

TN Budget: India's First AI City 'Arivagam' Announced

Tamil Nadu Finance Minister announced the establishment of 'Arivagam', India's first AI and innovation city, during the revised budget presentation.

Arivagam is planned as India's premier dedicated Artificial Intelligence and innovation hub in Tamil Nadu to drive technology investments and research.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- Tamil Nadu government announced India's **first AI and innovation city** named '**Arivagam**' in the revised budget.
- Thoothukudi and Tirunelveli** districts will be declared as a '**Space Industrial Investment Zone**'.
- The Space Industrial Investment Zone will be anchored by the strategic spaceport at **Kulasekarapattinam**.
- The government has signed seven MoUs worth **₹35,062 crore** creating **14,790** employment opportunities.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

Kulasekarapattinam in Thoothukudi district was selected as **ISRO**'s second spaceport dedicated for Small Satellite Launch Vehicles (**SSLVs**).

ISRO's primary spaceport, the **Satish Dhawan Space Centre** (SDSC) SHAR, is located at **Sriharikota** in Andhra Pradesh.

Under **Article 202** of the Indian Constitution, the Governor causes the **Annual Financial Statement** (State Budget) to be laid before the State Legislature.

Tamil Nadu launched its dedicated state-level **Artificial Intelligence Policy** in **2020** to promote AI adoption and ethical frameworks.

TIDEL Park in Chennai, established in **2000**, was the pioneer software technology park set up jointly by **TIDCO** and **ELCOT**.

ELCOT (Electronics Corporation of Tamil Nadu) serves as the nodal agency for ICT hardware procurement and IT infrastructure development in Tamil Nadu.

SIPCOT (State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu) was established in **1971** to promote industrial infrastructure growth across Tamil Nadu.

REVISION FLASHCARD

'Arivagam' is India's first AI city announced in TN; Kulasekarapattinam anchor for Space Industrial Investment Zone.

Syllabus Relevance: Crucial for Group 1, 2, and 4 Unit 8 & Unit 9 topics covering TN industrial development, state budget, space technology infrastructure, and emerging tech hubs.

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