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**News:** Maharashtra, U.P. among 7 States to get textile parks

- The Centre has selected sites in **Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Karnataka, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh** to set up new textile parks, a year and a half after the PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel (PM MITRA) scheme was announced.

## **PM – Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel Scheme (PM -MITRA)**

- Pradhan Mantri Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel Scheme (PM – MITRA) is announced at the Union Budget 2021 aimed to **create 7 textile parks in over 1000 acres of land with state-of-the art infrastructure, common utilities and Research and Development labs over the next 3 years.**
- The mega textile parks will have **integrated facilities and quick turnaround time for minimizing transportation losses**, eyeing big-ticket investments in the sector.
- The scheme will be implemented by **Ministry of Textiles.**
- The total outlay for **the project is ₹4,445 crore**, though the **initial allocation in the 2023–24 budget is only ₹200 crore.**

- PM MITRA Park will be developed by a Special Purpose Vehicle which will be owned by the Central and State Government and in a Public Private Partnership (PPP) Mode.
- The parks will function as centres of opportunity to create an integrated textiles value chain — from spinning, weaving, processing, dyeing and printing to garment manufacturing — all at one location.
- Under the scheme, the centre will provide development capital support for the development of common infrastructure of Rs 500 crore for each Greenfield MITRA park and up to Rs 200 crore for each brownfield park.
- The Centre envisages an investment of nearly ₹70,000 crore into the parks, with employment generation for about 20 lakh people.

### **Significance of MITRA Scheme**

- It will enable the textile industry to become globally competitive, attract large investments, and boost employment generation and exports.
- Each MITRA park is expected to directly generate 1 lakh jobs and indirectly generate a further 2 lakh jobs.
- The parks are crucial to attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).

- From April 2000 to September 2020, India's textile sector received Rs 20,468.62 crore of FDI, which is just 0.69% of the total FDI inflows during the period.
- It will create world class infrastructure with plug and play facilities to enable create global champions in exports.
- MITRA will lead to increased investments and enhanced employment opportunities with the support from the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme.
- MITRA will give the domestic manufacturers a level-playing field in the international textiles market through emphasis on state-of-the-art infrastructure.

### **Eligibility for Incentives**

- An additional Rs 300 crore will be provided as Competitiveness Incentive Support for the early establishment of textiles manufacturing units in each of these parks.
- Investors who set up "anchor plants" that employ at least 100 people will be eligible for incentives of up to Rs 10 crore every year for up to three years.