



# THE HINDU

## Business News

### Startup India's slow pace worries Govt.

**Only 39 start-ups have qualified for tax sops even 18 months after its introduction**

The Centre is concerned about the minuscule number of start-ups becoming eligible for tax benefits under the Startup India programme, with just 39 start-ups qualifying for such concessions even 18 months after the flagship initiative was introduced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

## sop

**A thing of no great value given or done as a concession to appease someone whose main concerns or demands are not being met**

## minuscule

**Extremely small or tiny**

## International News

### No reason why India, China can't handle border differences this time: Jaishankar

**"It is likely that from time to time there are differences," the Foreign Secretary says :** India and China have handled border issues in the past and there is no reason the two countries will not be able to handle them this time, Foreign Secretary S Jaishankar said in Singapore on Tuesday. "It is a long border, as you know no part of the border has been agreed upon on the ground. It is likely that from time to time there are differences," Mr. Jaishankar said. He was responding to questions on the standoff between Indian and Chinese troops in the Doklam area of the Sikkim sector at a lecture on 'India-ASEAN and the Changing Geopolitics.'

## Geopolitics

**Politics especially ,international relations, as influenced by geographical factors**

## Calisthenics

**Exercises to develop strong bodies**

## State News

### HC gag order against dairy minister Rajenthra Bhalaji

Justice C.V. Karthikeyan of the Madras High Court on Monday directed Tamil Nadu Minister for Milk and Dairy Development K.T. Rajenthra Bhalaji not to issue any disparaging press statements directly or indirectly against privately manufactured milk/dairy products.

However, in his interim order, the judge made it clear that if substantial material is available to prove adulteration of such products, the Minister shall specify the name of the private company which indulged in such adulteration and also produce necessary documents to substantiate his charge

## disparaging

**Expressing the opinion that something is of little worth**

## interim order

**A temporary court order; intended to be limited duration, usually just until the court has had opportunity of hearing the full case and make final order**