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## WHY IN NEWS

Gujarat has unveiled its **Industrial Policy 2026**, succeeding the 2020 policy. Its headline feature is a new “**ultra mega industrial unit**” category requiring a minimum investment of **Rs 10,000 crore** and over **3,000 jobs**, and an expansion of the state’s **thrust sectors from 9 to 16**. The policy is an occasion to examine industrial policy and the competitive federalism driving states’ race for high-tech investment.

## THE POLICY IN BRIEF

FEATURE	PARTICULARS
Replaces	Gujarat Industrial Policy 2020
New category	“Ultra mega industrial unit”
Ultra-mega threshold	Rs 10,000 crore minimum investment, 3,000+ jobs
Thrust sectors	Expanded from 9 to 16
New thrust areas	Semiconductor supply chains, nuclear power equipment, drones and robotics, recycling, heavy equipment
Focus	Ease of doing business, advanced manufacturing, MSMEs, emerging high-growth sectors

The ultra-mega category is designed to attract very large anchor investors in strategic, high-value sectors, while the expanded thrust list signals the state’s bet on the technologies expected to drive the next phase of manufacturing.

## WHAT INDUSTRIAL POLICY DOES

CONCEPT	MEANING
<b>Industrial policy</b>	A state's strategy of incentives and support to shape industrial growth
<b>Thrust sectors</b>	Priority industries given special incentives
<b>Anchor investor</b>	A very large unit whose presence draws an ecosystem of suppliers
<b>Competitive federalism</b>	States competing to attract investment through policy and incentives

State industrial policies operate alongside central initiatives such as the **India Semiconductor Mission**, the **Production-Linked Incentive (PLI)** schemes and **Make in India**, with states tailoring incentives to their strengths.

## THE ANALYSIS: THE RACE FOR HIGH-TECH INVESTMENT

- ❶ **Competitive federalism in action.** States are competing to attract semiconductor, electronics and high-tech investment, tailoring incentives to land anchor projects, a feature that can drive a “race to the top” in ease of doing business.
- ❷ **Anchor investors and ecosystems.** Very large units can seed supplier ecosystems and skills, but the benefits depend on linkages to local MSMEs rather than enclaves of activity.
- ❸ **The subsidy-competition risk.** Aggressive incentive competition between states can become a “race to the bottom” in subsidies, eroding fiscal space without commensurate gains; incentives must be calibrated and outcome-linked.
- ❹ **Balancing scale with breadth.** A focus on ultra-mega units must be balanced with sustained support for MSMEs, which generate the bulk of manufacturing employment.

The way forward is to pair the pursuit of large anchor investments with **MSME deepening, skilling and supplier linkages**, and to keep incentives transparent and tied to investment and employment outcomes so that the policy delivers broad-based industrial growth.

## UPSC RELEVANCE

- **GS Paper 3 (Economy):** industrial policy, manufacturing, investment, PLI and Make in India, MSMEs.
- **GS Paper 2 (Polity):** competitive and cooperative federalism.
- **Prelims:** the ultra-mega unit threshold, the expanded thrust sectors, the India Semiconductor Mission.

- **Mains:** industrial policy and competitive federalism; balancing anchor investors with MSME support.

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#### THE POLICY:

Gujarat Industrial Policy 2026, replacing the 2020 policy

Ultra mega industrial unit: Rs 10,000 crore minimum investment, 3,000+ jobs

Thrust sectors expanded from 9 to 16, adding semiconductors, nuclear equipment, drones and robotics

#### THE CONTEXT:

Operates alongside the India Semiconductor Mission, PLI schemes and Make in India

Reflects competitive federalism in the race for high-tech investment

#### THE CAUTION:

Calibrate incentives to avoid a subsidy “race to the bottom”; deepen MSME linkages

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