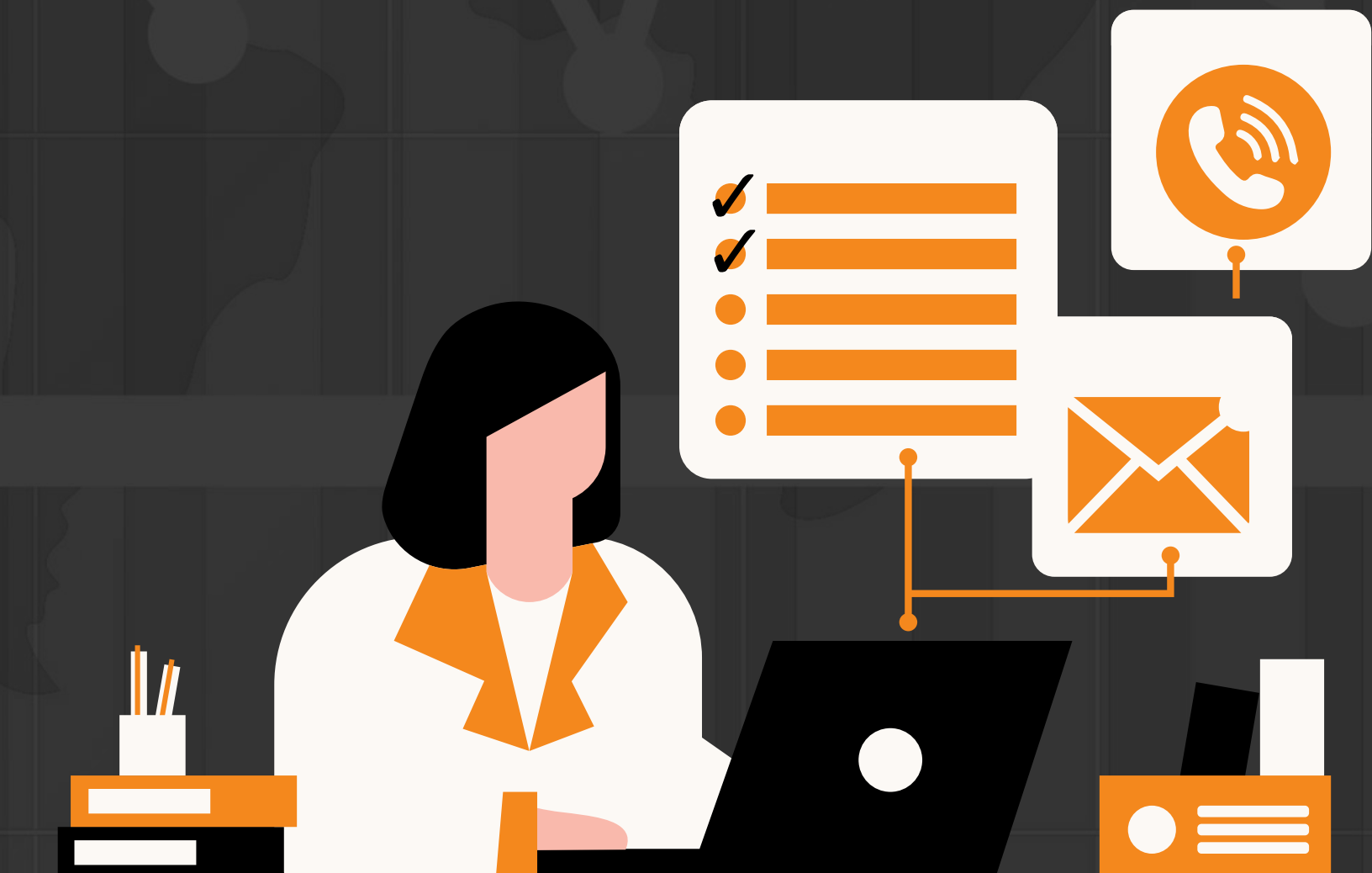




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Economic Survey: Highlights

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Women-Led Growth: Fueling India's Economic Future

The Big Picture:

- India's entrepreneurial future will be women-led by leveraging their underutilised skills.

The Nuance:

- The Periodic Labour Force Survey 2023-24 shows increasing women's participation in economic activities across rural and urban India.



The Positives:

- **~50%:** Number of government-supported startups with at least one female director.
- **₹3,107.11 crore:** Corpus invested in 149 women-led startups through Alternative Investment Funds.
- **₹227.12 crore:** Capital approved for 1,278 women-led startups through the Start-up India Seed Fund Scheme.
- **₹24.6 crore:** Loans guaranteed for women-led ventures through Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups.
- **5,183:** Patents filed by women in FY24, up from 15 in FY15.



The Risk Factors:

- Entrepreneurial ownership continues to be largely male-dominated.
- Only 22% of MSMEs, 12% of medium, and 7% of large enterprises are owned by women entrepreneurs.

Why It Matters

- Women-led development is critical for achieving gender parity and fostering inclusive economic growth.

