

India's First 3nm Chip Design Centres

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The Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology launched India's first 3-nanometre (3nm) chip design centres in Noida and Bengaluru, positioning the country among a select few nations at the forefront of chip technology.

- In another development, the Union Cabinet has approved the establishment of a **display driver chip** manufacturing unit in **Jewar**, **Uttar Pradesh (UP)**.
 - This is the first semiconductor fabrication unit in UP and the 6th approved under Phase I of the Indian Semiconductor Mission (ISM), with production set to begin by 2027.
- The launch of a new semiconductor learning kit designed to strengthen practical hardware skills among engineering students was also announced.
 - Over 270 academic institutions, which have already received access to advanced Electronic Design Automation (EDA) software tools through the <u>India</u> <u>Semiconductor Mission</u>, will also receive these hands-on kits.
- Other Initiatives:
 - Chips to Startup (C2S) Programme
 - Production Linked Incentive scheme (PLI)
 - Digital RISC-V (DIR-V) program
 - Modified Special Incentive Package Scheme (M-SIPS) for Semiconductors.
- 3nm Chip Technology: 3nm chip technology incorporates
 more transistors than 5nm and 7nm chips, offering higher performance, improved energy
 efficiency, and lower heat generation, making them crucial for advanced computing,
 Al, and mobile devices.

SEMICONDUCTORS

Semiconductors are materials having conductivity between conductors and insulators

- EXAMPLES
 - Pure Elements: Silicon and Germanium
 - © Compounds: Gallium Arsenide and Cadmium selenide
- SIGNIFICANCE
 - Essential to almost all sectors of the economy aerospace, automobiles,
 communications, clean energy, information technology and medical devices etc.
- SEMICONDUCTORS AND INDIA
 - India Imports from: China, Taiwan, USA and Japan
 - Indian Semiconductor Market: Expected to reach USD 55 bn by 2026

SCHEMES

- Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme
- → Design Linked Incentive (DLI) Scheme
- Scheme for Promotion of Manufacturing of Electronic Components and Semiconductors (SPECS)

OBJECTIVES

- Encourage semiconductor and display manufacturing in the country.
- Nurture >20 domestic companies in semiconductor design Achieve a turnover of > Rs.1500 crore in next 5 years
- Manufacture electronics components and semiconductors

INDIA'S SEMICONDUCTOR MISSION (ISM)

- VISION
 - Build a vibrant semiconductor and display design and innovation ecosystem
- LAUNCHED
 - 2021
- NODAL MINISTRY
 - Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)
- 🛂 TOTAL FINANCIAL OUTLAY
 - Rs 76,000 crore

COMPONENTS

- Scheme for setting up of Semiconductor Fabs
- Scheme for setting up of Display Fabs
- Scheme for setting up of Compound Semiconductors/Silicon Photonics/ Sensors (including MEMS) Fabs/ Discrete Semiconductors Fab and Semiconductor ATMP/OSAT
- DLI Scheme



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