

Fostering Innovation and Start-up Culture for sustainable Solutions

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Abstract

Startup innovation is frequently about inventing something wholly new that threatens the status quo, rather than merely enhancing an existing product or service. It entails establishing new technology, business models, or methods of providing value to customers. This article is conceptual research that examines the role and value of creative policies in creating long-term solutions to organisational and start-up difficulties. This study employs an exploratory-descriptive research approach. Intellectual property rights (IPR) have been shown to be critical in motivating startups to invest in R&D when considering the many tools and strategies available to stimulate innovation. Infrastructure development is another critical component for supporting entrepreneurship and innovation. The emergence of technology centres, research parks, and incubation facilities has provided enterprises with critical resources, networking opportunities, and mentorship. Finally, the management team should allocate personnel, financial resources, and time to the sustainability strategy's implementation. As a result, successful policies must include actions to create framework conditions that promote the entrance of more qualified and skilled entrepreneurs into key areas of the innovation-related economy, such as start-ups.

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Introduction

Innovative start-ups are usually counted as an important factor for the economic and social growth (Acs & Audretsch, 1990; Storey & Tether, 1998; Boyer & Blazy, 2014; Iacobucci & Micozzi, 2016). Large corporations lack internal incentives and flexibility, which is one of the driving forces behind the role tiny start-up organizations play in highly inventive and technologically driven industries (Almeida & Kogut, 1997; Hanks, 2015; Caliendo & Künn, 2015). Subsequent to Schumpeter's discourse on the "reutilizing" of innovation, the focus frequently overlooks the opposing aspect, which is the dynamic function of novel business innovations. According to Schumpeter (1943, p. 152), the process of "creative destruction" is being driven by giant corporations that can develop within a "reutilized regime," which is why he characterizes it as such. The introduction of "radical" innovations, however, was made possible by these tiny firms and by some individuals, as demonstrated by genuine qualitative evidence found in the literature (Autio et al., 2014; Sahut & Peris-Ortiz, 2014; Scherer & Ross, 1990). Furthermore, this is the way that Baumol's research goes (Baumol, 2002, 2006, 2010).

Smaller businesses are more likely to have the organizational traits that enable them to take the necessary steps to take advantage of the new opportunities (Klotz et al., 2014; Andersson, 2015). Furthermore, a multitude of elements, including funding, governmental policies, workplace incentives and goals, and employer motivations, offer small firms the foundational support they need to adopt innovations and changes (Nooteboom, 1994; Coeurderoy & Murray, 2014). By exploring variety, small start-up enterprises can then be better prepared to take advantage of new technological prospects (Kibler et al., 2014). Henderson (1993) offers empirical evidence about the connection between radical innovation and the logic of new start-ups. Henderson's research demonstrates that start-up businesses outperform major corporations in terms of productivity when it comes to utilizing radical innovations.

In light of the aforementioned, modern economies now view the existence of an innovative environment that fosters research and a business structure that can improve individual performance and skills as a prerequisite for a nation's ability to compete (Baranenko et al., 2014; Padovani & Provenzano, 2015). In addition to promoting the development of knowledge about the entire business structure of the nation, which is oriented toward high-tech and high skills, it

also allows for the creation of system conditions that are favorable to the emergence and development of innovative start-ups, allowing for a significant contribution to economic growth and employment, particularly among young people (Harzing & Giroud, 2014; Mohsin et al., 2015). Through unified policy and support for the development of such organizational forms—which are critical for the expansion of innovation globally—the relevance of these arguments has drawn the active and tangible interest of policy makers at the European and global levels.

Review of Literature

Albrecht K, Wolfgang S. & Kathrin R. in the paper described the design and implementation of an entrepreneurship course to enhance participants' lateral thinking and intelligence while designing sustainable company ideas. It was discovered that teams with a wider range of academic backgrounds think and behave more creatively when developing new business models than less diverse teams in a comparable academic setting. Participants' suggestions in varied teams demonstrated a broader problem context in their problem-solution offer. This provides clear evidence for a favourable association between social learning and company growth in terms of supporting mostly intangible learning while also enabling concrete tangible benefits in the creation of new sustainable business models. A multidisciplinary approach based on the dilemma paradigm of inquiry is utilised to provide a dynamic framework for promoting sustainable innovation (Peter P.). The technique is used to evaluate the sustainable innovation culture in two regions: Silicon Valley and Southeast Netherlands. It is argued that Regional Innovation Systems may be evaluated by determining how well a dynamic balance is created on each of the innovation culture challenges. The dynamic equilibrium is determined by the region's history and culture, as well as its ongoing interaction with the surrounding environment. Further, Ali S. et al. investigated the factors that influence university students' aspirations to launch sustainable businesses that promote the conservation of natural and ecological resources. This was followed by an expansion of the notion of planned behaviour to incorporate attitudes towards sustainable entrepreneurship and workplace values. The results demonstrate that mindset towards sustainable entrepreneurship, perceived entrepreneurial desirability and perceived entrepreneurial feasibility complement students' sustainability-driven entrepreneurial goals. Environmental value, extrinsic reward, internal reward, and general self-efficacy all have an indirect influence on entrepreneurial ambitions inspired by sustainability. The study finds the relevance of work values in promoting sustainability-driven entrepreneurship and also offers insights into fostering sustainable possibilities and analyses the possibility for sustainable entrepreneurial growth. Start-ups play an important role in the development and market introduction of radical sustainable innovation, but little study has been conducted on the unique obstacles and possibilities faced by "green" start-ups. This report examined how different sorts of "green" start-ups may face unique funding obstacles and possibilities as they develop their products/services. Existing typologies are too broad to adequately explain the financial constraints and possibilities faced by green start-ups, so we expand on them and create a new type (Klaus F.). This typology will allow for further empirical investigation of the unique obstacles and possibilities that such start-ups face when searching for funding.

Dholakia et al. (2018) analysed Startup India's efficacy in boosting entrepreneurship and concluded that while the programme boosted enthusiasm among entrepreneurs, issues with access to capital and regulatory hurdles remained. The study emphasised the necessity for ongoing monitoring and assessment of policy implementation to rectify gaps and enhance the effectiveness of efforts. According to Sivasubramanian et al. (2017), the Make in India programme significantly increased FDI inflows and technology transfer in the technology startup industry. The research emphasised the significance of legislative actions that encourage entrepreneurs to produce new goods locally. Therefore, in order to determine the tradeoffs or gaps between expected and perceived organisational culture-related dimensions fostering innovation in selected 280 teachers' expectations from private and public universities in Punjab. Strategy was found to be the most critical dimension driving innovation and creativity, followed by Leadership, Innovation-Encouraging Behaviour, Organisational Support, and others. Private institutions evaluated for this study exhibited the lowest tradeoff on all dimensions, whereas state universities showed the largest tradeoff on all (Ajay C. & Jasneet K.). After that, in the study, Manaswini et al. (2018) concluded that government-backed funding initiatives improve the financial sustainability and scalability of Indian companies. The report emphasised the need for policies that support a strong financing ecosystem and give entrepreneurs with funds for innovation, development, and growth.

Objective of the study

The purpose of this paper is to study the role and importance of innovative policies for achieving sustainable solution to organizations and start-ups problems.

Research Methodology

For this paper exploratory cum descriptive research design has been used. Exploratory research design is used for exploring the innovative policies whereas descriptive research design is used for developing the framework of the paper. Secondary data has been used in this study which was collected from various research papers, books, websites and magazines etc.

Role and importance of innovative policies for achieving sustainable solution to organizations and start-ups problems

In innovation regions, societal stability and corporate success are contingent upon sustainable innovation (Hautamäki, 2010). Developing successful innovation policy and a start-up culture that produces lasting solutions requires a multidisciplinary approach (Boekema et al., 2000). Finding long-term solutions for a variety of issues, including connectedness, rivalry, success, diversity of thought, innovation, knowledge, and entrepreneurship, is necessary.

Strong intellectual property rights (IPR) defense is necessary to promote innovation and draw in capital. Having strong intellectual property rights (IPR) protection has been crucial in motivating startups to spend money on R&D. A culture of creativity and technical growth has been promoted by the establishment of specialist IP offices and the implementation of stricter IPR regulations. The innovation landscape is greatly impacted by government policies pertaining to copyright laws, trademark registration, and patent protection. Robust intellectual property rights (IPR) protection stimulates innovation, incentivizes startups to allocate resources towards R&D, and confers upon them a competitive edge within the marketplace. (Khandelwal & Asthana, 2023; Kothari et al., 2020).

Another essential component in encouraging entrepreneurship and innovation is infrastructure development. The existence of technological hubs, research parks, and incubation facilities has given businesses access to vital resources, networking opportunities, and mentoring. Such facilities have made it easier for people to collaborate, innovate, and enter new markets, which helped companies succeed overall (Khandelwal & Asthana, 2023).

Management support is required for start-ups to execute innovative initiatives. It is possible for start-up management to effectively promote the adoption of sustainable practices, which will enhance the business's long-term success, competitiveness, and reputation. Management should allocate resources, including staff, money, and time, to the implementation of the sustainability strategy. This may mean appointing a sustainability officer or creating a dedicated sustainability team to supervise the implementation of sustainability programs. It is recommended that management provide incentives, information, and training to staff members to encourage their involvement in the sustainability program. This may mean setting up a task force on sustainability, providing training on sustainability, and recognizing and rewarding employees that assist with sustainability initiatives. (Schwab et al., 2019; Seuring et al., 2019).

Green design plays a critical role in sustainable solutions. In order to create more environmentally friendly products, services, and processes, green design takes environmental considerations into account during the creative process (Liu et al., 2017). Using low-energy consumption technology and energy-efficient components, startups can also produce energy-efficient goods and services. This may be developing software with less energy requirements, designing hardware with energy-saving features, or sourcing the items' electricity from renewable sources. Start-ups can produce circular goods and services by using sustainable resources, designing goods and services for reuse and recycling, and reducing waste. This may mean creating services that motivate users to repurpose goods, utilizing closed-loop manufacturing methods, and creating goods made of recycled or biodegradable materials. By applying green design concepts, startups can achieve sustainability through reducing their environmental effect, optimizing their use of resources, and promoting sustainable behavior. This could lead to long-term business success, improved reputation, and increased competitiveness. (Moktadir et al., 2018; Rodrigues et al., 2022; Sun et al. 2020).

Establishing and implementing sustainable business practices inside an organization requires human resources. By integrating sustainability into their human resource strategies and procedures, startups may help their staff members make environmentally conscious decisions. Using sustainable human resource management techniques, startups can improve employee engagement, retention, and satisfaction, leading to a more successful, thriving business (Latif et al, 2017). They ought to implement measures that promote sustainability as well. By implementing sustainability-promoting policies, startups can reduce their environmental impact, maximize value for their stakeholders, and contribute to a more sustainable future (Latif et al, 2017).

Effective management of data processing and protection is crucial to the operation of any company. The data security policy outlines the approaches to data security and provides details on who can access sensitive data, how it is collected, stored, and used, as well as the security precautions that are in place to protect it (Hong et al., 2019). Reverse logistics is the management and handling of customer returns of goods for "repair," "reuse," "recycling," or "disposal." In order to reduce waste and increase overall sustainability, reverse logistics might be crucial to sustainable operations. In sustainable start-up operations, reverse logistics can reduce waste, increase customer satisfaction, and demonstrate sustainability adherence (Gmelin & Seuring, 2014).

Real-time information sharing and accessibility to all stakeholders are essential in today's interconnected world to increase productivity, reduce waste, and promote sustainability. Organizations may employ complex information exchange systems to link all stakeholders in their supply chains, including manufacturers, suppliers, shipping firms, and customers. By leveraging data and advanced information exchange systems, startups can also increase sustainability, decrease waste, and foster innovation within their industry (Lee et al., 2019; Schwab et al., 2019). For sustainable solution use of digital method of payment is also beneficial. The mobile wallets such as google pay, amazon pay, PayPal, PayUmoney etc. are a sustainable solution which facilitates prompt payment by saving the environment.

Strategies for quality improvement are also necessary for a firm to succeed. Because they can help companies save waste and streamline their operations. Start-ups can use a variety of quality improvement tactics to identify inefficiencies and implement long-lasting solutions. By identifying and eliminating non-value-added jobs, startups can improve productivity, reduce costs, and raise the sustainability of their operations (Diabat et al., 2014). Machine learning technologies are quickly being used by startups to increase their sustainability and operational efficiency. Machine learning can help startups analyze large amounts of data and improve their operational choices. By utilizing machine learning technologies, startups can improve their productivity, reduce waste, become more sustainable, and gain a competitive advantage in their industry. Machine learning systems require large amounts of high-quality data in order to be effective, so it's critical to stress that startups that wish to take use of these systems must ensure that their data is accurate and up to date (Abidi et al., 2022).

Conclusion

Tiny start-up companies play a crucial role in highly imaginative and technologically driven industries since large firms lack internal incentives and flexibility. An exploratory cum descriptive research approach was employed for this work. While descriptive research design is used to create the paper's framework, exploratory research design is utilized to investigate novel policies. Strong protection of intellectual property rights (IPR) has proven essential in encouraging startups to invest in R&D. The management team should devote personnel, financial resources, and time to the sustainability strategy's execution. When comparing regional innovation systems, the nine innovation culture difficulties can be used to gauge how each system handles the challenges. Nonetheless, an examination of a particular area will highlight the advantages and disadvantages of innovation policies meant to create a system of innovation that is sustainable. This could entail setting up a specialized sustainability team or hiring a sustainability officer to oversee the execution of sustainability initiatives. In order to achieve sustainable solutions, green design is essential. Green design incorporates environmental factors into the creative process to produce more ecologically friendly goods, services, and procedures. It is not feasible to replicate "success formulas" from other locations since the dynamic equilibrium is dependent on the local history and culture. We conclude that examining the ways in which innovation dilemmas are addressed offers a practical means of investigating the processes involved in developing long-lasting innovation cultures. The case study methodology used in this study, which compared two industrial regions—one with a diverse mix of large and small businesses, and the other dominated by a small number of major companies—has significant drawbacks, though. To determine whether the approach is generalizable, more investigation is required. Future studies might compare areas with comparable industrial sectors, include areas in less developed nations, and include areas with a predominance of services or creative industries. Therefore, more effective policies should include steps to establish framework circumstances that facilitate the admission of better-qualified and talented entrepreneurs into the important domains of innovation-related industry, such start-ups.

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