T.N. will soon unveil policies on Deep Tech and Artificial Intelligence, says Minister

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Minister for Information Technology and Digital Services Palanivel Thiaga Rajan on Thursday said Tamil Nadu would soon unveil policies on Deep Tech and Artificial Intelligence (AI), and that the State was expecting to set up a Deep Tech fund.

"In the recent discussion on the demands for grant for the IT and Digital Services Department in the Assembly, we spoke about a mantra or slogan, 'Innovate in Tamil Nadu'. As we are the most industrialised State with the greatest talent pool, we need to use the innovation approach to stimulate our economy and achieve Chief Minister M.K. Stalin's vision of a $1-Trillion economy by 2030," he said at an event to mark the first anniversary of Tamil Nadu Technology Hub (iTNT Hub).

"We are at an interesting inflection point in the technology space with the advent of Deep Tech and AI...," Mr. Thiaga Rajan

Minister Palanivel Thiaga Rajan at the event organised to mark the first anniversary of iTNT Hub on Thursday. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

said, adding that in alignment with the Centre's Deep Tech Policy, which is expected to be announced soon, the State government would focus on areas of technology product design to facilitate new product development with a confluence of product designers, and developers, and manufacturing support. Later, he told mediapersons that the Tamil Nadu government had been taking steps to ensure that start-ups were set up in the State.

Addressing the event through video-conference, S. Krishnan, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India, stressed the need to bring all start-up ecosystems together. At the event, the iTNT Hub inked MoUs with Tamil Nadu Smart and Advance Manufacturing Centre, in association with Siemens; Tamil Nadu Centres of Excellence for Advanced Manufacturing, in association with Dassault Systèmes; Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Fund Management Corporation; Amazon Web Services India; Microsoft India; D Labs Incubator Association; India School of Business; T-Hub; and T-Works, Hyderabad.