

Firms line up to set up Vijayawada units

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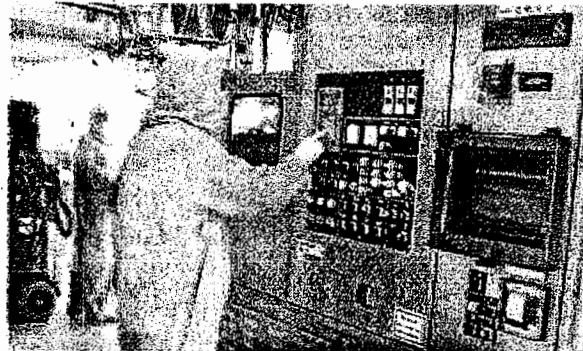
Vijayawada appears to be emerging as the favourite destination of industrialists in the residual Andhra Pradesh to set up their new companies even as the commercial tax department officials are hopeful of seeing a spurt in revenue collection during the current financial year itself.

Apart from major attractions such as tax incentives, industrialists appear to have been zeroing in on Vijayawada for a host of other reasons, which include the new capital region and its proximity to Hyderabad.

Places like Enikepadu, Prasadampadu, Nidamanuru, which already host some pharma companies, are in the forefront of attracting more drug makers from Ranga Reddy district in Telangana.

According to commercial tax officials, several companies have already got their offices in Vijayawada registered to avoid two per cent inter-state tax.

Some of them are pharma companies, who have registered with the commercial tax department, are Zydex Wellness, Mankind Pharma,



Cadilla Health Care, Allchem Laboratories, Torrent Pharmaceutical, IPCA Laboratories, Blue Cross Laboratories, etc.

"These companies which already have their units in Hyderabad and Ranga Reddy districts, have also registered in Vijayawada during the division process," said Kiran Kumar, deputy commissioner CT department, Vijayawada I.

He added, "These companies in addition to various central tax benefits will mainly save the inter-state movement tax of two per cent on commodities."

Even several auto companies have sought to establish their units in Vijayawada. They are also on the lookout for the suitable land between Nidamanuru and Gudavalli on both sides of the National Highway.

The automobile industry has set up several

units in this area and have close connectivity with the Asia's biggest Autonagar in the city.

The extended Autonagar at Kanuru too is seen as a potential place for the automobile companies. The companies like Ashok Leyland, Tata Motors, Mahindra & Mahindra, Maruti, Renault and other auto majors have already established their distribution centres in this area, particularly from the Benz Centre in Vijayawada to the Gudavalli on the National Highway.

With the city tax offices flooded with proposals, the officials are hopeful to see a spurt in revenue. "Currently, the Vijayawada-I and Vijayawada-II generates around ₹1,400 crore revenue every year. We are hopeful of the revenue crossing ₹2,000 crore," said the CT official.

Miscellaneous.