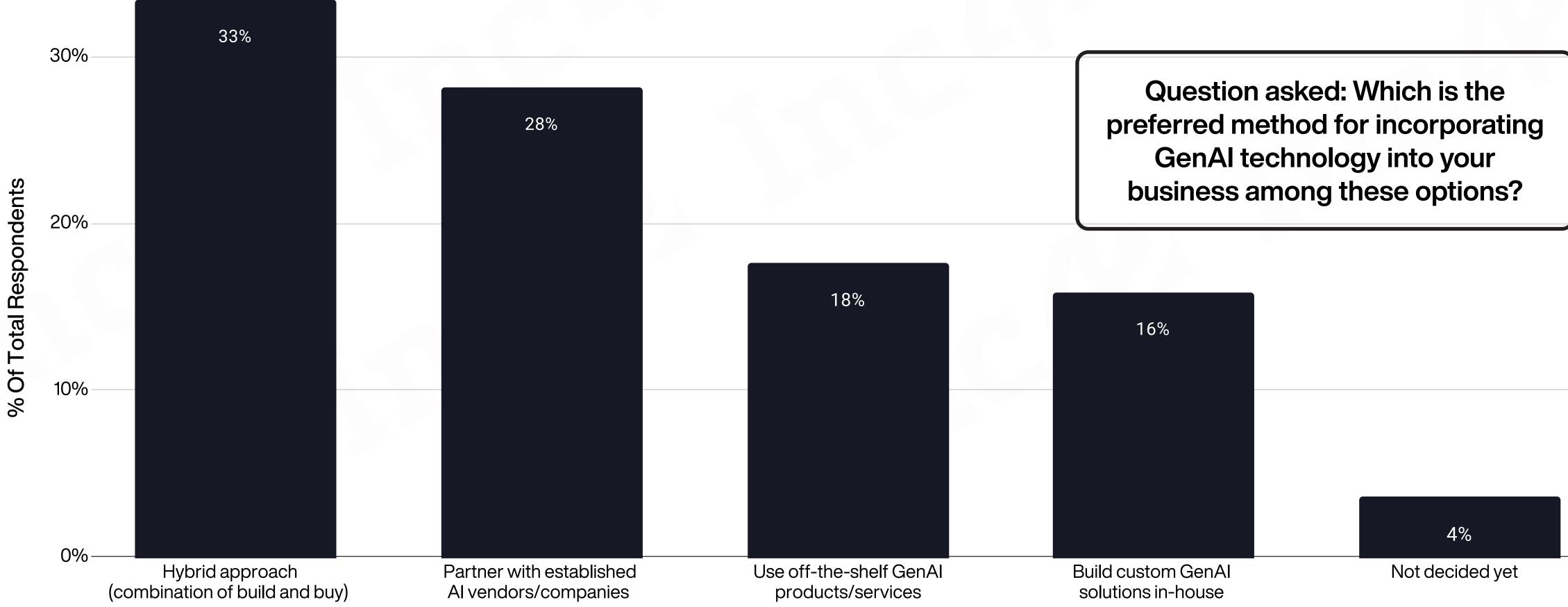






Indian Startups Opt For A Hybrid Approach To Leverage GenAl Solutions

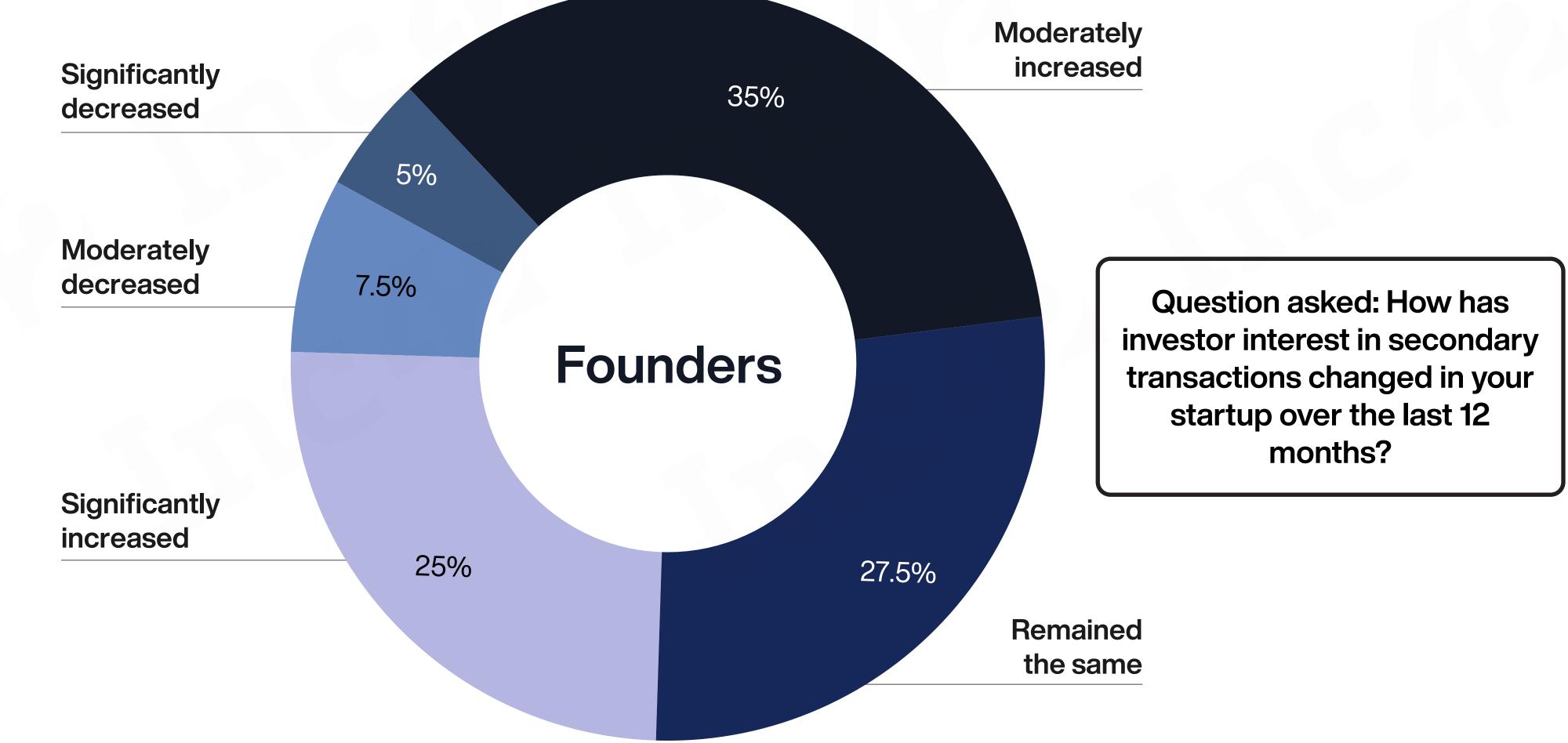
Only 16% of startups have in-house capabilities to address custom GenAl solutions, highlighting the complexity and resource demands of such an undertaking



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60% Of Indian Startups See Uptick In Secondary Deal Interest In 2024

The vast majority of founders, report an uptick in secondary deal interest, suggesting investors are rather keen on established startups

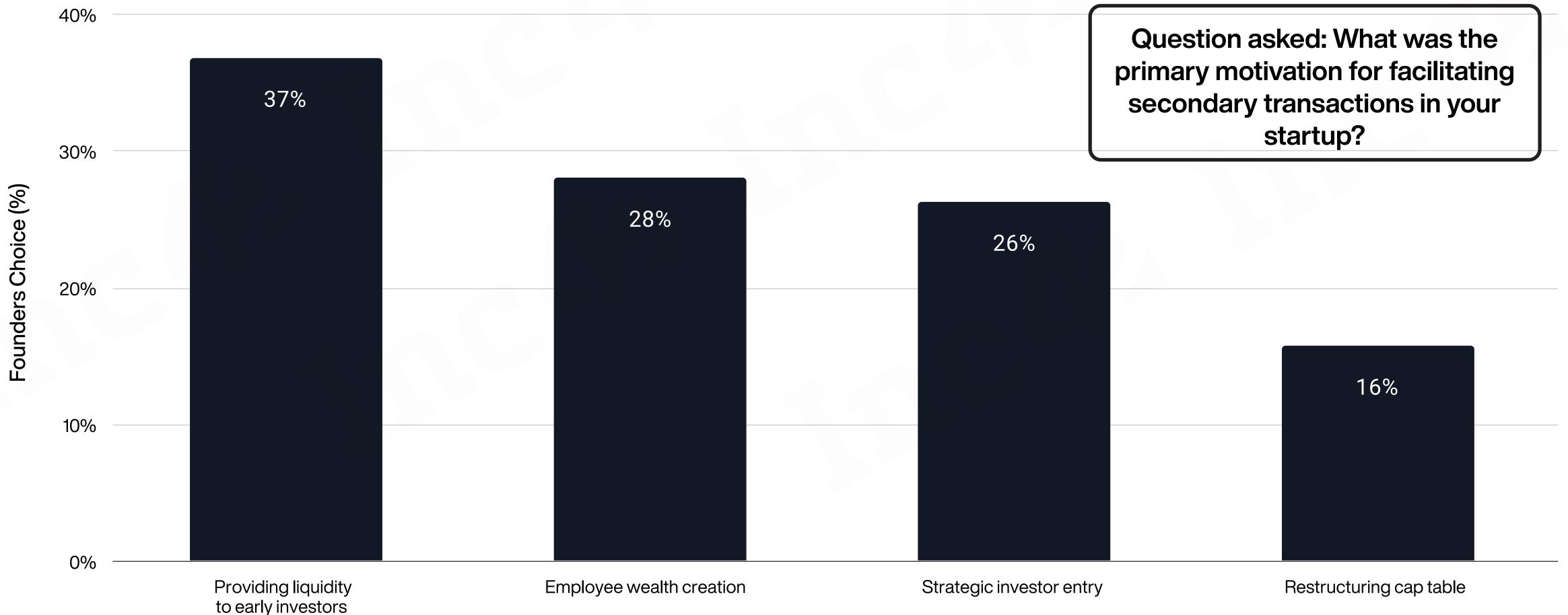


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Why Indian Startups Are Considering Secondary Deals?

Employee wealth creation ranks as the second most important driver at 28%, highlighting how Indian startups are keen to reward their team members through share ownership



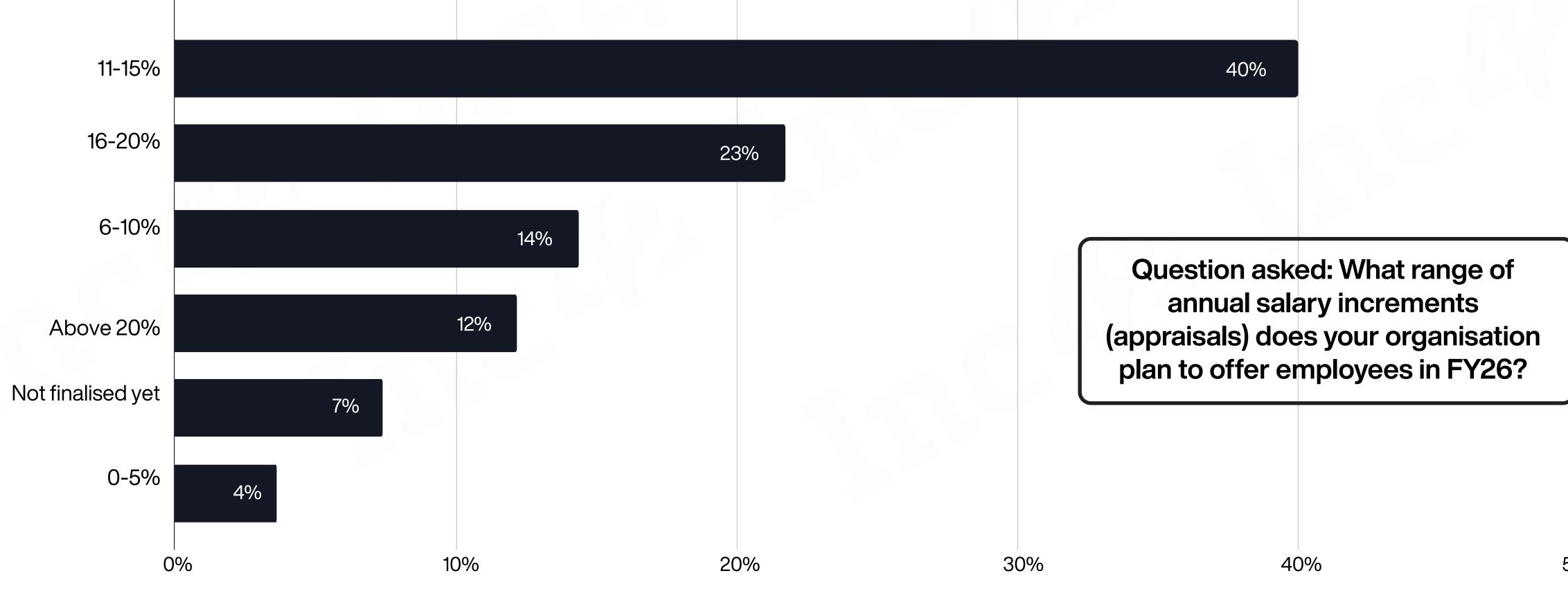
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Indian Startups Target 11-15% Appraisal Range For Next Fiscal Year

Only a tiny fraction, 4% of startups, are being particularly tight-fisted with raises below 5%, indicating most firms are committed to meaningful increases



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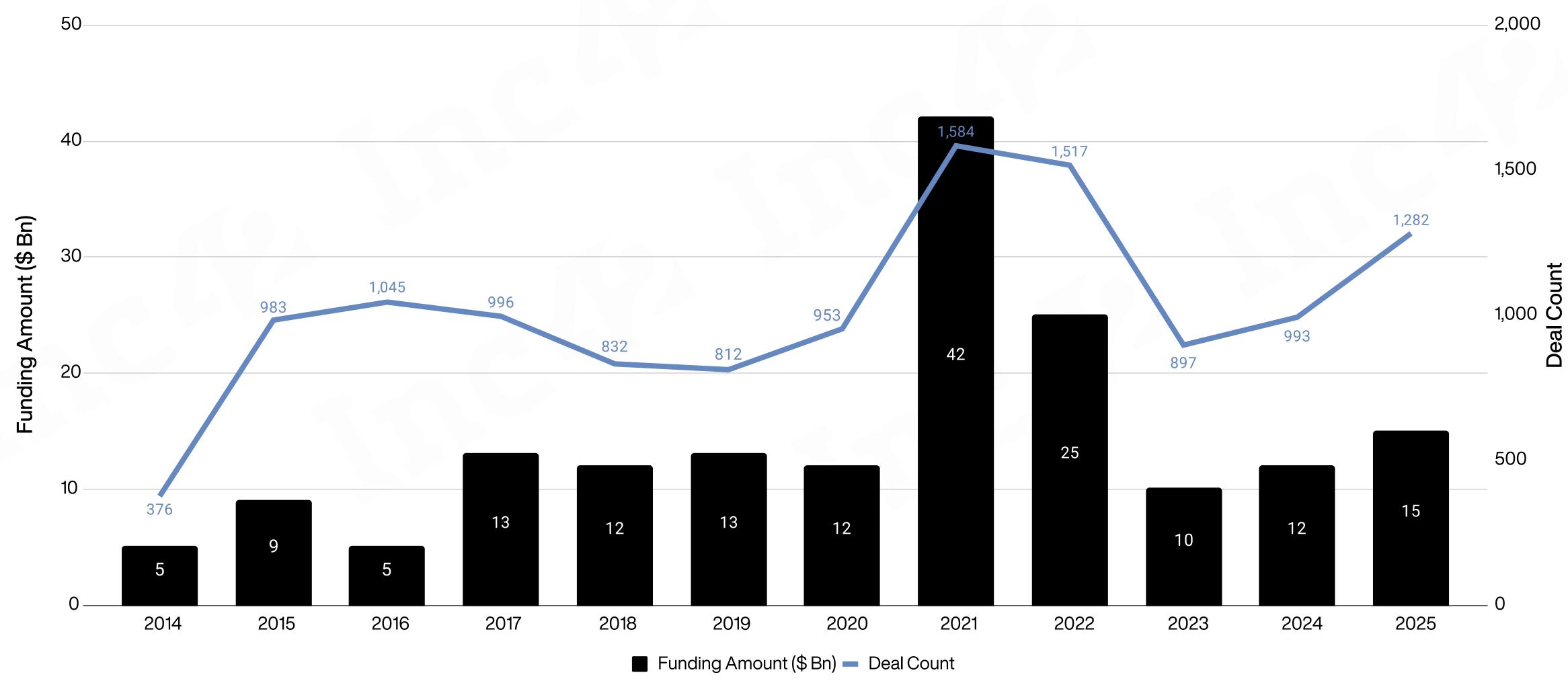
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2025 Could See Indian Startups Raise \$15 Bn In Funding

Compared to 2024, the funding amount and deal count are likely to increase by 25% and 29%



Source: Inc42

Note: The funding amount for 2025 are estimated using a combination time series analysis using (Prophet model) and SARIMA at quarterly intervals





2025 Startup Funding Forecast: Business As Usual

Quarter	Funding Amount	Deal Count
Q1-2025	\$2.5 Bn	244
Q2-2025	\$3.3 Bn	292
Q3-2025	\$3.8 Bn	314
Q4-2025	\$4.2 Bn	336
Total	\$14 Bn	1,186

2025 Startup Funding Forecast: Optimistic

Quarter	Funding Amount	Deal Count
Q1-2025	\$2.8 Bn	271
Q2-2025	\$3.5 Bn	304
Q3-2025	\$4.1Bn	337
Q4-2025	\$4.7 Bn	370
Total	\$15 Bn	1,282

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Growing Digital Economy: India's digital economy is expected to reach \$1 Tn by 2025-26 according to the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

Demographic Advantage: India is a relatively young country compared to China and the USA. Also the Generation Z (or Gen Z) which is 25% of Indian workforce is making \$860 Bn out of the total \$2 Tn+ consumer spends in India.

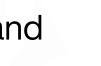
Vibrant Al Startup Ecosystem: India is home to over 338 newly funded Al startups, ranking seventh in the world. Venture capital investment in India's native generative AI startups has surged, growing 4.4 times from \$277 Mn in 2020 to over \$1.2 Bn by 2024.

Quick Commerce & The Rise Of Convenience Economy: As consumers become accustomed to 10-15 minute instant delivery, this expectation is likely to extend across all ecommerce sectors, including fashion, food, and professional services. This will likely drive further investment in established players as they expand their offerings.











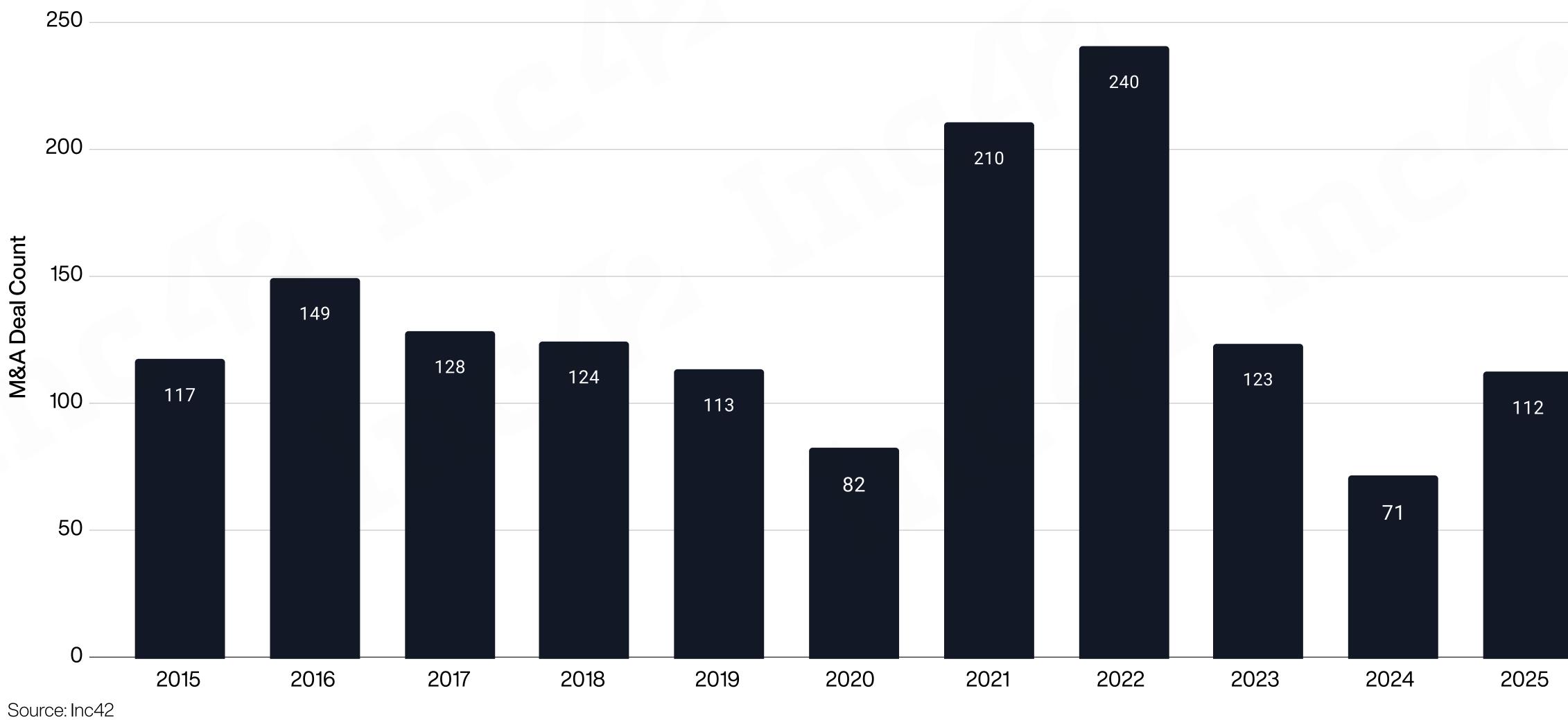






Startup M&As In Indian Startup Ecosystem Likely To Rise By 58% In 2025

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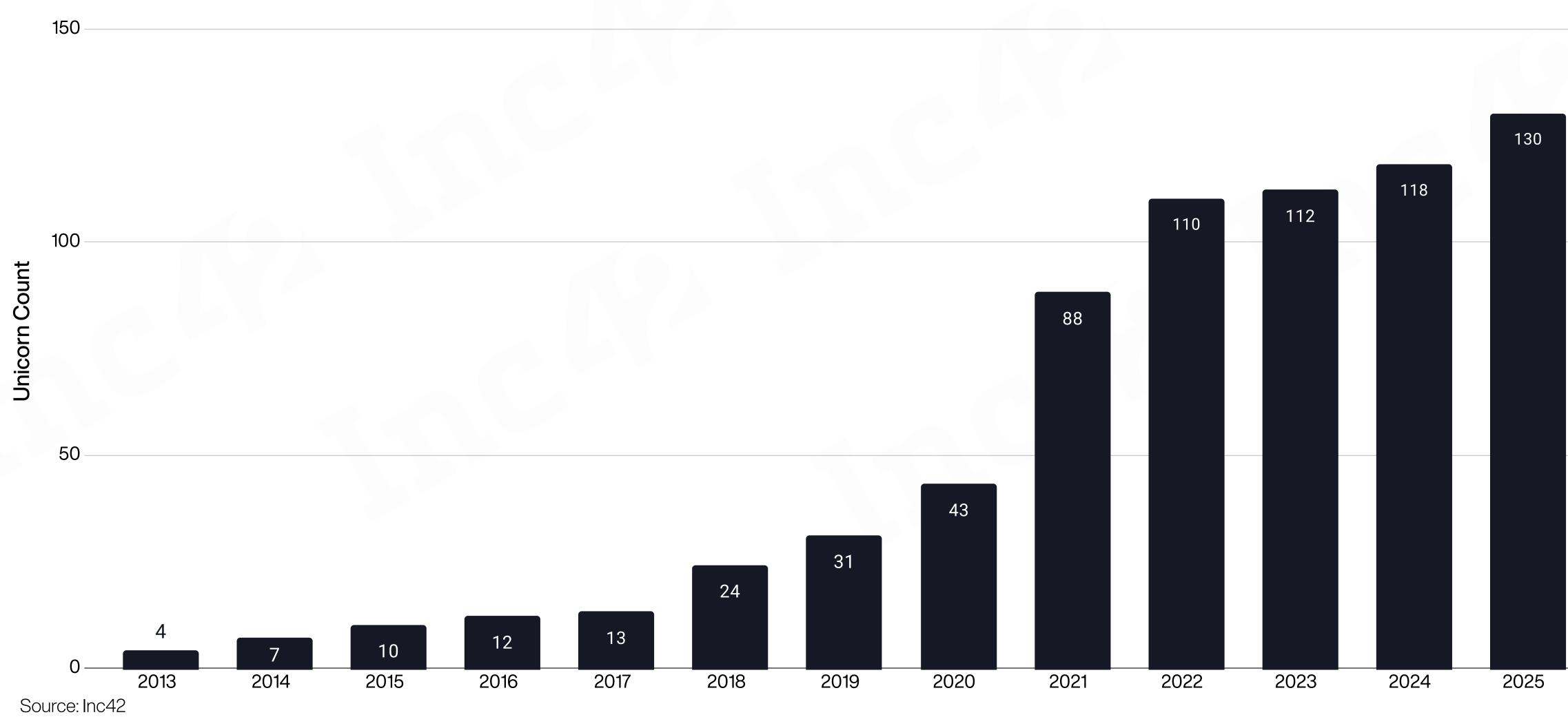


Note: The M&A count for 2025 is estimated time series analysis (SARIMA) model



Total Unicorns Minted In India Likely To Exceed 130-Mark In 2025

Fintech and AI SaaS, to spawn most unicorns in 2025

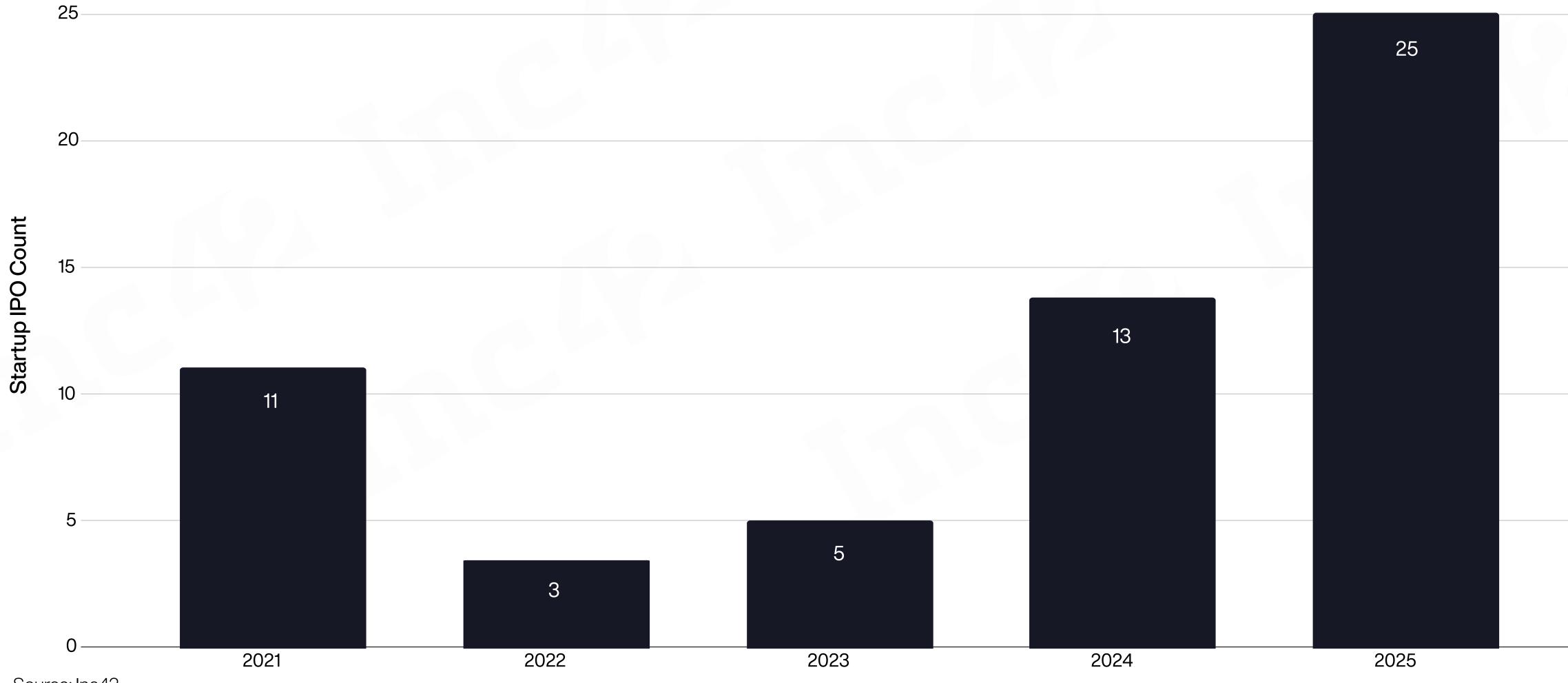


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25+ New Age Tech IPOs Expected In 2025

Ecommerce, consumer services, and SaaS are poised to lead the charge in Indian startup IPOs, with the most listings expected from these sectors



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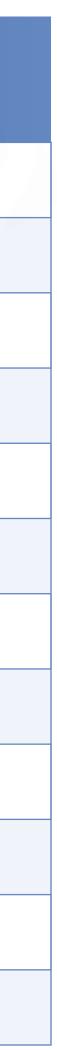
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New-Age Tech Companies Expected To Hit Public Markets

Name	Founded In	Sector	Total Funding	IPO Size	Revenue (FY24)	DRHP
ArisInfrä	2021	Real Estate Tech	\$25 Mn	\$71.4 Mn	INR 696.84 CR	Filed
() ATHER	2013	Cleantech	\$431Mn	\$369 Mn	INR 1,753.8 CR	Filed
AVANSE FINANCIAL SERVICES	2013	Fintech	\$212 Mn	\$417 Mn	INR 1,726.9 CR	Filed
BLUESTONE	2011	Ecommerce	\$200 Mn	\$200 Mn - \$250 Mn	INR 1,265.8 CR	Filed
boat	2016	Ecommerce	\$177 Mn	\$238 Mn	INR 3,376.7 CR	Yet To File
captain fresh	2019	Ecommerce	\$166 Mn	\$350 - \$400 Mn	INR 773 CR	Yet To File
CarDekho Badhte India Ka Bharosa	2008	Ecommerce	\$692 Mn	\$488 Mn	INR 2,331 CR	Yet To File
	2017	Real Estate Tech	\$13.3 Mn	NA (2.47 Cr Shares Fresh Issue)	INR 108.08 CR	Filed
E ecom Eexpress	2012	Logistics	\$324 Mn	\$310 Mn	INR 2,609.16 CR	Filed
fracta	2000	Enterprise Tech	\$685 Mn	\$600 Mn	INR 1,985.4 CR	Yet To File
INFRA.MARKET	2016	Ecommerce	\$500 Mn	\$700 Mn	INR 14,530 CR	Yet To File
	2015	Real Estate Tech	\$45 Mn	\$119 Mn - \$177 Mn	INR 850 CR	Yet To File

Source: Company Filings & DRHPs, Inc42

Note: Data as of December 17 | Startups have been listed alphabetically IPO size of companies which haven't filed DRHP has been taken from media reports Exchange rate: 1USD = 84 INR





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Purchase partner to every Indian	2002	Fintech	\$87 Mn	Not Available	INR 110 CR	Yet To File
ofbusiness	2015	Ecommerce	\$878 Mn	\$750 Mn - \$1 Bn	INR 19,296.3 CR	Yet To File
OLA CONSUMER	2011	Consumer Services	\$3.84Bn	\$500 Mn	INR 2,799.3 CR	Yet To File
PURE ELECTRIC VEHICLE	2015	Cleantech	\$14 Mn	Not Available	INR 131.28 CR	Yet To File
PHYSICS WALLAH	2020	Edtech	\$312 Mn	\$ 500 Mn	INR 779.3 CR	Yet To File
	2018	Agritech	Not Available	\$16 Mn - \$18 Mn	INR 93.1 CR	Filed
SMARTWORKS	2016	Real Estate Tech	\$41 Mn	\$66 Mn	INR 1,039.4 CR	Filed
AYE [आय]	2014	Fintech	\$485 Mn	\$124 Mn	INR 1,450 CR	Filed
Z appfresh [™]	2015	Ecommerce	\$14.5 Mn	59.06 Lakh Shares Fresh Issue	INR 90.4 CR	Filed
zepto	2021	Consumer Services	\$1.60 Bn	\$450 Mn	INR 2,024.3 CR	Yet To File
ZETWERK	2018	Enterprise Tech	\$793 Mn	\$1Bn	INR 11,448.6 CR	Yet To File

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Sector Outlook 2025: Trends To Watch Out For

Sectors	Estimated Startup Funding (2025)
Al/GenAl (Native)	\$395 Mn (+35%)
Consumer Services	\$2 Bn (+11% YoY)
Cleantech	\$1.1 Bn (+33% YoY)
Ecommerce	\$1.8 Bn (+20% YoY)
Edtech	\$0.4 Bn (-33% YoY)
Enterprisetech	\$2.3 Bn (+28% YoY)
Fintech	\$3.2 Bn (+28% YoY)
Healthtech	\$850 Mn (+21%)

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Key Segments To Watchout For

Vertical AI, Enterprise AI, AI Infrastructure, Responsible AI, AI Agents

Quick Commerce, Subscription Services, Vertical Quick Commerce

EV Components, Climate Tech, EV Charging Infrastructure, Waste Management

Instant Delivery, Subscription Services, Clean Label Brands, Hybrid Retail

Al-Powered Tutoring, SaaS, Gamified Education

Al SaaS, Vertical SaaS, Cybersecurity

Fintech SaaS, AI In Fintech, Insurtech, Super Apps, UPI based solutions

Al In Healthcare, Biotechnology, Fitness & Wellness





Methodology

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For this reports:

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- Late stage: Startups at Series C or above funding stage
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- reports may exist.

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Startup Survey Respondents Persona:

- ► Growth Stage: 49%
- ► Seed Stage: 23%
- ► Bootstrapped: 18%
- ► Late Stage: 11%
- **Investor Survey Respondents Persona:**
 - ► Venture Capital Firm: 57%
 - ▶ Venture Debt Firm: 13%
 - Angel Network/ Platform: 13%
 - ► Others: 17%

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