

Eco The economic slowdown in US and Europe is expected to hit growth of startups in India. Comment.

The year 2022 is the third year to experience major technology downturn, previous being 1991 and great recession. The recession can have good and negative impacts on the growth of our startups.

Recession and startups

The recession clouds are summing due to loss of revenue among households, changes in consumption patterns. The rising interest rate domestically as RBI raised the repo rate to 5.4%.

The US Fed too increased the rate by 50 bps and found to increase further with more funds available for startups. The slowdown is expected to continue for next 12-24 months yet it is perfect time for venture capitalist to double their return.

what startups can do

- ① Product iterations - startups need to have MVP - minimum viable product to nudge the investors. The MVP can double the chances of success and prevent product failure.
- ② Cost conservation techniques must be handled. Importing local manufacturing process can very well decrease cost.
- ③ Employee retention is key to deliver when the recession ends.

Indian measures

- ① 10,000 crore fund of fund for startups was set up for growing domestic venture capitalist.
- ② 1000 crore startup India seed fund to support new startups.
- ③ 32 regulations simplified and 220+ income tax exemptions.
signing of multilateral agreements and robust equity markets can support startups raise funds even during economic slowdown.