

International Business and Finance Centre (IBFC)

Why in News?

The **Maharashtra cabinet** has approved the **land acquisition** and expenditure provision for the **International Business and Finance Centre (IBFC)** in New Nagpur, with the goal of establishing the city as a **key commercial and financial hub.**

Key Points

- **About:** The IBFC will be developed on approximately 692.06 hectares of land in Godhani and Ladgaon villages, Hingna taluka, under the jurisdiction of the **Nagpur Metropolitan Region Development Authority (NMRDA).**
- Cost: The total project cost is estimated at ₹6,500 croincluding ₹3,000 crore for land acquisition and ₹3,500 crore for developing the business district and infrastructure.
 - Financing for the project will be sourced through a loan from HUDCO, backed by a
 government guarantee, and the project is also exempted from stamp duty to facilitate
 development.
 - The **National Building Construction Corporation (NBCC)** is appointed as the project management consultant.

Features:

- The IBFC **aims to create a world-class commercial hub** focused on attracting knowledge-driven industries, startups, major corporate houses, and service sectors.
- Infrastructure plans include integrated smart utilities, "plug-and-play" facilities, green and inclusive urban planning, and a single-window clearance system for businesses.

Impact:

- The project is expected to **generate over 5 lakh jobs**, making it one of Maharashtra's most employment-intensive urban initiatives.
- It is envisioned to reduce congestion in existing city areas, retain local talent, and establish Nagpur as a prominent economic center at both the national and international level.
- The IBFC forms the core of the broader "New Nagpur" urban development vision, which includes upgraded city logistics such as a new outer ring road and dedicated transport terminals.

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