

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**  
**ABSTRACT**

ITE&C Department - Andhra Pradesh - Guidelines for operationalizing Ratan Tata Innovation Hub and spokes-Reg

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**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS & COMMUNICATIONS**  
**[ITE&C] (PROMOTION WING) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Ms.No.6**

**Date:14.04.2025**

**Read the following:**

1. G.O. Ms.No.03 IT, E&C (Promotions) Department, dated: 24.03.2025

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**Order:**

The people of Andhra Pradesh are pioneers in innovation and entrepreneurship. The Government of Andhra Pradesh is leveraging national and global best practices to build a vibrant start-up ecosystem. With its progressive vision, the state has emerged as a leader in promoting entrepreneurship and innovation. To effectively navigate emerging challenges and capitalize on opportunities arising from technological advancements, market shifts, and the evolving needs of start-ups, the need arose to establish the Ratan Tata Innovation Hub and its five regional spokes.

In the reference 1 cited, the Andhra Pradesh Innovation and Start-up policy (4.0) 2024-2029 was launched. It is necessary to issue operational guidelines for the establishment of the Ratan Tata Innovation Hub (RTIH) for the Ratan Tata Hub and spokes envisioned in the policy. These guidelines are designed with a long-term vision to achieve the goal of "One entrepreneur in every family" in Andhra Pradesh state, duly leveraging the state-of-the-art information technologies and the start-up and innovation culture.

1. The Government of Andhra Pradesh announced the setting up of the **Ratan Tata Innovation Hub (RTIH)** to lead the efforts of driving a culture of innovation and supporting innovative start-ups and micro-, small, and medium enterprises (MSME).
2. The RTIH will be setup at Amaravati as a "Central Hub" and serve as a beacon of innovation to all the start-ups and other institutes in the state.
3. RTIH will work with 5 regional centres, located in 5 different geographical zones of the state, which are conceived as "Spokes" which shall also be established.
4. Spokes will be setup in the following districts:
  - a. Visakhapatnam
  - b. Rajahmundry
  - c. NTR

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- d. Tirupati
  - e. Anantapur
5. The RTIH and the Spoke centres will be funded and managed by the private sector, with Government providing partial seed capital and grants from time to time through the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Andhra Pradesh Innovation Society (APIS).
6. RTIH main hub and the regional spokes will have a board of governors to oversee the operations:
- a. **Board of Governors for RTIH Hub:**The board will consist of:
    - i. One promoter who shall also be the "President of RTIH";
    - ii. One or more co promoters;
    - iii. Presidents of 5 spokes;
    - iv. Two Independent experts;
    - v. Two eminent personalities from Government, Academia, and Industry associations.
  - b. **Board of Governors for Spokes:** The board will consist of:
    - i. One promoter who shall be the "President" of the spoke;
    - ii. One or more Co-Promoters;
    - iii. Two Independent experts;
    - iv. Two eminent personalities from Government, Academia, and Industry associations.
  - c. **Role of Board of Governors:**
    - i. The Board will serve as the supreme governing body, responsible for overseeing the overall strategy, direction, and governance of the organization.
    - ii. The RTIH and the spokes would facilitate the following functions for the participating start-ups:
      - d. Investment & Financing
      - e. Partnerships
      - f. Incubation & Acceleration
      - g. Stakeholder Management
      - h. Finance & Accounting
      - i. Marketing & Communications.
  - d. **Role of APIS:** The Chief Executive Officer, Andhra Pradesh Innovation Society (CEO APIS) will solicit applications from potential promoters for RTIH and the spokes, and evaluate them. The CEO APIS would submit the recommendations to the Secretary, ITE&C department for further process. On approval from the Government, the CEO, APIS shall take steps to get the company incorporated with above structure under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013 for the main hub and also separately for each spoke.
7. **Role of Collectors Visakhapatnam, Guntur, NTR, Rajahmundry, Tirupati, and Ananthapur:**

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- i. To identify suitable building ideal to house the Hub and spokes for the time being till a permanent building is secured.
- ii. To provide infrastructure and to provide suitable logistics arrangements for operationalizing the building immediately.
- iii. In parallel, to identify and process to alienate 5 acres of suitable land for the spokes. For the RTIH Hub, CRDA shall allot land in Amaravati. Till the Hub and spokes are fully operational, a "District Innovation Task Force" shall be formed to handhold the Hubs and spokes who shall ensure that the Hub and Spoke are fully operational. The District Innovation Task Force shall consist of the GM-DICs, PD DRDA, PD MEPMA, ZM, APIIC and shall be headed by the Joint Collector.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

**BHASKAR KATAMNENI  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

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The Commissioner, Information and Public Relations, Andhra Pradesh  
The Member Secretary, A.P. Pollution Control Board, Andhra Pradesh  
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The Commissioner, APCRDA  
The Commissioner, Labour, Andhra Pradesh  
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