

Paradip to be develop as World Class Smart Industrial Port City

The port city of Paradip is to be develop as World Class Smart Industrial Port City. Joint Secretary (Ports) Sh. Pravir Kishn informed that the Ministry of Shipping is planning to develop Paradip as a world class, globally competitive, smart industrial Port City. The rationale behind developing Paradip as a smart city is that Paradip already have a Major Port and strong mineral resource presence in the region, these factors will make Paradip a hub for Micro Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME).

The on-going Sagarmala programme and the expansion plan of the outer harbor will only increase the port traffic. The Smart City at Paradip will be built on a PPP basic and it will have Multi-modal Logistics Parks (MMLPs), Industrial Parks, Residential and Commercial areas, water management system, waste recycling centre & creek development programme for tourism.

The proposed smart city will be spread across 6727.17 acres, out of which 1652 acres will dedicated to the residential area, where as 1,950 acres and 3,115.17 acres will be dedicated to industrial area and custom bound area respectively.

The greening and road beautification works worth Rs. 6 crores are already underway. The smart city will also have a Solar Energy Park of 20 MW spread over 90 acres of land. 10 MW of this is proposed to be completed by March 2017 and the rest is to be completed by December, 2017. The total cost of the proposed Solar Power project is approximately 160 crores.

The proposed Smart City will also have dedicated drinking water supply lines and a very efficient drainage system. The road network will have dedicated lines for township and port.

The slums area which is currently scattered in 155 acres will be rehabilitated through Pradhanmantri Awaas Yojana.

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