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## **Union Minister Inaugurates Various Facilities Worth Rs 120 Crore at THSTI, Faridabad | Haryana | 23 Feb 2023**

### **Why In News?**

- On February 22, 2023, Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, inaugurated various facilities worth Rs 120 crore at the Translational Health and Technology Institute (THSTI) located in Faridabad district of Haryana.

### **Key points**

- Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister for Science and Technology informed that THSTI, which will have a 50-bed hospital, will have facilities to conduct clinical research such as observational cohort studies and phase 1 and phase 2 clinical trials.
- He informed that the testing of Covid vaccine was done in THSTI's laboratory in partnership with WHO and it was the first laboratory in India to culture Omicron virus.
- THSTI is Biotechnology (DBT) one of the top institutes under the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India. It has done a great job in many areas of research such as maternal and child health, vaccine development, and has developed therapeutic molecules and new diagnostic tools against tuberculosis and dengue.
- Dr. Jitendra Singh informed that it has world-class facilities like BSL-3 laboratory, experimental animal facility, a large biorepository and state-of-the-art equipment for molecular research.
- Dr. Pramod Kumar Garg, Executive Director of THSTI said that the scientists here are committed to develop world-class vaccines and products and if needed in future, the human challenge model will also be adopted.