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**Enterprise, Technology, and Innovation**

The people and the Government recognise the socially transformative role of modern industry. Kerala's approach to enterprise development is based on the understanding that economic growth must be driven by productivity, innovation, and broad participation. The State's long-standing investments in education, health, and social development have created a skilled and adaptable workforce. Translating these social strengths into sustained industrial and enterprise growth requires deliberate policy, supportive institutions, and continuous technological upgrading.

Over the past decade, sustained public investment and targeted policy reforms have created a stronger foundation for enterprise growth — from modernised infrastructure and streamlined regulatory systems to improved support for startups and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). This groundwork has enabled significant enterprise creation, strengthened investor confidence, and reshaped Kerala's industrial landscape.

The State will continue to improve the investment climate by promoting industrial parks, nurturing the startup ecosystem, and empowering the MSME sector to foster entrepreneurship and balanced regional growth. The State will prioritise the modernisation and technological upgrading of industries to improve productivity and enable greater value addition. Strengthening the linkages between education, research, and industry will be central to sustaining innovation aligned with the State's development priorities. The State will support traditional industries and MSMEs to modernise and adopt new technologies.

The session will discuss the strategies required to advance this transition, with an emphasis on technology adoption, innovation systems, and stronger linkages between human capital and industrial policy.