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## Rs 18,461 cr MoUs signed on Day 1 of 'Advantage Vidarbha'

- Business tycoons all positive about Vidarbha
- Conclave, a game-changer for the region: Rane
- MoUs be turned into real investment: Patel

■ Special Correspondent

THE 'Advantage Vidarbha' conclave began on a high note on Monday at the Orange City. The business tycoons gave overwhelming response to the conclave on the very first day and signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) worth Rs 18,461 crore in presence of Chief Minister Prithviraj Chavan, Union Minister for Heavy Industries Pratul Patel and Industries Minister Narayan Rane.

Chairman of Tata Group, Cyrus Mistry; Chairman and Managing Director of Maruti, R C Bhargava; BHEL Chairman and MD, B Prasad Rao; Jindal Group Vice Chairman, Sajjan Jindal; FICCI President of Maharashtra, Rashesh Shah; and Raymond Group Chairman, Gautam Singhania were present at the function.

All the business tycoons praised Maharashtra and sounded positive about Vidarbha. Heavy Industry Minister Pratul Patel described himself as representative of Vidarbha in Union Cabinet and asked Government to ensure that MoUs are turned into real investment.

Industry Minister Narayan Rane described new Industrial Policy as pro-growth and pro-industrial development and hoped



Chief Minister Prithviraj Chavan and Union Heavy Industry Minister Pratul Patel inaugurating the two-day 'Advantage Vidarbha' conclave on Monday. Industry Minister Narayan Rane, Maruti-Suzuki Ltd Chairman R C Bhargava, Raymond Group Chairman Gautam Singhania, Guardian Minister Shivajirao Moghe, Jindal Group Vice President Sajjan Jindal and VIA President Pratul Doshi look on. (Pics by Satish Raut)

that 'Advantage Vidarbha' will be a game-changer for this region.

Sources claimed that MoUs worth of Rs 2,000 crore are in the pipe line.

Principal Secretary of Industries Department Manukumar Srivastava, and MIDC CEO Bhushan Gagrani signed the MoUs on behalf of Maharashtra Government.



A section of elite industrial crowd at 'Advantage Vidarbha' conclave on Monday.

### CM rolls red-carpet for industries

- Vidarbha's potential will be showcased every year
- Change the mind-set, work together to achieve better growth

■ Staff Reporter

CHIEF Minister Prithviraj Chavan, while addressing inaugural session of conclave said that Maharashtra Government would provide all facilities and incentives to industrialists for setting up their units in the Vidarbha region. The Government would organise such event

every year to promote

industrial development in Vidarbha as well as in other parts of the Maharashtra.

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Chavan said that earlier, Government was major source of employment generation. However, in open economy, the private companies are biggest employment generators in the country.

Chief Minister has assured all possible help to the business fraternity in the region. He asked investors to avail advantages of the new industrial policy and huge deposits of minerals, natural resources of water and land, and human resources in the region to develop business.

Chavan stressed the need for developing Nagpur, which is geographically centrally located in the country, as the transportation hub, saying with the rise of petrol prices, it would be ideal for logistic purposes. The MIHAN is developed in a similar way with an idea that the international flights passing over Nagpur will make a stopover here and exchange consignments en route to longer destinations thus connecting Nagpur with other international cities.

Chavan said, looking at industrial peace, overall climatic conditions and vast connectivity by rail, road and air has put Vidarbha in general and Nagpur in particular is a strategic plaque for investors, he said.

Chavan while welcoming the proposal of public sector undertaking BHEL for setting up a manufacturing unit and a silicon solar cell worth of Rs 2500 crore at Sakoli in Bhandara district. He said, he will team up with Patel to seek subsidy from National Mission on Climate Change of the Centre, which is available for unconventional energy sources like solar energy.

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### MoUs signed on Day 1

BHEL Group	Rs 2,500 cr
Ambuja Cement	Rs 3,300 cr
Manikgarh Cement	Rs 1,500 cr
Amba Iron & Steel	Rs 1,000 cr
Dhariwal Infra	Rs 600 cr
Suryalakshmi Cotton Mills	Rs 500 cr
Prithvi Ferro	Rs 400 cr
Sunflag Iron & Steel	Rs 339 cr
Hindalco	Rs 318 cr
Eshwar Kripa Developers	Rs 311 cr
Suguna Foods	Rs 114 cr
R C Plasto	Rs 102 cr
Suryaamba Spinning Mills	Rs 45 cr
RSR Mohota	Rs 45 cr
Sai Spirit Pvt Ltd	Rs 140 cr
Rasoya Proteins	Rs 98 cr
Bhushan Steel Ltd	Rs 1,350 cr
Shourya Seamless Tube	Rs 300 cr
Avgoi Ltd	Rs 290 cr
VHM Industries Ltd	Rs 280 cr
Shyam Indofab	Rs 273 cr
Raymond Uco Denim	Rs 250 cr
Innovative Textiles	Rs 150 cr
Vidarbha Soya Milk	Rs 100 cr
21st Century Infra	Rs 300 cr

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## Maharashtra way ahead of Gujarat in industrial growth: CM

■ Staff Reporter

MAHARASHTRA is far ahead of Gujarat in industrial growth and will maintain its *numero uno* position in terms of growth, investment, job creation and wealth generation in future as well, asserted Chief Minister Prithviraj Chavan. Comparing growth story of Maharashtra and Gujarat, he claimed that on every economic parameter like per capita income, FDI, actual industrial investment, Maharashtra is way ahead than its neighbour, Chavan claimed.

Speaking to reporters on Monday evening after successful Day One of 'Advantage Vidarbha' which witnessed signing of MoUs worth Rs 18,500 crore, Chief Minister pointed out that during past seven years, mega industrial projects worth Rs 2.75 lakh crore were actually set-up.

Chavan refuted the oft-repeated charge of large-scale shifting of industries from Maharashtra to Gujarat. "Some industries, which need ports to export their product, were set up in Gujarat. On this front also, we have undertaken a comprehensive policy to develop ports in Konkan region and connect them with highway and rail network," he informed.

About cheaper power offered by neighbouring states, Chavan stated that Maharashtra is the only state offering 24x7 power while others offer cheap power only for a particular duration. "Once our power deficit is bridged, we will also attract uninterrupted power supply to industries at most competitive rates," Chavan stated.

Describing the encouraging response to 'Advantage Vidarbha' as only "a modest beginning," Chief Minister Prithviraj Chavan on Monday predicted an investment of over Rs 5 lakh crore in entire state in next five years. The Government hopes to divert at least Rs 50,000 crore investment in Vidarbha to change its industrial face and socio-economic composition, Chavan confidently stated.

"But at the same time, we must change our mindset to welcome industries, expedite decision making process and give up obstructionist approach," Chavan added.

"After the new Industrial Policy-2013, Maharashtra will remain the first choice of all investors and we will ensure a red-carpet welcome for all projects. Special incentives will be provided to ultra-mega projects worth Rs 1500 crore," Chavan said.

### Highlights

- 'Advantage Vidarbha' will be held every year
- Maharashtra to supply 24x7 power for industries
- Other states providing cheap power but not 24x7
- Maximum FDI will be in Maharashtra, Gujarat nowhere in list

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# Mistry bats for Vidarbha's development, invites India Inc to make investment

■ Business Bureau

MONDAY afternoon became memorable as it renewed confidence among industrialists when Cyrus Mistry, Chairman of Tata Sons flew down at the investors meet of 'Advantage Vidarbha'. He appealed India Inc to park investment and help Vidarbhaites hoist the flag of industrial development. Batting for Vidarbha's devel-

opment, he said, "The stage is set for the economic development of Vidarbha, I recommend the case with industrialists to invest in Vidarbha." The new projects should be designed on public private partnership (PPP) model. Taking the legacy of Tata Group further, Mistry cautioned that investors should discharge their responsibilities by performing Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities.

Prithviraj Chavan, Maharashtra Chief Minister and Narayan Rane, Maharashtra Industry Minister shared the dais.

The 44-year-old young dynamic Cyrus Pallonji Mistry, who took the cudgels in his hands from the past Chairman of the business conglomerate, Ratan Tata, exhibited a sense of responsibility by requesting Chavan to implement pro-active policy. "In the volatile, uncertain world, Maharashtra Government should  
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Chairman of Tata Sons Cyrus Mistry addressing investors at 'Advantage Vidarbha' on Monday. (Pic by Satish Raut)