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Ref: Telangana State Drone Framework

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          The attention of all Startups working in the Drone and allied sectors in the State is informed of the reference cited.

2.   Government of Telangana has played a pivotal role in encouraging Startups working in Emerging Technology domains by creating an enabling environment backed with a string of decisive policies and frameworks. The Government has created a vertical or wing called "Emerging Technologies Wing" for emerging technologies with the objective to develop the ecosystem required for the industry and to make the Government Departments leverage or adopt emerging technologies. Government of Telangana in its bid to support innovation through disruption has come up with favourable polices and frameworks for encouraging Startups and entrepreneurs in the fields of Blockchain, AI, Drones, Electric Vehicle, Cyber Security, Cloud Adoption among others.

3.   The State of Telangana, being a pioneer in adopting new technologies has tapped in this opportunity by launching a framework that enables the drone industry to grow and improve service delivery to the citizens, demonstrating the use of technology for societal benefit.

4.   The State envisions the creation of a drone ecosystem built on the strong foundations of an encouraging policy, robust infrastructure, research & development, and market access. Hence, it formulated the Telangana State Drone Frame work to nurture the drone ecosystem with initiatives under three key pillars:

- Infrastructure: Testing Facility, Facilitation Cell, Co-working Space, Cloud
- Talent Pool: Training, Education, and Research collaborations
- Incentives: For Drone manufacturers and service providers

5.   The framework also aims to enable and encourage the use of drones, which in turn will lead to creation of employment opportunities and economic prosperity in the State of Telangana. A number of use cases have been identified to be implemented by the government in healthcare, mining, environment and forest, agriculture etc. One key project is the "Medicine from the SKY Project" to use drones to deliver blood, vaccines and medicines to remote areas.

6.   The Telangana State Drone Framework mentions that the Government will provide fiscal incentives available under "Incentives for IT/ITeS Units" and "ESDM Policy" to drone and drone component manufacturers and service providers in order to further boost the drone industry.

7.   The Telangana State Drone Framework has also mentioned that government will set up a Drone Management Office that will help government departments in procuring services from drone service providers (mostly startups). The focus areas of the government shall be agriculture, energy, municipal administration, mining, irrigation and public safety.

8.   Hence, all the Startups working in the Drone and allied sectors in the State are requested to access the Telangana State Drone Framework through the below mentioned link and explore the various offerings available under its ambit. https://startup.telangana.gov.in/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Drone_Framework.

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To,
All the Companies & Startups in Telangana.

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