

Newsletter



Creation of IT SEZ

Government of Orissa has decided to go for an IT SEZ covering a major part of the Infocity, to meet requirements of major IT firms like Wipro, TCS, MindTree, Hexaware and many others who have finalized setting up of their development centres at Bhubaneswar .

Prabhu Goel visits Bhubaneswar

A team of high profile NRI investors from Silicon Valley , USA , led by Dr. Prabhu Goel visited Bhubaneswar recently, to explore investment opportunities in the State and have finalized two investment proposals, one in IT/ITES and another in the Tourism sector

Air India team visits Bhubaneswar

A team of senior officers from Air India led by Regional Director, Mr. P. P. Singh visited Bhubaneswar recently, to study the feasibility of international air connectivity to Bhubaneswar . The team met captains of the industry and senior officers of the State Government. The team assured to extend a South-Asia bound flight from Kolkata to Bhubaneswar as a first step in this direction.

President of India inaugurates Imgenex

The first biotech laboratory of Orissa named Imgenex, was inaugurated by His Excellency Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, President of India at Bhubaneswar , Orissa. This laboratory is engaged in cutting-edge research on antibodies production vital for treatment of many dreaded diseases.

Knowledge City to be set up at Bhubaneswar

As Infocity is full, Government of Orissa is setting up another IT park called "Knowledge City" over a 450 acre patch of land near Janla Industrial Estate about 15km from Bhubaneswar. IDCO shall be taking up the infrastructure development, which is likely to be completed by December this year. The Knowledge City would comprise an IT SEZ and both industrial as well as social infrastructure like schools, shopping, entertainment complex and, a Central Business Zone.

MindTree decides to come to Orissa

Government of Orissa has recently signed an MoU with MindTree Consulting Pvt. Ltd. The MoU envisages establishment of a world class development facility by MindTree in Infocity, Bhubaneswar over an area of approximately 30 acres. The facility shall house about 5000 IT Professionals over a period of 5 years.

OCAC starts French Language Training

In continuation of the Japanese Language Training Programme (JLTP) which is currently into its 14th successful year, OCAC has tied up with the French Association, Kolkata (under Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France) for conducting French language training at OCAC.

CII Annual Awards conferred to IT firms

Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) conferred annual awards for the year 2005 on "Excellence in Software Application" to industrial units in the large as well as SME sector. The awards were given away by Mr. Vishal Dev, IAS, Director IT.

IT Industry Coordination Forum

The IT Department has taken a unique initiative of setting up an IT Industry Coordination Forum which meets every quarter and serves as a forum for discussing and resolving the problems faced by IT & ITES industry as well as for deliberating on related issues. The meetings are attended by CEOs / local Centre heads of the IT units and senior officials from the State Government, Central Government and other Government bodies providing various services and

inputs to the industry.

e-Governance

Orissa ready with e-Governance Roadmap

The Government has made commendable progress in the areas of land records, Government treasuries, commercial taxes, transport, Panchayati Raj and State information portal. Other projects being taken up on priority include e-procurement, State Wide Area Network, Human Resource Management System and Common Services Centre etc. To bring about more pervasiveness accompanied with transparency and accountability in citizen services, the Government has finalized its e-Governance roadmap which was released by Hon'ble Chief Minister, Orissa on 14th June 2006.

Infrastructure

Infocity: The IT nerve center of Orissa

The IT nerve center of Orissa is centered at Infocity, a sprawling 300 acres of Export Promotion Industrial Park developed by IDCO north of Bhubaneswar, where Infosys and ESSPL have set up their development centers. TCS, Wipro and MindTree have signed MoU and have taken land in Infocity. Other prominent IT companies including Hexaware Technologies, Ramtech Software Solutions and Contiloe Films have applied for land.

DLF bags Infopark project

IDCO has finalized the Infopark project which aims at creating 4 mm. sq. feet of world-class built up space for the IT/ ITES industry along with necessary support infrastructure. In the first phase, 3 lakh sq. feet of built up space will be created within 2 years. Infopark will provide an ideal environment to IT/ ITES companies to commence operation with minimum gestation period.

Fortune Towers

The futuristic steel and glass 7 storied tower with nearly 3.5 lakh sft of plug & play IT space spells fortune and efficiency for the IT companies and corporate bodies housed therein.