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TAMILNADU

1.Tamil Nadu Government Initiatives for Start-ups and Innovation:

Special Seed Fund:

- Tamil Nadu government to introduce a grant-based seed fund for start-ups run by persons with disabilities and transgender persons.
- Aimed at promoting inclusive growth in entrepreneurship.
- Initial allocation of ₹50 lakh earmarked for this initiative.

Regional Start-up Hubs:



- New regional start-up hubs planned in Coimbatore and Tiruchi with a budget of ₹1.5 crore each.
- Existing hubs were established in Madurai, Tirunelveli, Erode, Salem, Hosur,
 Cuddalore, and Thanjavur.
- Chennai Metro Startup Hub equipped with essential facilities for start-ups.

Global Expansion Support:

- Establishment of Global Startup Coordination Centres in Singapore and the U.S.
 at a cost of ₹1 crore each.
- Aims to assist Tamil Nadu-based start-ups in expanding into global markets.

Thozhil Nayam Design Studio:

 Planned establishment at StartupTN's Chennai office with an allocation of ₹1 crore.

 Intended to cater to design requirements of start-ups, enhancing their product development capabilities.

Tamil Nadu Startup Thiruvizha:

- Second edition to be hosted in Madurai at a cost of ₹1 crore.
- Focus on fostering entrepreneurial spirit, creating awareness among youth about start-ups, and providing networking opportunities.

Overall Goals:

- Promote new-age entrepreneurship and innovation.
- Provide infrastructure and support for start-ups across various sectors.
- Enhance market access and global competitiveness of Tamil Nadu-based startups.

2. Tamil Nadu's Economic and Industrial Development Initiatives :

Chief Minister's Visit to the U.S.: SERVICES

- Chief Minister M.K. Stalin plans to visit the United States to attract new investments to Tamil Nadu.
- Focus on bringing companies without existing presence in the state.

Global Investors Meet (GIM) Outcomes:

- 60% of the 631 MoUs signed at the January 2023 GIM are progressing towards implementation.
- MoUs worth ₹6.64 lakh crore committed for investment, emphasizing job creation.

Upcoming Industrial Policies:

- Space tech industrial policy to be launched, with two space parks near Kulasekarapattinam space port.
- Circular economy investment promotion policy and toy manufacturing policy in development.
- Roadmap for creative economy also under preparation.

Infrastructure Development:

- Establishment of regional offices and desks for Guidance Tamil Nadu in Coimbatore and Tokyo, Japan.
- Tourism investment promotion cell to be set up under Guidance Tamil Nadu.

Industrial Parks Development:



- SIPCOT to establish industrial parks across Tamil Nadu:
- Gummidipoondi (Tiruvallur): 1,500 acres
- Ottapidaram (Thoothukudi): 1,000 acres
- Udayarpalayam (Ariyalur): 175 acres
- Mannargudi and Koothanallur (Tiruvarur): 150 acres each
- Thiruverumbur (Tiruchi): 150 acres
- Sriperumbudur (Kancheepuram): 750 acres

Southern Tamil Nadu Development:

Emphasis on Thoothukudi, including progress in the Nanguneri Special
 Economic Zone.

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3. UNESCO World Heritage Site of Somanathapuram:

- Somanathapuram: Location of the 13th-century Keshava temple.
- Designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Architectural Significance:

- Exemplary Hoysala architecture.
- Features detailed carvings and a star-shaped platform.
- Intricate stone carvings depicting deities and epic scenes.

Tourism Promotion:



- Karnataka Tourism Department promoting Somanathapuram in the Mysuru tourism circuit.
- Cross-promotion at Mysuru Palace, zoo, and Chamundi Hills.
- Aimed at increasing tourist awareness and visits.

Transportation and Accessibility:

- Feasibility of operating buses from Mysuru to Somanathapur under discussion.
- Coordination with stakeholders and district administration for improved transportation.

Cultural Initiatives:

- Potential for cultural programmes at Somanathapur during Dasara festival.
- Enhancing cultural experience for visitors.

NATIONAL - INDIA

4. India's Achievements in FATF Mutual Evaluation:

Overview:

- Evaluation Period: 2023-24 by FATF.
- Outcome: India placed in the "regular follow-up" category, shared with only four other G-20 countries.
- The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is an intergovernmental organization established in 1989 to combat money laundering, terrorist financing, and other threats to the integrity of the international financial system.

Achievements Highlighted:



- <u>Technical Compliance</u>: India achieved high levels in AML/CFT/CPF regimes.
- <u>Effective Measures</u>: Includes international cooperation, access to ownership information, and financial intelligence utilization.
- Asset Deprivation: Successful efforts in depriving criminals of their assets.
- India's achievement of high levels in AML/CFT/CPF regimes signifies its significant progress in combating money laundering (AML), countering the financing of terrorism (CFT), and addressing counter-proliferation financing (CPF).

Areas for Improvement:

- <u>Supervision</u>: Strengthening needed in supervision and implementation of preventive measures in non-financial sectors.
- Prosecution Delays: Addressing delays in concluding ML/TF prosecutions.

 <u>Non-Profit Sector:</u> Implementing CFT measures effectively, especially regarding non-profit organizations.

Recognition and Efforts:

- <u>Mitigating Risks:</u> Efforts recognized in mitigating risks from ML/TF, including corruption and organized crime.
- <u>Transition to Digital Economy:</u> India's shift from cash-based to digital economy acknowledged for reducing ML/TF risks.

5.Proposal to Replace OGTT with HbA1c Test for Gestational Diabetes

Research Proposal:

- Researchers from India, London, and Africa advocate replacing the oral glucose tolerance test (OGTT) with the HbA1c test for early screening of gestational diabetes.
- Published in The Lancet Diabetes and Endocrinology.
- The HbA1c test, or glycated hemoglobin test, is a blood test used to diagnose and monitor diabetes.

Advantages of HbA1c Test:

- **Early Screening:** Administered in the first trimester of pregnancy.
- **Simplicity:** Point-of-care testing possible, reducing dependence on centralized facilities.
- Accuracy: HbA1c levels of 4.9 rule out diabetes; 5.4 or above indicate gestational diabetes.

Significance for India:

Addresses challenges in rural and remote areas where OGTT is impractical.

• Potential to Reduce 50% to 64% of OGTTs currently conducted.

Cost Considerations:

- Initial higher cost offset by savings in travel and time for rural women.
- Anticipated cost reduction with increased usage and routine adoption.

Public Health Impact:

- Enables early intervention, crucial for preventing gestational diabetes.
- Facilitates targeted diet and exercise interventions.



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