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Furthermore, the Policy will improve the performance of the public sector through strengthened operations, robust data mining, cost efficiency and impact-focused implementation of development strategies and plans of the State.

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