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Examine the role of state-level innovation ecosystems in strengthening India's knowledge economy. Discuss the importance of infrastructure, skilled human resources and research institutions in attracting technology investments.

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Answer Hint

Knowledge economy, technology parks, digital infrastructure, skilled workforce, research and development, university-industry collaboration, startup ecosystem, foreign investment, regional development, innovation-led employment.

Model Answer

Introduction

A knowledge economy relies on information, innovation, technology and skilled human resources to generate economic growth. State-level innovation ecosystems play an important role in strengthening this transition.

Role of Innovation Ecosystems

Technology parks, reliable digital infrastructure and supportive policies attract domestic and foreign investment. Cities such as Hyderabad demonstrate how IT services, research institutions, startups and skilled professionals can contribute to a technology-driven economy.

Importance of Research and Human Capital

Universities and research institutions generate new knowledge and support technological innovation. Collaboration between academia and industry facilitates commercialisation of research. Skill development in artificial

intelligence, biotechnology, cybersecurity and advanced manufacturing improves employability and industrial competitiveness.

Way Forward

States should strengthen public research funding, digital connectivity, startup financing and industry-academia partnerships. Investment promotion must also extend beyond major cities to reduce regional disparities.

Conclusion

India's knowledge economy requires coordinated investment in infrastructure, education and research. Strong regional innovation ecosystems can generate employment, improve productivity and enhance global competitiveness.

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