

Launch of Emerging Technologies Initiative

NEST Division in MEA, Office of Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) and the Science Policy Forum have launched an Emerging Technologies Initiative (**ETI**) on August 31, 2020 for accelerating India's technology intensity in new emerging and strategic technologies. It has been launched on the website of the Science Policy Forum www.thesciencepolicyforum.org/initiatives/eti/.

2. The vision of ETI is to understand, analyze and anticipate the impact of disruptive, futuristic, emerging, strategic, and critical technologies, that underpin economies, employment, security, social equity, and global relations while identifying forward looking opportunities.

3. The aim of the ETI is to assist in recommending appropriate policy choices and help inform negotiating capacities vis-a-vis global technology governance rules, and standards, keeping in mind India's development and national security priorities. The ultimate objective is to identify technologies which are of importance and relevance to India and develop feasible roadmap (s) to indigenize them. Indigenization, not only in terms of technology import or acquisition, but also, involving methods such as, technology co-development.

4. **Participation in this initiative is open to Indian citizens and NRIs/ PIOs** such as multi-disciplinary, multi-institutional teams, including participants from the research and scientific community in India and from amongst the Indian Diaspora as also Indian Start-ups/ Industry.

5. For more information on Emerging Technologies Initiative, please visit the website: www.thesciencepolicyforum.org/initiatives/eti/
