

Software Technology Parks of India (STPI)

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Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) Scheme

Background

STPI was set up in 1991 as an autonomous society under MeitY with the main objective of promotion of software exports from the country.

STPI acts as 'single-window' in providing services to the software exporters, including statutory services, data communications services, incubation facilities, training as well as value added services.

STPI has played a key developmental role in the promotion of software exports with a special focus on SMEs and startup units.

“Since its inception, STPI has been working towards equitable and inclusive IT-led growth pan-India which in turn has promoted Software exports and Science, Technology & Innovation (STI)”

The Software Technology Park (STP) Scheme is a 100 percent Export Oriented Scheme for the development and export of computer software, including export of professional services using communication links or physical media.

This scheme is governed by Chapter 6 of Foreign Trade Policy of India and corresponding notifications/ circulars under Customs laws.

There are exclusive software parks developed under the scheme beside the fragmented units operating under the scheme. STPI scheme is unique in nature as it focuses on one product / sector, i.e. computer software.



STPI at a glance

The STPI Scheme has played a vital role in the phenomenal success of the IT-ITES industry. It is a unique scheme, designed to promote the software industry and growth of startups and SMEs without any locational constraints.

5700+

units registered with STPI

INR 22,130 Cr.

Increase in exports done by STPI registered IT/ITeS units from FY 2019-20 to FY 2020-21

62

Centres/sub-centres operational across India

(Source: <https://stpi.in/units-list> | <https://www.meity.gov.in/content/stpi>)

Scheme Highlights



Any person can setup STP unit anywhere in India



Relaxed investment criteria



Simplified Minimum Export Performance norms



100% Depreciation on Capital Goods over a period of 5 years.



No import duty on Hardware/Software



FTP incentives (SEIS) not allowed.

How Grant Thornton can assist

Professional services in relation to STPI scheme



Setting up/ Renewal of STPI Unit

- Assistance in setting up new STPI unit and renewal of existing units
- Assistance in drafting response to queries, deficiency, clarification raised by STPI authorities

Compliances support services

- Review and filing periodic returns such as MPR, SOFTEX, and APR
- Advisory for the routine functioning of the STPI
- On-call advisory on day-to-day business queries



STPI health check review

- Identifying risk areas and possible mitigation strategies by undertaking diagnostic reviews from an STPI perspective
- Review of key documentation and tax positions adopted

Advisory services

- Support during Tax/ STPI audit, investigation, search & seizure, including response to queries raised at various levels.
- Providing support in handling Tax/ STPI issues pending at various levels



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