

White paper on ‘Focused Interventions for ‘Make in India’: Post COVID 19’ by TIFAC to be released

A white paper on “**Focused Interventions for ‘Make in India’: Post COVID 19**”, prepared by Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council(TIFAC), will be released by Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Hon’ble Union Minister for Science & Technology, Health and Family Welfare and Earth Sciences on 10th July 2020 at 11.30 am virtually from the office of the Union Minister at Nirman Bhavan. Dr. V K Saraswat, Chairman TIFAC Governing Council, and Prof. Pradeep Srivastava, Executive Director, TIFAC, will also grace the occasion.

The white paper by TIFAC will help understand, evaluate and define the impact of the pandemic on the Indian economy and provide policymakers (Government of India) and public with the guidance that can be taken to mitigate the widespread economic shock and boost the Indian economy, cut through the noise of fall and prepare the ground for recovery using self-reliance as the new mantra.

This White Paper which captures sector-specific strengths, market trends, and opportunities in five (5) sectors, critical from the country’s perspective, includes healthcare, machinery, ICT, agriculture, manufacturing, and electronics with reference to supply and demand, self-sufficiency and mass-scale production capacity.

The White Paper has identified policy options primarily in the areas of Public health system, MSME sector, Global relations: FDI, recalibrated trade alignments, new-age technologies, etc. This is precisely important for the development of technology clusters in champion segments, creating Technology Start-up Exchange, identifying, supporting, and piloting ten blockbuster technologies and collaborating with new dynamics with incubators of Israel, Germany, towards promoting import substitution as well as evolving technology platforms in sunrise technologies.

Briefly, the recommendations are directed towards giving immediate technology and policy impetus to make India “ATMANIRBHAR”.

“The White Paper by TIFAC presents a compelling map of high priority sectors, technologies, and strategies to fuel growth in the time of COVID-19 and immediately beyond. The sector-wise reports being worked on currently will also be an invaluable resource in defining the opportunities even more sharply,” said Prof. Ashutosh Sharma, Secretary, DST.