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## **CM reviews Amaravathi housing plans for judiciary and government staff**

**Total cost of development for government housing is 1,991 crore**

### **CM signs MoU with British Geological Survey**

CRDA presented the plans for the judiciary, MLAs, AIS, gazetted and non-gazetted officers and government staff to the Chief Minister. The plan includes 4,016 units in total, out of which 3,820 units are multi-storeyed apartments. The total cost of the housing will be 1,991 crore.

Out of the apartments, 300 units have been allotted to MLAs costing 386 crore and 130 for AIS officers costing 167 crore.

The plans for the apartment layouts were pre-approved by officials, and made *vaastu*compliant. The APCRDA will be taking up the planning, design and execution of the staff housing project on behalf of the government.

The Chief Minister also ordered the officials to allocate housing for media persons in Media City, a part of the capital's masterplan.

The Chief Minister reviewed all the plans, and approved them. He encouraged better speed in the construction of the projects and reminded the officials that every building must look unique. He said, "By the end of the year 2018, the capital city must be prepared to accommodate 2 lakh people."



Officials of the CRDA also reported other developments of the Amaravathi city plan to the Chief Minister. Firstly, the contract with Fosters and Partners has been issued to the British firm, and work has begun in the capital.

There is an increase of 40% of allowance on the labour charges in the projects. The MoUs with the revised estimates will be submitted and signed by the authority soon.

The Chief Minister was also informed about the progress in the Sakamuru Park project. A workshop will be held soon, gathering stakeholders and identified vendors. The final proposals for the iconic bridges in Outer Ring Road and Inner Ring Road will be presented within the next week.

### British Geological Survey

The Chief Minister met with representatives from British Geological Survey, a part of the Natural Environment Research Council.

They are keen to play a role in the development of Amaravathi, by advising the state on all aspects of geoscience and providing impartial geological advice to industry, academia and the public.

The MoU includes a 100% grant, commissioned by the world-leading geological survey. The agency aims to dedicate a proportion of the core funding/research to the UN's sustainable development goals.

The association with Amaravathi is a part of the agency's plan to set up an Asian Research and Innovation Hub. They have picked



Amaravathi among 3 cities in Asia, to act as lighthouses; Hanoi and Kuala Lumpur being the other two.