



New Software Technology Parks will be built in Four Cities of Uttar Pradesh | Uttar Pradesh | 04 Jul 2023

Why In News?

On July 3, 2023, Dr. Praveen Kumar Dwivedi, Additional Director of Software Technology Parks of India, informed that work has started on the construction of New Software Technology Parks in four cities of Uttar Pradesh, Agra, Bareilly, Gorakhpur and Varanasi. Agra Software Park will start in August.

Key Points:

- Dr. Praveen Kumar Dwivedi said that the status of Uttar Pradesh will be further strengthened in the software sector. For this, the establishment of Software Technology Parks in four more cities by the State Government with the help of the Center has started taking a concrete shape.
- The purpose of opening software parks in small towns is to provide employment to high-tech youth in their own cities on the one hand and to accelerate software exports on the other.
- Presently there are Software Technology Parks in Kanpur, Lucknow, Prayagraj, Noida and Meerut. New software parks were also approved to be set up in Agra, Bareilly, Gorakhpur and Varanasi as a joint initiative of the Center and the State. All these cities passed in the Feasibility Report.
- Currently 400 units are employed in the running software parks. Around 200 units are expected to come up in the new software parks. A minimum of 1200 to 1300 software professionals will get employment in each park.
- In the first phase, buildings of 20,000 square feet each will be constructed in the selected cities. The park in Agra is almost ready. Except Varanasi, work is going on fast in Bareilly and Gorakhpur. Then it will be increased according to the demand. At present, a budget of about Rs 80 crore has been kept for the construction of all the four parks.
- Software professionals in small towns have limited opportunities, so they are forced to leave their homes and work elsewhere. One of the objectives of setting up software parks in small towns is that employment opportunities can be opened for computer-skilled youth in every district. Elderly parents living a lonely life in old age should stay with their children.
- On the other hand, there is a growth of more than 12 percent annually in Uttar Pradesh in the export of software, which can increase to 20 percent. Software exports from Uttar Pradesh have increased from 28 to 34 thousand crores in two years. 28 thousand crore rupees in 2020-21, 31 thousand crore rupees in 2021-22 and 34 thousand crore rupees in 2022-23.