

# Headlines at a Glance - 7th October 2021

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## **Union Minister for S&T announces 75 Technology Hubs for SCs and STs**

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh today announced setting up of 75 Science Technology & Innovation (STI) Hubs in different parts of the country, exclusively for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs), which will not only promote scientific talent but also contribute to socio-economic development of these communities. He said that in the last two years, 20 STI Hubs (13 for SCs and 7 for STs) have already been established which will directly benefit 20,000 SC and ST population through various interventions spreading across farm, non-farm, other allied livelihood sectors and various livelihoods assets like energy, water, health, education, etc.

SOURCE: The Hindu

## **Central Govt. notifies 100% FDI in the Telecom Sector**

The government on Tuesday notified its decision to permit 100% foreign direct investment (FDI) under automatic route in the telecom services sector. The Centre had earlier announced 100% FDI in the telecom sector through the automatic route as part of its comprehensive package for the telecom sector. Till now, only 49% of FDI was allowed through the automatic route and anything beyond it had to mandatorily go through the government route. This comes over a year after the union government notified changes in the FDI rules in April 2020, which made prior approval of the

government mandates for foreign investments from countries that share a border with India, including Pakistan, China, Bangladesh and Nepal among others. The Centre has already allowed FDI through automatic routes in many sectors. However, in sectors such as defence, media, pharmaceuticals and insurance, government approval is needed for foreign investors.

SOURCE: Livemint

## **Cabinet approves PM MITRA Yojana to set up 7 mega textile parks**

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the setting up of 7 Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel parks with a total outlay of Rs 4,445 crore for five years to position India strongly on the global textiles map. Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) parks were announced in the Union Budget for 2021-22.

The parks will be set up at greenfield/brownfield sites located in different willing states. Proposals of state governments having ready availability of contiguous and encumbrance-free land parcels of 1,000 plus acres along with other textiles related facilities ecosystem are welcome, said an official release. Giving details about the decision taken at the Cabinet meeting, Textiles Minister Piyush Goyal said 10 states have already shown interest in setting up the parks.

SOURCE: Business Standard

## **Assam govt. launches App Fishwaale, India's first e-fish market**

An application, stated to be the country's first e-fish market app, was launched in Assam on Tuesday by state Fisheries Minister Parimal Suklabaidya. The app, "Fishwaale", which will provide a one-stop solution for aquaculture, will help both buyers and sellers to place orders and sell fish, aquaculture equipment and medicine, fish feed and fish seed online, the minister said. The products will be available for both whole-sellers and retailers, a department official said. Freshwater and seawater frozen fish, dry fish, fish pickles and processed fish products will also be available via the app which was developed by Aqua Blue Global Aquaculture Solutions Pvt Ltd in collaboration with the state fisheries department.

SOURCE: The New Indian Express