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TAMIL NADU

- **State's Revised Scholarship Scheme**
- ✓ The number of graduates from the Scheduled Caste (SC) and the Scheduled Tribe (ST) communities availing themselves of the State government's scholarship scheme to study masters or doctoral degrees in top global universities has increased in the past couple of years.

A newspaper clipping from the 'DMK IT WING' section. The headline reads: 'Tamil Nadu's Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department's revised scholarship scheme has significantly increased the number of SC/ST students pursuing higher education abroad.' Below the headline, it states: 'The scheme, which removed the cap on the number of eligible graduates, offers annual scholarships.' A photograph of a man in a white shirt is on the right. At the bottom, it says: 'Because of the revised scholarship, 120 students have benefited over the last two years, and 75 more have been chosen this year to study at global universities.'

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- ✓ The State launched the overseas scholarship scheme for SC/ ST graduates in 2003.
- ✓ However, only a handful of graduates used to avail themselves of the initiative till 2022-23 due to procedural bottlenecks.
- ✓ In 2023, the Department of Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare restructured the scheme by removing the cap on the number of graduates who could benefit from it, and several other provisions.

NATIONAL

- **Union Cabinet approves proposal to Bolster Biotech Manufacturing**
- ✓ The Union Cabinet on Saturday cleared a proposal to bolster biotechnology-based manufacturing, called BioE3 (Biotechnology for Economy, Environment and Employment) Policy for Fostering High Performance Biomanufacturing.



- ✓ To be steered by the Department of Biotechnology, the aim is to have it catalyse a technology revolution “just as the IT industry revolutionised life in the 1990s”.
- ✓ High performance biomanufacturing is the ability to produce products from medicine to materials, address farming and food challenges, and promote manufacturing of bio-based products through integration of advanced biotechnological processes. “

ECONOMY

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Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

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President Droupadi Murmu, Minister Jitendra Singh and ISRO Chairman S. Somnath at the space exhibition in New Delhi. (ANI)

the National Space Day celebrations here on Friday. The Space Day celebra-

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