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Big investment boost

Chhattisgarh bags Rs. 9,580 Cr investment proposals, eyes 7,800 new jobs

Chhattisgarh recently attracted investment proposals worth Rs 9,580 crore across high-growth sectors including data centers, semiconductors and GPU architecture, solar energy equipment, textiles, and pharmaceuticals at the state Investors Connect in Hyderabad. Seven major organizations submitted proposals that are expected to generate around 7,800 direct jobs, underscoring growing investor confidence in the state's industrial ecosystem and policy framework.

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai handed over "Invitation to invest letter" to the prospective investors, marking a significant step in the state's efforts to position itself as a preferred destination for technology-led and manufacturing investments.

Chhattisgarh Commerce and Industries Minister Lakhan Lal Dewangan and prominent industrialists, investors, and business representatives from southern India were present on the occasion.

Key investment proposals

The largest investment proposal has come from Hypernext Data Center Limited. The company has expressed its intent to invest Rs 4,200 crore to establish a modern data center in Chhattisgarh, which is expected to generate approximately 250 jobs. In this era of the digital economy, data centers are considered a crucial foundation for a state's technological capabilities and future digital requirements.

Feegrade and Company Private Limited has proposed an investment of Rs 2,912 crore in the cement sector. This investment has the potential to provide employment to around 4,000 people. The cement industry is a key pillar of infrastructure development and will also boost local economic activities.

Nivai Labs Private Limited has shown interest in investing Rs 1,000 crore in the semiconductor and GPU infrastructure sector. This investment, involving cutting-edge technology, will help integrate the state into the emerging digital and electronics economy and create approximately 200 jobs.

SG Mart Limited, operating in the solar energy equipment manufacturing sector, has proposed an investment of Rs 700 crore. The company is engaged in manufacturing solar structure components, and this project is expected to provide employment to about 450 people. This investment is also viewed as a significant step towards promoting green energy.

Shri Saravana Mills Private Limited has expressed its intent to invest Rs 528 crore in the textile industry. This project could provide employment to approximately 2,500 people. As the textile industry is a labor-intensive sector, it will create new job opportunities for the youth and women.

Kabra Drugs, a company in the pharmaceutical sector, has proposed an investment of Rs 200 crore. The company is engaged in pharmaceutical manufacturing and healthcare-related activities. This investment is expected to generate around 250 jobs.

Dinshaw's Dairy Foods Private Limited, a renowned company in the dairy sector, has proposed an investment of Rs 40 crore. This project, involving milk processing and value addition, will provide employment to approximately 150 people and benefit milk producers as well.

Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai said Chhattisgarh is emerging as a preferred investment destination, supported by streamlined approvals, a robust single-window system, strong infrastructure and industry-friendly policies. Inviting Hyderabad-based companies, particularly in the IT, pharmaceutical and logistics sectors, to invest in the state, he assured them of policy support and a business-friendly environment, adding that Chhattisgarh has "rolled out the red carpet" for investors.

"Hyderabad's journey from an emerging IT destination to a global technology and innovation hub is inspiring. Chhattisgarh is working on a similar roadmap, and we are already witnessing encouraging results in sectors such as IT, manufacturing and services," Sai said while addressing the gathering at hotel Park Hyatt.

Inviting investors to explore opportunities in the state, he noted that Chhattisgarh has organized investor outreach programmes across major Indian cities as well as in countries such as Japan and South Korea. These efforts have so far resulted in investment proposals worth more than Rs 8 lakh crore, he said.

Highlighting the state's industrial strengths, Sai said Chhattisgarh is emerging as a leader in green steel production and is rapidly strengthening its position as a national power hub. The state has received investment proposals worth Rs 3.5 lakh crore in the energy sector, he added.

Spotlight on robotics

HANNOVER MESSE announces ROBOTICS AWARD 2027

HANNOVER MESSE announces the start of the renowned annual ROBOTICS AWARD competition. Now, companies and institutions can submit their robot-based automation and logistics solutions to be considered for the award. The award ceremony will be held during the HANNOVER MESSE Preview on 24 February 2027 in Hannover. The deadline to apply is 1 November 2026.

Each year, HANNOVER MESSE organizes the ROBOTICS AWARD to recognize outstanding technological innovations that have the potential to transform manufacturing. An independent jury evaluates the submissions and nominates three solutions. The focus is on market-ready products with a high degree of innovation, clear industrial potential, and convincing economic viability. Companies and institutions from Germany and abroad are eligible to participate in the competition, regardless of whether they exhibit at HANNOVER MESSE.

During the awards ceremony, the three nominees present their solutions to members of the media from roughly 20 countries. The winner is then announced. All nominees receive a participation package for HANNOVER MESSE, which includes exhibition space in the Application Park and a presentation slot. Interested companies can submit their application here.

GoodBytz won ROBOTICS AWARD 2026

The startup GoodBytz won the Robotics Award 2026 for its kitchen system that uses lightweight, compact industrial robots. Appropriate seals, food-grade materials, and a high level of protection against heat, moisture, and cleaning processes enable its robots to meet the requirements of food processing.

Srichakra Polyplast, Lindner Washtech Join Forces for PCR Recycling in India

Srichakra Polyplast, one of India's leading producers of food-grade recycled plastics, has partnered with Lindner Washtech, a German-origin global recycling technology company, to install two advanced washing lines for processing post-consumer recycled (PCR) film and rigid plastic waste.

"The partnership will strengthen Srichakra's PCR film and rigid plastics recycling capacity, improving recycled material quality, processing efficiency and supply reliability for India's packaging and manufacturing sectors," a statement issued by Srichakra said. Srichakra works with leading beverage, FMCG and consumer brands to convert post-consumer packaging waste into high-quality recycled materials, helping reduce their dependence on virgin plastics.

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Speaking on the partnership, Ravindra Venkata Paruchuri, Co-founder & Managing Director, Srichakra Polyplast, said, "As demand for high-quality recycled materials continues to grow across India and international markets, the ability to consistently deliver quality, traceability and performance becomes increasingly important. For a project of this scale and strategic significance, selecting the right technology partner was critical. As we continue to expand our recycling capabilities and support global brands with sustainable packaging solutions, we look forward to building a long-term partnership with Lindner Washtech and creating new benchmarks for quality, innovation and circularity in plastics recycling."

Ganesh Karankal, Director India, Lindner Washtech said, "Srichakra Polyplast is setting a high benchmark for advanced recycling in India, and we are glad to support that ambition with washing technology engineered for consistent, high-quality output."

Lindner Washtech is part of the Lindner Group and specialises in plastics recycling, shredding and washing machinery. Srichakra Polyplast's recycling expertise and Lindner Washtech's proven washing technology aims to increase the availability of high-quality recycled plastics while supporting the transition towards a more circular and resource-efficient economy.

The installation will add to Srichakra's technology backbone as the company scales its recycling operations and supports India's transition to a circular economy.

Kolkata metro powers ahead with ABB tech

ABB strengthens Kolkata Metro's journey towards efficient, sustainable mobility

Kolkata Metro, India's first metro railway established in 1984, has partnered with ABB to enhance the efficiency, reliability and safety of its expanding urban transit network. Supporting seamless operations across underground and elevated corridors, ABB's advanced electrification and motion-control solutions have been deployed across key metro infrastructure facilities. Today, the 72-km metro system operates more than 300 train trips daily and serves over half a million passengers, playing a vital role in easing traffic congestion and promoting sustainable mobility in the city.

A wide range of ABB Electrification solutions, including low-voltage and medium voltage gas-insulated switchgear, lightning protection systems, distribution boards, and variable frequency drives (VFDs), have been deployed across various station and tunnels throughout the network. These solutions are designed to optimize space, reduce downtime, support efficient operations, and enable safe ventilation, contributing to operational continuity. ABB Motion's HVAC-dedicated packaged drives help control critical cooling and ventilation infrastructure, supporting passenger comfort and safety during daily operations and smoke extraction functions during emergencies within the metro station, while making noticeable energy savings – on average of 25 percent.

Kiran Dutt, President – Electrification, ABB India said "As India accelerates its journey toward low-carbon, smart urban transit, the need for highly efficient and intelligent solutions has never been more urgent. Today, ABB's broad portfolio of technologies are helping our customers drive efficient operations across 80% of the nation's metro rail networks. Over the past 25 years, ABB has closely partnered with Kolkata Metro to equip its network with future-ready products & solutions across different corridors. Through local manufacturing and innovations under the 'Make in India' initiative, ABB continues to support India's vision for a modern, sustainable, and future-ready transportation ecosystem."

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Various ABB solutions have been deployed across Kolkata Metro's network, engineered to the specific infrastructure requirements and operational needs of different locations. These solutions are installed across key metro corridors and facilities, including the Sealdah–Phoolbagan, Joka–Majerhat, Barun Sengupta–Nazrul Tirtha, Airport, Shahid Khudiram station and Blue Line corridors, as well as at Dakshineswar, Baranagar, Metro Railway Bhavan, and India's largest underground metro station— Jai Hind Bimanbandar.

Supporting various aspects of metro infrastructure, right from power distribution and electrification to HVAC applications, these solutions contribute to the efficient operation of the network and support Kolkata Metro's ongoing infrastructure development efforts.