

'City will see ₹70K cr investment by '22'

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■ Fadnavis lays foundation stone for Auric Hall, mentions A'bad as country's first integrated city

Terming Aurangabad as the first integrated city of the country, chief minister Devendra Fadnavis today said that a whopping ₹70,000 crore will be invested in the city by 2022 providing direct employment to more than 3 lakh people.

Addressing media persons after attending the foundation laying ceremony of Aurangabad Industrial City (Auric) building in Shendra on Wednesday, Fadnavis said that many industrial townships are being developed under the ambitious Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) project of the Union Government. Aurangabad has become

the first integrated (smart) city of the country of the DMIC. Special purpose vehicle Aurangabad Industrial Township Limited (Auric) will implement Aurangabad leg at Shendra and Bidkin.

The development of infrastructure in Shendra will be completed by October 2018 and in Bidkin in three phases by 2022. Walk to work concept will be implemented where thousands of local entrepreneurs will get a chance to set up their units.

No shortage of water for companies

CM hints at Kia Motors arrival

CM Fadnavis did not formally announce arrival of Kia Motors Corporation to Aurangabad but hinted that the South Korean auto giant was most likely to set up its manufacturing plant in Auric. Industries minister Subhash Desai, who was present in the media conference, toured the country and succeeded in convincing them that Auric was the best place for it in India. Kia Motors will be followed by another auto giant of the world (name not given) and these two companies will play a role of anchor projects in Auric, Fadnavis added.



Fadnavis said that the Auric has underground fibre network and will have wifi facility. The gov-

ernment is committed to provide a world-class infrastructure to the companies and will have ease of doing

business in Auric.

The city and Marathwada region is water-stressed. But there is no reason for companies and industries to worry over water supply. Fifty percent water required for industries will be reused city water while fifty percent water will be lifted from dams. Water in ponds and reservoirs in the nearby areas will be conserved. The Auric office will have command over everything including water and electricity. Every drop of water and unit of high quality electricity will be audited from the Auric office.